

## Ebola threatens 'monkey farm'

ALICE, Texas-The deadly Ebola virus has been reported in primates at a remote breeding center, called "the monkey farm" by locals.

Most residents greeted the news nonchalantly, but it did pique some interest in the film, *Outbreak*.

On Monday, public health officials confirmed that a strain of the virus was found in two monkeys imported from the Philippines to the privately owned Texas Primate Center.

No reports were made of bites or scratches to monkey handlers, but doctors are watching employees carefully as they attempt to contain the outbreak at the remote facility, miles from other houses amid acres of farm land.

The property is filled with hundreds, if not thousands, of miniature huts. In several, monkeys could be seen drinking water and climbing the fenced walls.

Officials at the center on Monday refused to comment.

Ebola is one the world's deadliest diseases, causing 80 percent of its victims to bleed to death. It is spread through body fluids, usually through a break in the skin. There is no treatment or cure.

Federal experts diagnosed the Texas illnesses as a strain apparently less deadly to people than the strain that struck Zaire last year, killing 245 of 316 people infected with the virus.

The strain in Texas is similar--but not an exact match--to the Ebola strain that struck a Reston, Va. monkey facility in 1989. In Reston, four people were exposed to the Ebola virus but never got sick. However, federal disease fighters protected by airtight suits had to kill every monkey and destroy the remains.

In Alice, doctors sought a Center for Disease Control diagnosis when one monkey died with bloody diarrhea. A second monkey with similar symptoms was killed and the CDC is examining the body.

## Hair today, gone tomorrow

MORRISVILLE, PA-An impulsive haircutting will cost Richard "Lefty" Clunn at least \$300, up to \$21,000.

Clunn cut a two-foot ponytail off a waitress at Michael's Restaurant & Lounge on Dec 21, 1995. Michelle Rosati lost her 10-year growth of hair when Clunn attempted to settle a debate with his brother. The question was: Are restaurant knives as sharp as the "Ginsu" knives advertised on television?

According to attorney Walter Campbell, Clunn was acting on impulse. He spotted Rosati's long hair, walked into the kitchen, grabbed a knife and did away with the 33-year old woman's pride and joy.

Clunn, 51, was found guilty of harassment and given a fine Monday. He still faces Rosati's claims for \$21,000 in damages. Rosati wants Clunn to pay \$1,000 for every inch he chopped off.

## Speed limits go up, deadly accidents increase

SACRAMENTO, Calif.-Deadly car crashes had been declining in California since 1987. During the first 11 weeks of higher speed limits, deadly car crashes have increased by more than 17 percent, an Associated Press review had.

Opponents of the speed increase initiated in December and January after the federal government dropped the 55 mph national speed limit, said they expected more highway deaths. Supporters said they don't believe the increase in accidents has anything to do with the speed limit change.

According to highway patrol and state transportation officials it's too early to blame the accident increase on the rise in speed limits, saying a 12-month period would have to be studied before any reliable conclusions could be reached.

Crashes overall during the latest period with available statistics--Dec. 17, 1995 to Feb. 29, 1996--were up 8.6 percent compared to same period 12 months earlier, California Highway Patrol records show. Deadly accidents increased 17.2 percent, from 319 to 374.

## Ford looks at fire potential

Ford Motor Co. says it is studying possible fire problems with ignition switches installed in some 23 million 1984-93 Ford cars and trucks.

However, the company maintains that a U.S. recall is unwarranted despite the recall of 248,000 cars and trucks with the switches in Canada. The U.S. government's auto safety agency is investigating whether an electrical short in the switches can cause steering column fires without warning.

Ford is advising U.S. customers to replace the switch at their own expense if they are concerned.

# Spring cleaning at Presque Isle

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Not just any day at the beach, this Saturday is the 40th annual Spring Clean-up at Presque Isle State Park.

This year marks the first year that Behrend College has participated in helping to prepare the park for the upcoming summer season.

Students wishing to participate can sign-up in the Office of Student Activities.

Behrend's participation in the clean-up efforts also builds on a growing awareness of service at Behrend College.

"Right now we're trying to build awareness of service," said Chris Rizzo, director of Student Activities. "One of the best ways to learn respect, compassion and leadership is through service to others."

Earlier this semester, students participated in the Alternative Spring Break helping out a homeless shelter in Baltimore, MD. From this trip, students wanted to offer the opportunity for other students to participate in service projects.

Reality Check, a new student organization, was then conceived. The group would be a

coordinating body for service activities open to all students, not just group members.

"The beauty of the group is that while they have formal officers, they are a team," said Rizzo. "Participation is not limited to members."

Reality Check is not a recognized organization yet. The Student Government Association has their constitution and has tabled the vote until next week's SGA meeting.

# Party the Latino way

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Spanish. Salsa, meringue and pechanga will be executed on the dance floor throughout the evening, as well as the lambada.

Charlette Largent, 04 BLASC OLAS member, said, "You don't need to know what the music's about, Just dance! People will teach you on the spot how to dance. The music is good and I like it," even though she does not understand a word of Spanish.

Briseyda Romero, 02 Psychology/English OLAS member, agrees although she is a native speaker, "I enjoy the celebration of Hispanic culture. I

like the music."

It may be helpful that she understands it all. Even though the dialect of the music changes, the music is the same. "If you have the rhythm you can apply it to everything," said Moreno.

Funding for the event is budgeted by the Multi-Cultural Council, through the Student Government Association. Refreshments are supplied by Housing and Food Services.

OLAS is a group promoting the "awareness through mechanism of unity and multiculturalism."

"Previously its objective was to be a support group for Latin American students, but now

everyone who has an interest is welcome," said Moreno. "We have various members."

There are no requirements for taking part. Meetings are held biweekly in the Multi-Cultural Resource Center at 6 p.m. Dr. Juan Fernandez, professor of Spanish, is the moderator.

OLAS sponsored the reproduction of *A House on Mango Street*, virgin drinks at Homecoming, and the Christmas carnival, providing presents, setting up and taking down decorations.

## Graduation plans

On Saturday, May 11, 1996, Behrend College will hold its Spring 1996 Commencement with Dr. Rod Troester as speaker.

Participants are asked to attend with full academic regalia. Students and their families look forward to and appreciate broad faculty and staff participation.

Weather permitting, the commencement exercise will be held at 12:00 noon on the Reed Lawn.

In case of inclement weather, there will be two ceremonies indoors. Students in engineering, engineering technology, and science will graduate at 12:00 noon as scheduled. Students in business, humanities and social sciences, and University Park majors, including candidates for the MBA degree, will graduate at 2:30 p.m.

Since we must assume only one graduate, please plan to be in the classroom, first floor of Erie Hall, by 11:30 a.m. to don regalia and receive further instructions.

There will be a reception honoring the graduates and guests immediately following the program. In the case of two ceremonies, there will be two receptions in the Wintergarden, Reed Building.

If graduation is to be held indoors, seating will be very tight, so it is important that we know in advance how many seats to reserve for faculty and staff.

# No more candy

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Although there will not be any food items sold at the RUB desk, additional items will be sold in the Wintergreen Cafe.

The bookstore will still have its selections, and a mobile refreshment cart will be added.

The cart will supply such things as coffee, tea, soda, juice, Danishes and sandwiches.

"It'll be a quick stop, grab and go for many," predicts Ed Mulfinger, Housing and Food Services Manager.

"It has not been determined exactly where it will be placed," said Mulfinger. "We are thinking that it may be 8 to 10 feet in length and laced in or near the Commons, but it has not been decided."

The Commons seems to be the most likely place for the refreshment cart.

"This only makes sense," said Reber. "The commons is a center for student activities."

"Wage employees will be able to work there during peak times," said Mulfinger.

Policy number 8026 stipulates that the only place allowed to sell food products is through Housing and Food Services. This will not be a problem anymore since Housing and Food Services will be providing the cart.

"The RUB desk was the only exception in the PSU system," claimed Wiz.

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The Backroom is predicted to expand with more videos and intramural tournaments.

There will be no changes at the Penn State, Barnes and Noble affiliate bookstore.

"We will continue with the selection of Frito Lay, cookies, chips, sunflower seeds and soda pop," said Helen Tatomirovich, manager. "We will be carrying Sara Lee products as well next semester. We try to get items that the students want and ask for."

Wiz, as well as many members of the Behrend community, "will be sad to see it [RUB desk] close." But it is a long awaited, intended change.