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## Kwanzaa Celebration

Kwanzaa will be celebrated at Behrend Friday, Nov. 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Wintergreen Cafe. Kwanzaa is a 30-year old original African-American holiday similar to Christmas - a celebration complete with feasting and music. A literal translation of Kwanzaa is "First Fruit Celebration."

Reservations for the Kwanzaa dinner can be made in the Office of Student Affairs, or by calling X6111. Reservations must be made by Monday, Nov. 18.

## Looking for a date?

Singled Out is coming to Behrend Saturday, Nov. 16 at 8:30 p.m. in the Reed Commons. Modeled after MTV's *Singled Out*, 31 females and 31 males will pit their answers against each other for dinner at TGI Fridays and Tinseltown.

The event is sponsored by the Student Programming Council, TGI Fridays and Tinseltown.

## Out of gas

Black leaders met with Texaco Tuesday with one goal in mind: Forcing the oil company to improve its race record, but with different approaches.

Jesse Jackson has called for a national boycott to begin Saturday to press the company to settle a discrimination suit by black employees.

"Get gas someplace else," he said. "Drive past the Star." NAACP President Kweisi Mfume gave Texaco a 30-day deadline to address a range of racial issues or risk pressure on institutional investments to sell its stock - a "South Africa" style divestment.

The NAACP will monitor Texaco for proof that black employees are hired and promoted, and that contracts will go to minority-owned businesses, said Mfume.

## Crichton back on big screen

Michael Crichton has a new movie that is expected for release in the spring of 1997. The movie hit budget limitations, and director Barry Levinson decided to scale back some special effects to meet costs. The movie's cost has reached the 80 million mark, and is expected to continue upward. Who ever said *Waterworld* was expensive?

## Interview with the television

Anne Rice has signed a deal with Columbia TriStar Television and CBS to produce a one hour drama for the 1997-1998 season. The show's two main characters involve a police officer of present day and a ghost cop. The show is set to take place in Rice's hometown of New Orleans, and her name is expected to be in the title.

## Buck fever leads to death

Scientists have identified a new cause of heart attacks in middle to older aged men. They now believe that the excitement caused by "buck fever", or the spotting of a deer, can lead to cardiac arrests. Doctors are calling for shooters to check with their physicians before hunting, avoid dragging heavy deer far distances and abstain from smoking and drinking alcoholic beverages while in the woods.

## Religion on the Web

The Vatican has heard the call. Create web pages. In the Chama Canyon in northern New Mexico, the Monastery of Christ in the Desert has been summoned by the capital of Christianity to post 10,000 pages of searchable church documents on the web. Internet seekers can find the church at <http://christdesret.org/asm>

## WEEKEND WEATHER

with Joey Stevens

**TODAY:** Cloudy, cold, some intervals of sun, and flurries. A quick squall may give a quick inch or two of snow. High 32°

**TONIGHT:** Partly cloudy and cold. 22° city, 14° inland

**FRIDAY:** Mostly sunny with rising temperatures in the afternoon. High 38°

**SATURDAY:** Mixed clouds & sun, breezy and milder. High 46°

**SUNDAY:** Variably cloudy, breezy and mild. Don't rule out afternoon or evening showers. High 50°

# Early taste of winter

The Halloween pumpkins aren't even rotted--but how can you tell when they're buried under a thick blanket of snow?

Less than two weeks after trick or treating, but five weeks before winter, Mother Nature has played a cruel trick.

Since late Saturday, nearly two feet of snow has covered the Erie area, according to National Weather Service reports. An additional three to six inches were expected last night with still another three to six inches forecast for today.

The snow continues to fly because cold air flowing over warmer Lake Erie is creating an unstable atmosphere, resulting in lake effect snow, said meteorologist Don Miller of the National Weather Service station in Cleveland, OH.

While the 20.4 inches of snow is not a record for a November in Erie, it is far above the average of 10.3 inches. While the month is not even half over, the average is almost doubled, noted Miller.

In Erie, the record snowfall for November is 36.3 inches, set in 1967, he said.

While the official extended forecast for the weekend does not call for snow, it is still possible, said Miller. According to Miller, snow late Saturday may change to rain as a warm front passes across the Ohio Valley and Pennsylvania.

Relief may be in sight as milder



The Behrend or barren tundra? A Christmas postcard picture came early this year as Erie was blasted with lake effect snow leaving nearly two feet of snow.

Danielle M. Murphy/Editor in Chief

temperatures are likely next week, said Miller. Temperatures may be closer to average, with highs in the upper 40s to lower 50s, and lows in the mid-30s to lower 40s, he said.

Remnants of fall remain, but autumn leaf pickups were stopped in Erie, so city crews could outfit trucks with snowplows.

Erie Streets Bureau crews have

been working 12-hour shifts in efforts to keep city streets clear, said Dave Mazzone, Erie Streets supervisor. The day shift has been expanded to 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. while the second and third shifts have been combined into an all-night shift, he said.

The southern shore of Lake Erie has been especially hard hit by the

storm. Cleveland residents have been treated to their third snowiest November with more than 19 inches. In 1950, Cleveland had its snowiest November when 22.3 inches fell.

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# Councils may lose voting rights

by Doreen Foutz  
News Editor

Changes have been proposed the future--and not everyone is happy about it.

A constitutional review committee from the Student Government Association has proposed that councils lose their voting rights, and their option to sit on the budget committee.

The constitution review committee consists of John Butler, Kristina Davis, John Rossamondo, Michael Zampetti, and Dr. Robert Speel.

"The big controversy was over councils' right to vote," said Butler, Student Government Association president said.

"Traditionally, [their vote] has given councils an unfair advantage for those organizations under the council," he continued in reference to the budget committee.

If the proposal is passed, six members of the budget committee will be students appointed by the president of SGA with consultation of the Vice President.

Not everyone is in favor of SGA's proposal

Nicole Butner, 08 Political Science, former president of Multi-Cultural Council, said "I think it is a bad situation. I think it's unfair and I think that the whole idea of the council presidents [on the committee] was in order to give the campus better representation on SGA and they're taking this away. And I hope that the council presidents will get together and do something about it because that's the only way things will change."

Brian Kitchen, 07 English, disagreed with Butner.

"I think this proposal is insane. I went to the meeting to voice my opinion, but SGA split the agenda so students who had anything to say had to come back when they finished their 45 minutes of committee meetings. I think SGA is just trying to shut people up," said Kitchen.

Dawn Holzer, treasurer of SGA, said she feels that "The budget process should have equal representation and with either the

council presidents or the six appointed members we should have that representation."

Tim Mallon, former president of SGA said he thinks that this proposal is rational.

"What they are trying to do is eliminate the bias on the budget committee. By taking off the councils, they are trying to eliminate the bias that may be there. And, by appointing six students they can make the budget committee more objective."

Many people have been upset by SGA's proposal to revoke voting rights, but SGA senator Michael Zampetti said that just as many support the proposal.

"Just as many people that said they're upset about it are happy about it. I've found people that are extreme on both ends. I know there are a lot of people who are upset about it and being very vocal. But, I also think that there are people who agree with it are just not being vocal," said Zampetti.

Kristina Davis, SGA Senator

said that Butler also proposed that councils could get voting rights back.

"The only thing that we took away was the council representative's right to vote. There was such a controversy and we realized that was the wrong thing to do. John Butler proposed that they could get back their voting privileges," said Davis.

The proposal does not take effect immediately. In order for a change to be voted upon, SGA must post their constitution for two weeks. The newly updated constitution is posted throughout the Reed

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--John Butler

building and on the SGA office door.

SGA faculty advisor Dr. Robert Speel was unavailable for comment.

## Holiday tradition... Dinner with strangers

With finals fast approaching and a slap in the face from mother nature--it's time to break out the turkey and all the trimmings.

Behrend's annual holiday kick-off, Thanksgiving For Six Strangers, will be held Thursday, Nov. 21 in the Reed Commons. The evening will begin with a reception at 5:30 p.m. in the Wintergreen, followed by dinner at 6. Traditional Thanksgiving fare will be served complete with turkey, stuffing and mashed potatoes.

Seating arrangements are made randomly, to encourage "Six Strangers" to share a meal and become acquainted with one another. The dinner provides the opportunity for faculty, staff and students to meet in a casual setting and share in the Behrend community's Thanksgiving celebration.

This year's special guest will be Franciscan Brother Bob Artman. Artman's lecture will begin at 7:30 in the Reed Lecture

Hall. Artman's lecture will offer insight into the plight of the homeless.

Artman is coordinator of Our Daily Bread, a Maryland soup kitchen that has served over 200 meals. Behrend students had the opportunity to meet Artman last spring when they participated in the Alternative Spring Break program in Baltimore, MD.

Dinner for Six Strangers is free, but reservations are required. Reservations can be made in the Office of Student Activities. Reservations are not needed for the lecture.



B.B. King comes to Erie