

News Briefs

Opal lashes out

The northeast Gulf Coast is bracing itself for Hurricane Opal. Opal is the first storm with an "O" name in the Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea or Gulf of Mexico since forecasters began naming tropical storms and hurricanes in 1950. Hurricane Opal, with 100 mph winds is expected to strengthen and was centered late Tuesday 380 miles south-southwest of New Orleans. A hurricane warning will likely be issued for Thursday for somewhere between Morgan City, La. to near Cedar Key, Fla. Opal left seven dead and twenty missing in Mexico.

Affirmative Action on back burner

Republicans have removed eliminating affirmative action from their congressional legislative agenda this year. Both houses of Congress have heard criticisms of government-enforced quotas and set-asides based on race. However, no bill ending federal affirmative action has been introduced. Leading Republicans say that while their desire to end affirmative action is far from dead, there will be no vote on it this year.

Citadel fight continues

A federal judge has formally approved Nancy Mellette to replace Shannon Faulkner in the legal battle to get women into the corps of cadets at The Citadel in Charlestown, S.C. Mellette, 17, is a senior at Oak Ridge Military Academy near Greensboro, S.C. A move to make the case a class action on behalf of all women wishing to apply to the military college was rejected. Next month, the court will decide on whether a women's leadership program at private Converse College in Spartansburg is a suitable alternative to The Citadel.

New faces for rock archives

Alternative music is nothing new. According to the new "Spin Alternative Record Guide," the top alternative album ever is 1976's "The Ramones." Anti-commercial pop, punk, new wave, hip-hop, and more are covered in the 468-page book aimed at baby busters. "Spin" magazine wanted to give definition to the second generation of rock 'n' roll, not the music of baby busters' boomer parents. Some bands joining the Ramones on the top 100 list are Public Enemy, The Velvet Underground, Husker Du, Nirvana, Patti Smith, Big Star, R.E.M., Sonic Youth, and X.

Daddy's World explores relationships

BEHREND- "Daddy's World" is back. This semester, the forum will be held Thursday, October 5 at 9:00 pm in the Dobbins Gazebo. "Inter-Cultural Relationships" is the topic for the fall installment of "Daddy's World."

"Daddy's World" a discussion-style educational event, is co-sponsored by Residence Life, Association of Black Collegians, Student Programming Council, Human Resource Programming Council, National Society of Black Engineers, Organization of Latin American Students, and Inter-Fraternity Council.

Rally to protest budget cuts

BEHREND- There will be a rally against federal and state cuts in student aid at Perry Square in downtown Erie on October 12 starting at 10:00 a.m. The rally is sponsored by the Student Government Association at Behrend as well as at Gannon University.

Also being opposed is the proposed campus "gag rule" in congress. Recently proposed legislation would prohibit student organizations at colleges that receive federal funds from "demonstrations and activities designed to influence legislation or policy of the federal government."

Transportation will be available to those wishing to attend. More information can be obtained by calling or stopping by the Student Activities Office at 898-6171.

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Welcome to O.J. University

O.J. Simpson's acquittal may mark the end of Simpsonmania, but the effects of his nine month trial still remain. The "trial of the century" touched all aspects of American culture, including college campuses.

At Broward Community College in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Humanities Professor Allen Witt uses the O.J. case to teach his honors students about Greek tragedies. Students perform a play, "The Tragedy of Orenthal James," to look at the type of character flaws that can lead to a hero's downfall, a common theme in Greek tragedies. The tragedy does not contain courtroom scenes, but focuses on Simpson's dealings with his family.

An art history professor at California State University in Northridge saw a potential art exhibit among the numerous pieces of personal art outside the Los Angeles County Courthouse.

Kenon Breazeale saw the unorganized collections as a political commentary on crime, racism, women's rights, and a host of other issues. Breazeale's exhibit, "The Courthouse Spectacle: Art, Politics and Commerce at the Simpson Trial," includes paintings, photos, T-shirts, and poems created by local artists, as well as various human rights organizations. Breazeale said the exhibit may eventually tour the nation.

Many law professors have turned the Simpson case into

classroom material, as a real life "how to" in the criminal legal process. However, most law school professors agree that few cases are as exciting, but it does provide a fresh approach to teaching legal principles.

An O.J. Simpson murder trial archive is being created at Cornell University. The archive focuses on deoxyribonucleic acid, or as

& Jerry's on her property. Bodyfelt, one of the leading experts on ice cream in the nation, spent four days testing Ben & Jerry's but never took the stand.

The "Trial of the Century" provided schools with ample amounts of free press. "Legal experts" usually came from the hallowed halls of academia and most stories about the case included at least one quote from a law school professor. When the verdict was announced, a "Chicago Sun-Times" story included quotes from no fewer than five law professors. Some schools sent reporters a list of legal experts willing to share their opinions about the case.

Source: College Press Service

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O.J. knows, DNA. Cornell science historians received a \$17,000 grant from the National Science Foundation and began assembling a collection of everything they could find pertaining to the DNA. They have collected numerous media reports, legal briefs, videotapes and transcripts of testimony, editorial cartoons and various other bits of DNA data.

Defense attorneys hired Floyd W. Bodyfelt, a professor of Food Science at Oregon State University, to test the melting time of Ben & Jerry's ice cream. Nicole Simpson's daughter had left a now infamous scoop of Ben

Teens... What are they thinking?

BEHREND- "Teenagers in the 90's: What are they thinking?" is the topic for Behrend's first Open Fora Series event this semester. The forum will be held Wednesday, October 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Reed Lecture Hall.

The Open Fora Series provides the Behrend community with opportunities to discuss current social and human relations issues.

The next forum will discuss "Latino: The Other Minority" on Wednesday, November 15.



Gross National Product: The political satire group, GNP, will appear at Behrend during Homecoming weekend on Saturday, October 14 at 9:30 p.m. in the Reed Commons.

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