

Behrend Briefs

"I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings" will be shown tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Perry Lobby. This movie is in the series of "The Black Experience" presented by The Association of Black Collegians.

ECDA Support Group: The next meeting of the Erie County Diabetes Association's Support group will be held at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. today, at the Battersby Convalescent Center 2686 Peach St. Call 864-5794 for more information.

Daffodils Are Coming! Bunches of 10 or 3 in a vase plus daffodil suckers are for sale to benefit the American Cancer Society. Contact Sue Daley at 898-6164 or Pat Melzer at 898-6162 or stop by the Wintergreen Cafe to place your order today, Wednesday, Feb. 22 and Tuesday, Feb. 28 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Resumes & Cover Letters will be held today at noon in the Reed Conference Room. Sponsored by the Career Development Center.

Learning Assistance Center Workshop Series Continues. The Best Way to Study: College-Level Study Skills will be held on Monday, Feb. 20 from 5:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on Tuesday, Feb. 21 from noon to 12:45 p.m. in room 12, in the Library.

Generation X: Crossroads of Change. Slackers, users, devoid of morality - myths and media hype? Behrend students speak out about who they are and what they need. Tuesday, Feb. 21 in the Reed Lecture Hall. Bring a friend and bring your voice!

Dress for Success will be held Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 5:00 p.m. in the Reed Conference Room. Sponsoring by the Career Development Center.

The Returning Adult Student Organization (RASO) will be meet at the Library in room 12 on Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 5:25 p.m.

Coffee House in the Studio Theater with open mic on poetry, philosophy, and short fiction will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 22 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sponsored by The Round Table Society. Bring your own mug.

The History Club will be sponsoring Dr. A. Daniel Frankforter's lecture, "History, Can We Make It Up?", on Thursday, Feb. 23 at 7:00 p.m. in room 57 Academic as part its history lecture series.

"Go Tell It On The Mountain" will be shown Thursday, Feb. 23 at 9:00 p.m. in the Tigress Lobby. This movie is in the series of "The Black Experience" presented by the The Association of Black Collegians.

Classes got you down? The Learning Assistance Center can help. Free individual tutoring is available at flexible times. Contact Bob Patterson at x6014.

Attention student clubs and organizations: are you running out of time to fulfill your community service requirements? The Behrend/Diehl Elementary School Adopt-A-Class Program has just the project for you. Call Caryl Unsend at x6014.

Make a difference. Tutors are needed for the Penn State-Behrend/Diehl Elementary School Adopt-A-School Program. Give 1 hour a week and you'll build your resume, and make a difference in a child's life. Call Caryl Unsend at x6014.

Spring Commencement will be held on Saturday, May 13 at noon on the Reed Lawn, weather permitting. The deadline to order cap and gown from the Bookstore is Friday, March 17.

Free HIV/AIDS Testing is offered at the Health and Wellness Center located in the Carriage House. For an appointment, call the Health and Wellness Center at x6217.

Behrend bake-off

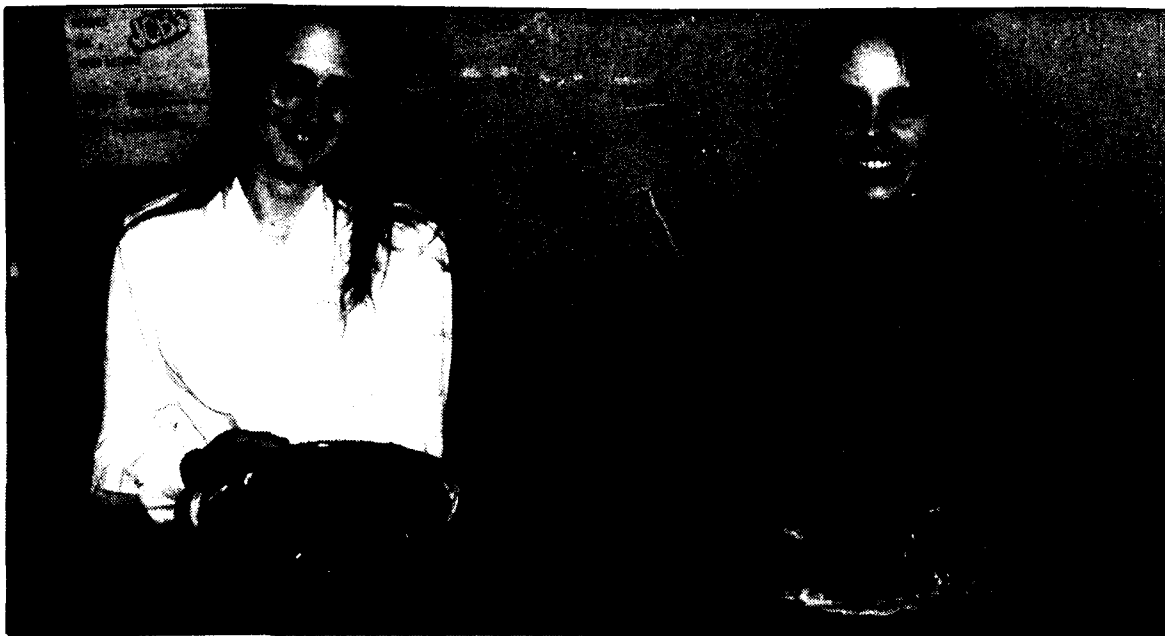


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Contest winners: Cookies: Linda Morris first place with her "Buried Chocolate Cherry Cookie", Linda Suroviec second place with her "Chewy Brownie Cookies." Brownies: Shirley Shoop first place with, Michele Govekar second place. Eric Corty took first place in the misc. category with his "Chocolate Pecan Pie." First place overall went to Shirley Shoop's Brownies.

Heat or no heat - that is the question

by Jerry M. Bruno
Collegian Staff

When students at Penn State-Behrend receive and fill out their housing contracts they expect to get heat in their rooms. This was not the case when the winter weather hit the Erie area two weeks ago.

"When it gets -60 degrees wind chill there is no way to get warm," said Ed Mulfinger, Manager of Housing & Food Services.

There were approximately 15 rooms on the women's side of Perry Hall that had no heat the weekend of February 3-5, specifically on Sunday night when the temperatures dipped into the single digits and the wind chill was way below zero.

"The Perry Hall building is very old and has steam heat which was working on Tuesday. We are unfortunately at the mercy of the building," said Mulfinger, "What is bad for the students is that they will put many items in

front or on the radiators which causes heat to not be properly get throughout the room."

At the beginning of the school year, students find the microwave/refrigerator combination in front of the radiators.

Christine Gray, 2nd semester business major, still has no heat from her radiator. "There were maintenance men in my room seven times between Sunday and Monday and it still does not work at all. When I asked the man fixing my heater when it would be done he shrugged his shoulders and walked out. Finally on Tuesday housing brought a space heater for my room."

Gray's roommate, Heather Young, expressed her dissatisfaction with the chilly air in her room, "I called housing last semester when the heat first came on because it did not work. They did fix it but after the semester break it did not work again. They did fix it again but

it only lasted a week and all we have now is a space heater."

"Before they brought me the space heater the only difference about being inside rather than outside was that there was no wind. What is really bad is that I have been sick for 11 days now," Gray said.

Gray is not the only student to be given a alternative heat source, "20-25 space heaters were given to students but only to be used in a emergency use only, when their heat works the heaters are to be given back to Housing," Mulfinger said.

Gray's heat is still not working, "The space heater is working but is extremely annoying because it is large and in the way."

"We have only three service men to work on the problem and we were notified about 9:00 p.m. Sunday night. They came in at 1:00 a.m. and bled the heaters. If the students knew about the heat on Friday, why did they wait until late Sunday to call us?" Mulfinger said.

Jacquett Wade, Coordinator, Residence Life & Human Relations Program, notified the resident assistants in Perry Hall to go room to room and ask the students if the heat was working properly.

"I went to all the rooms and there were only about five rooms without heat. Not everybody was without heat, only a limited few," said Jody Obrosky a RA in Perry.

Derrice Ward, another RA in Perry said, "There were about seven rooms on my floor and I could tell when I walked into their rooms that there was no heat."

Students that do not have heat working properly are advised to call Housing and Food Services at 6161.

Police & Safety Report

February 9: A report of harrasment is under investigation after a student reported receiving a letter from persons known by the complainant.

February 10: A compaint of trespassing by motor vehicle is under investigation after it was reported by a staff member that someone had knocked down a light pole between Lawrence and Niagara.

February 10: A complaint of a violation of Act 64 is under investigation after students who live in the apartments reported finding what is believed to be a controlled substance.

February 11: Non-traffic citations were received for disorderly conduct after a complaint of a loud party was received from staff members in Niagara Hall on February 11, 1995.

February 14: A complaint of harassment by communication is being investigated after a male student reported receiving several harassing telephone calls from a female caller in his room in Perry Hall.