

Hispanic Heritage Month concludes with Cultural Week

Variety of cultures to be celebrated in Cultural Week

BEHREND-As Hispanic Heritage Month concludes, Behrend will celebrate Cultural Week from November 27 through December 2. Cultural Week will highlight an array of cultures through events sponsored by the Multi-Cultural Council, its associates and the Office of Student Affairs.

"Celebrating our differences will encourage students to be proud of their heritages," said Chris Alvarez, MCC secretary.

"Special events like Cultural Week develop understanding and acceptance among all cultures and backgrounds," added Lourdes Tirado, president of MCC.

The kick-off celebration begins with an art show featuring African and Hispanic art sponsored by MCC in the Wintergarden on Monday, November 27 from noon to 3 p.m. Guests can also sample different "soul" food, Latino specialties and sweet delights.

On Tuesday, November 28, Trigon sponsors gay comedian Mike Rasky in Reed 117 at 7 p.m.

Women Today will sponsor a

coffee house featuring readings by local poets on Wednesday, November 29 beginning at noon in the MCC Resource Room in the Reed Union Building.

To celebrate the blessings of the season, a Kwanzaa Dinner sponsored by the Association of Black Collegians will be held Wednesday evening in the Reed Commons beginning at 6 p.m. Reservations are requested.

Back by popular demand will be a special production of "A House on Mango Street," on Thursday, November 30 at 6 p.m. in the Studio Theater. The Organization of Latin American Students is sponsoring the performance.

For Friday, December 1, Daddy's World will discuss homophobia beginning at 9 p.m. Location to be announced.

MCC will hold a holiday carnival featuring food, fun and children from the Erie community on Saturday, December 2 from 11:30 to 3 p.m. in the Reed Commons.

All events are free and open to the public. For more details on any events, call MCC at x6098.

TKE raises money for the hungry

BEHREND-Rain, snow, sleet or hail will not prevent members of Tau Kappa Epsilon's chapter at Behrend, from sponsoring the annual 100-mile Barrel Roll Run at Presque Isle on Friday, November 17 beginning at 9 p.m. in visitor lot no. 2.

Funds raised through pledges will go to the Second Harvest Food Bank. Over the past four years, the fraternity has donated monies to the Food Bank from pledges received by Behrend students, faculty and staff.

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-David Ramsey

TKE Vice-President

"This is our way of giving back to the community," explained David Ramsey, Tau Kappa Epsilon vice-president. "We're involved in helping those people who need help. We hope the entire community benefits, too."

Teams of five or six members will roll a barrel five laps around the peninsula. They hope to cover the 100-mile track by noon on Saturday.

Persons interested in pledging their support may contact Ramsey at 899-3726.

Question of the Week-- Should the government cut student funding? Why?

Yes, I do think that student aid along with all other government expenditures should be reduced. Ben Carter, 1 Business

No, too many people depend on funding to pay for their education.

Educating people should be a prime concern for the government.

Scott Ryan Tennant, 01 Pre-Law

No, a lot of people that I know rely on government funding for their education. Many people wouldn't be here right now if it wasn't for the government; I wouldn't be here right now if it wasn't for the government. Katie Pfeufer, 03 Advertising

No. Government should want to have educated

Responses compiled by Doreen Foutz

people. Instead they should cut golf, Mercedes, limo and haircut expenditures. Yadira De La Torre, 08 BLASC

No, it's just evidence of Republican control. Joe W. Moffett, 03 English

No, education is the strongest point of America - Why cut it? Kelly Ritter, 03 History

Smart people with the ability to graduate from college should be given that chance. Jeff Logan, 01 Mathematics

No, there are some things that America needs to cut back on, and lessening the knowledge of its country is not one of them. Chris Heh, 01 DUS

Police and Safety Report

November 9: A student who had a black light stored in the library reported the light stolen.

November 10: A student reported that someone had left a threatening letter on the windshield of his vehicle while it was parked in F-lot.

November 10: Police and Safety officers investigated a complaint of alleged domestic violence in the suites. The incident was closed with no arrests or referrals.

November 12: A student in Perry Hall reported receiving a series of hang-up calls.

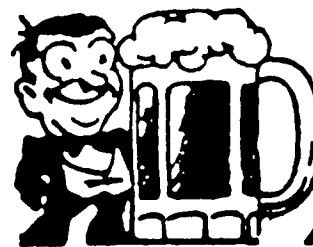
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