

# Genetic impact on women discussion

**BEHREND** - Dr. Ruth Hubbard, professor of biology emerita at Harvard University, will speak on "Implications of the New Genetic Technologies for Women" at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, on Thursday, April 4 at 7 p.m. The lecture, to be held in the Reed Union Building Lecture Hall, is free and open to the public.

A true pioneer in the field of genetics, Hubbard has challenged the thinking of genetic researchers in terms of how their work affects women. Since the early 1970's, she has worked, written, and lectured on the politics of health care and on various health issues, especially as they relate to women.

Another major focus of her interest has been in the sociology of science, where she has tried to document the ways in which the question scientists ask and the answers they accept as true are shaped by their sex, race, and class, and by the social institutions in which they operate.

The researcher has edited five books including *The Politics of Women's Biology* (New Brunswick, N.J.: Rutgers University Press, 1990); *Exploding the Gene Myth* (Boston: Beacon Press, 1993);

and *Profitable Promise: Essays on Women, Science and Health* (Monroe, ME: Common Courage Press, 1995).

Among the topics Hubbard will discuss at Penn State-Behrend are the many issues surrounding prenatal testing. She believes individuals need to have a greater voice in science, and urges education at the grassroots level to help women decide whether or not medical and genetic testing is appropriate for them. "With genetic testing, women are supposed to have more choices," she says, "but in fact they are making forced choices." She points to the growing number of pregnant women over age 35 who feel obliged to undergo amniocentesis.

Hubbard will also look at breast cancer and breast cancer screening. "As tests to predict a woman's potential for breast cancer come on the market, we need to look at it very carefully," she warns. "When we talk about any kind of cancer, we can't focus strictly on genes. We need to look at all the factors involved, such as environment, as well."

Hubbard has also contributed to the understanding of biochemistry and photochemistry of vision in vertebrates and invertebrates, a

field in which she has published many scientific papers and review articles.

She appears as part of the Feminist Scholar Speaker Series sponsored by Penn State Equal Opportunity Planning Committee and co-sponsored by the Penn State-Behrend Division of Humanities and Social Sciences, the Division of Science, and Psi Chi, the national psychology honorary society.



DRUNK DRIVING DOESN'T JUST KILL DRUNK DRIVERS.

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## Sandra Smith

August 25, 1971-March 6, 1996



**In Memory:** Sandra "Sandi" Smith will be remembered in a "A Celebration of Life" on Friday at noon in Reed 114. Smith, 24, was tragically killed in a vehicular accident during spring break. She had been travelling to the Poconos to be with her fiancé, Craig DiMarco, and his family. Friends, students, faculty and staff are invited to the memorial service.

## Police and Safety Report

**March 21:** A student was referred to the Student Judicial System after she was discovered driving in a careless manner in S-lot.

**March 26:** A student was issued a non-traffic citation for underage drinking after he was found driving on the sidewalk in the apartment quad.

## Student Events

Thanks in part to the recent collaboration between Behrend's Health and Wellness Center and the Erie County Health Department, AIDS testing will be provided totally free of charge. Testing is done by appointment through the Health and Wellness center, 898-6217.

**INTRAMURAL DEADLINES:**  
Swimming - April 5  
Badminton - April 5

### University Scholars

It's not too late for sophomores to be nominated to participate in the University Scholars Program. Third and fourth semester students with excellent academic abilities interested in undertaking independent study and research at the junior/senior level may be considered. Only as a Scholar can a student earn a Penn State honors degree. Contact Mari Trenkle at x6140.

### 28 - Thursday

#### Daddy's World II

Wintergreen Cafe  
9:30 pm  
Racism: Cause, effect, solution

Biology Club  
Reed 3  
5:30 pm

### 29 - Friday

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship  
Band/Choir Room  
6:30 - 8:00 pm

**A Celebration of Life**  
in memory of  
**Sandra Smith**  
Noon  
Reed 114  
Friends, Students, Faculty  
and Staff are invited

### 30 - Saturday

### 31 - Sunday

### 1 - Monday

Deadline for Student  
Events Calendar  
Information

Happy April Fools  
from *The Collegian*

### 2 - Tuesday

### 3 - Wednesday

Study Skills Workshop  
Reed 3 - 5:15 - 6:00pm  
"Tips for Top  
Essay Tests"  
Brenda McGraw -  
Student Presenter  
Free and open to all  
students!

**In need of a date?**  
**Singled Out is Coming!!**  
Co-sponsored by SPC & NSBE  
One lucky male and female  
will win the chance to pick  
from 50 contestants  
to go on a paid dinner for 2  
at the Olive Garden.

Questions? Contact: Shana  
Johnson or Jennifer Cockrell @  
x7047  
\*\*Official rules and entry  
guidelines will be posted around  
Reed\*\*

**Reminder:** Nomination  
forms for awards for  
Excellence in Academic  
Advising, Excellence in  
Teaching, and the Ben Lane  
Award for Outstanding  
Service are due in the  
Provost's Office by Friday,  
March 29.

Free Tutoring: In the  
Learning Assistance  
Center  
203 Library 898-6014

**HAVE A PROBLEM?  
WANT YOUR OPINION  
HEARD?**  
Write your student leaders  
and drop it in on-campus  
mail addressed to SGA,  
ATTN: Public Relations.

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