## Homosexual marriages may be banned in Pa.

HARRISBURG-Homosexual marriages may be banned in Pennsylvania following a vote Tuesday in the state Senate. If approved, Pennsylvania will also refuse to recognize same-sex unions granted in other states. This law will make Pennsylvania one of 11 other states that have banned same-sex marriages.

Federal recognition of same-sex marriages was outlawed by President Clinton last month. However, he left it up to the states to make that decision within their own borders.

In addition, states also have no obligation to honor same-sex unions performed elsewhere.

### Making women laugh

BEHREND - Dr. Alicia Borinsky, professor of Latin American and comparative literature at Boston University, will present "What Makes a Woman Laugh?" at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 7 in the Lecture Hall.

Born in Argentina, Borinsky is a leading voice among Latin America's new wave of female novelists. An acclaimed poet and an internationally recognized scholar, she is the author of two novels recently translated into English. <u>Mean Woman and Drama of an</u> <u>Abandoned Seducer</u>. One of her four volumes of poetry. <u>Timorous</u> <u>Women</u>, was published in English in 1992, and in 1993 the University of Pennsylvania Press published a translation of her scholarly work, <u>Theoretical Fables</u>: <u>The Pedagogical Dream in Latin</u> <u>American Fiction</u>.

Borinsky is also director of Latin American Studies at Boston University.

# Partners seek to renew permit

HARBORCREEK-A Harborcreek Township tavern that features scantily-clad female dancers asked a judge Tuesday to order the renewal of its liquor license and amusement permit.

The hearing for Partners Tavern Inc., 4712 E. Lake Road, was presided by Erie County Judge Michael Joyce. Partners is appealing the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board's refusal to renew its liquor license and amusement permit.

The tavern will remain open pending Joyce's ruling.

## Supreme Court to hear right to die

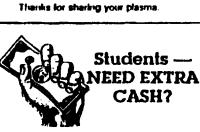
WASHINGTON-The U.S. Supreme Court agreed Tuesday to decide whether states can ban doctor-assisted suicides.

Prohibitions against doctor-assisted suicide have been struck down in New York and Washington state, both decisions will be reviewed by the high court.

Oral arguments begin next year, with a ruling expected in July. The decision has been compared to the anticipation surrounding the landmark *Roe vs. Wade* abortion decision of 1973.



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### <u>Question of the week:</u> If you could change one thing about Behrend what would it be?

"Drainage on campus-every time it rains the sidewalks are like floods."

### -Holly Beary 07 BioBD

"I would like a better gym complex-one with a nice pool and an exercise room." -Michelle Gruendi 07 BioBD

"I would like Behrend further away from the city of Erie." -Dan Thumm 05 BioBD

"We need a sports complex with a pool and possible an intramural building." -Dan Murruy 05 BioBD

"The parking situation needs to change. They give out more permits than they have parking spaces."

-Gina Leone 07 COMMD

"More activities" -Katle Shariton 03 Environmental Resource Management

"The registering process is horrible!"

-Mark Johnson 05 MET

"I would like more elevators." -Tiffany Ciracracisk 01 Plastics Engineering

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"I would like report cards sent home. It's a pain to go to the registrar's office to get a print out."

-Amy Bachosky 03 MIS

"Change the food!" -Eric Vollbreeht 01 Undecided

"I would like more activities." -Aleitha Shirley 01 COMM

### SGA Report Retreat announced

#### by Kim Thurston Assistant News Editor

Members of the Student Government Association and any other students wishing to participate can attend this SGA -CCSG Leadership retreat. The retreat will be held Oct. 4-6. Students will be leaving at 2:00 Friday and returning early Sunday. Anyone interest should contact SGA.

The student life committee is currently looking for members. Anyone interested should attend the meeting held in the SGA office at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Commuter Council Saturd appointed their last senator, Brad p.m.. Wetzel. They also scheduled a coffee and donuts session to be held in the Wintergarden from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Oct. 7.

The next meeting for Multi Cultural Council will be held in the Resource Center on October 10 at 6:00.

The Pan Hellenic Council will have a meeting Oct. 9 at 9:00 a.m. to decide on rush dates.

This weekend's movie will be *Birdcage*. A reminder to all students that these movies are \$1 on Thursdays and \$2 Friday.

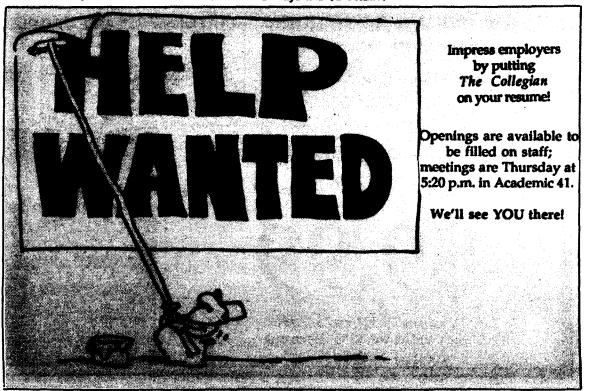
Council Saturday & Sunday at 10:00 tor, Brad p.m..

Voting for Homecoming can be done at the RUB desk Thursday and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.. Students must show their ID's when voting.

The snowboarding Club was approved by SGA.

On Oct. 16 there will be blood drive in the Reed Commons from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m..

Gary Brockway expressed an interest to join SGA. He was voted in at the Oct. 2 meeting and is now an SGA senator.



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