

# World Color splashes in

**BEHREND**-Behrend will host the international music group World Color on Monday, February 12 at 7:30 pm in the Reed Union Commons.

World Color is a group of musicians and storytellers from West Africa, Japan, Ireland, South Africa, Mexico, and the United States. The group combines world music themes with contemporary rock sounds to address racial and environmental issues. Music is accompanied by Native American and African storytelling, slide photography, and visual art.

Traditional and contemporary music is performed on classical, ethnic, and electrical instruments. The group will present a multimedia cultural production, "Music and Art for World Peace," based upon Native American prophecies of peace through racial harmony.

The performance is sponsored by the Penn State-Behrend Matchbox Players, the Student Programming Council, the Multi-Cultural Council, and the Office of Student Activities. For more information, contact the Penn State-Behrend Office of Student Activities at 898-6171.

# Four colleges chosen for presidential debates

By Colleen DeBaise  
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WASHINGTON--Campaign '96 is over.

That is, the campaign staged by more than 40 universities and cities to host the presidential and vice presidential debates is over, according to the Commission on Presidential Debates.

The non-partisan group narrowed its selection down to four universities Jan. 29. Each school chosen met strict guidelines regarding traffic flow, hotel accommodations and broadcast capabilities. They also had facilities large enough to hold the debates and 2,000 members of the media.

Winners are Washington University (St. Louis) for the first presidential debate on Sept. 25; Trinity College (Hartford, Conn.) for the vice presidential debate at the Civic Center Oct. 2; University of South Florida for the second presidential debate at the Bayfront Center Oct. 9; and the University of San Diego for the third presidential debate Oct. 16.

The 90-minute debates each will have a single moderator and cover foreign and domestic issues.

The final 1992 debate between President Clinton, George Bush and Ross Perot at Michigan State

University drew about 97 million viewers, the largest for any televised political event in history. Exit polls in the 1988 and 1992 elections showed that more Americans based their votes on the debates than on any other event, according to the commission.

Hundreds of students are expected to work as volunteers during the debates, and some may even be able to question the candidates during the second debate's "town meeting" format.

"College campuses are basically the focus of our search for one reason: the debates are about education," said Janet Brown, executive director of Commission on Presidential Debates.

As it has with the last two elections, the group deliberately chose schools from different regions of the nation. Past debate sites include the Georgia Institute of Technology, the University of Richmond, Wake Forest University and the University of California at Los Angeles.

One of this year's winners, Washington University, was also the site of 1992's presidential debate. Students at Washington seemed pleased by the news, to say the least.

"Everyone is terribly excited. Last time it was here, there was just pandemonium," said

Christopher Brown, a 21-year-old junior at Washington. "Everyone's just ecstatic about it."

Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton agreed. "It's an honor to be a repeat."

Like other schools, Washington submitted a proposal to the commission outlining how it would handle the needs of the candidates and national press corps.

Hosting the presidential debate is an "extraordinary" experience, involving weeks of planning every detail, Wrighton said. Colleges were evaluated on a host of criteria, from the number of electrical outlets in the school's fieldhouse to the placement of bathrooms for the candidates, he added.

Also, a lot of teamwork and camaraderie is involved with "the university circumventing all elements of bureaucracy and just doing what needs to be done," he said. "We can deal with adversity."

Although, this time should be old hat for Washington U. "We did it once. We kind of know what to do," he said. "We can do it a bit more leisurely this time."

The school has not started thinking about election year 2000. "One election year at a time," he said.

## Police and Safety Report

**January 31:** A student came to the Police and Safety office requesting assistance after he fell through the ice in Wintergreen Gorge and was injured. The student was transported to the hospital by Brookside Fire Department paramedics.

**February 3:** Police and Safety officers assisted Residence Life staff in dealing with a loud party in the apartments.

**February 4:** A student reported the theft of laundry from the Lawrence Hall laundry room.

**February 4:** Police and Safety officers responded to a complaint of a loud party in the apartments. They were required to go back to the same apartment again at 4:02 a.m. This time the party was broken up.

## Program addresses pornography

by Sharain Sasheir  
Collegian Staff

**BEHREND**-A program addressing pornography is being sponsored by the Residence Life staff at Penn State Behrend on Valentine's Day, February 14. The program will feature a film, "Not a Love Story: A Film About Pornography." An open discussion will follow the film with a dessert reception to end the evening. The event is scheduled for 8 p.m. in the Reed Lecture Hall.

During the discussion, the Residence Life staff wants people to be open about their perceptions of pornography. Questions about pornography's effect on men and women will be addressed.

Pornography is believed to cause men to rape or make men

violent toward women. Some theories blame pornography for men hating women or perceiving women as sex objects. Other theories say that viewing pornography desensitizes men toward violence against women, which is much different than saying pornography causes rape and violence against women.

Many book stores carry porn magazines. The internet is full of pornographic images that are easily downloaded. Eric has strip bars/clubs and several adult bookstores. Pornography is easily accessible.

Attending strip bars is a common practice for some men, as well as watching pornographic films. This program hopes to explore how men view pornography and how women and couples feel about pornography.

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