

BRIEFS

Creativity displayed

Local...

No more pencils, no more books

CORRY- Students in the Corry Area School Districts will no longer be able to carry pencils or writing implements while riding a school bus.

This rule went into effect last month after a Concord Elementary School sixth grader sat on a pencil that a third grader was apparently holding upright on the seat.

Richard Farver, Director of transportation and attendance said that the pencil went almost six inches into the muscle of the sixth grader's buttocks. Removing it and repairing the damage took nearly three hours in surgery.

A school hearing determined that the third grader did not act out of malicious intent.

Mother sentenced in baby's brutal death

ERIE- Erie County President, Judge John Bozza, sentenced Jennifer Lynn Shaffer, 18, to serve from 33 1/2 to 65 years in a state prison, for the torture and July death of her 3 month old son, Christopher Shaffer.

Jennifer Shaffer was convicted of third-degree murder, aggravated assault, and endangering the welfare of a child. She was tried in a non jury trial, while her co-defendant, Edwin J. Brown Jr. was acquitted of murder and aggravated assault, but was convicted of endangerment charges. He could face up to seven years in prison.

Bozza had this to say to Shaffer at her sentencing, regarding the justice system, "While the practical and legal limitations of the justice system has amounted to a blur and perhaps shielded the truth, this sentencing must speak clearly of your blameworthiness about which there can be no mistake."

National...

FBI errors may have tainted court cases

WASHINGTON- Inaccurate testimony and flawed scientific work by the FBI lab agents could damage thousands of past and pending cases.

Justice department officials argue that these problems have not changed the outcome of the cases in which the lawyers have already brought up the errors in court.

Justice Department Inspector, Michael Bromwich, along with five outside scientists, studied the allegations against three of the lab's twenty three units, and criticized the world renowned lab's work in some minor and major cases, including the Oklahoma City bombing.

Fredrick Whitehurst, whose allegations triggered the investigation said that "the report is a first step, but you have to go further and have outside oversight."

Marilyn Manson concert gets the ax

RICHMOND, VA- Richmond officials canceled a concert by Marilyn Manson, the shock rock group, known for its often obscene lyrics on suicide, torture and the occult.

The group was scheduled to perform on May 10 at the Richmond Coliseum, which is owned by the city. City Manager Robert C. Bobb said the group "was just not consistent with our community standards."

Approximately 2,000 of the 9,000 tickets have been sold, and the ticket holders will be issued a refund.

ACTION NEWS 24 Weekend weather with Joey Stevens

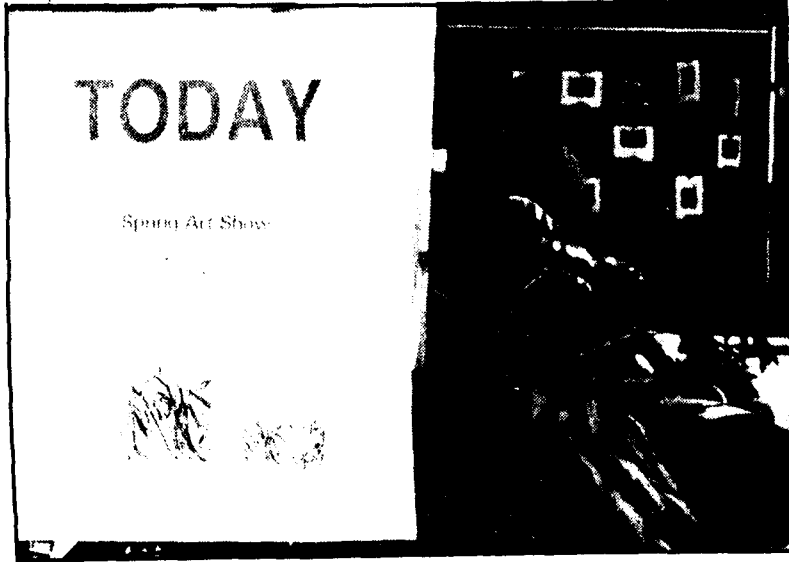
Thursday: Mainly cloudy, brisk and cold. A couple of rain or wet snow showers. High near 40 degrees.

Thursday night: Mostly cloudy, brisk and cold, with the chance of a couple of flurries. Low for the city 34 degrees; 28 degrees for inland areas.

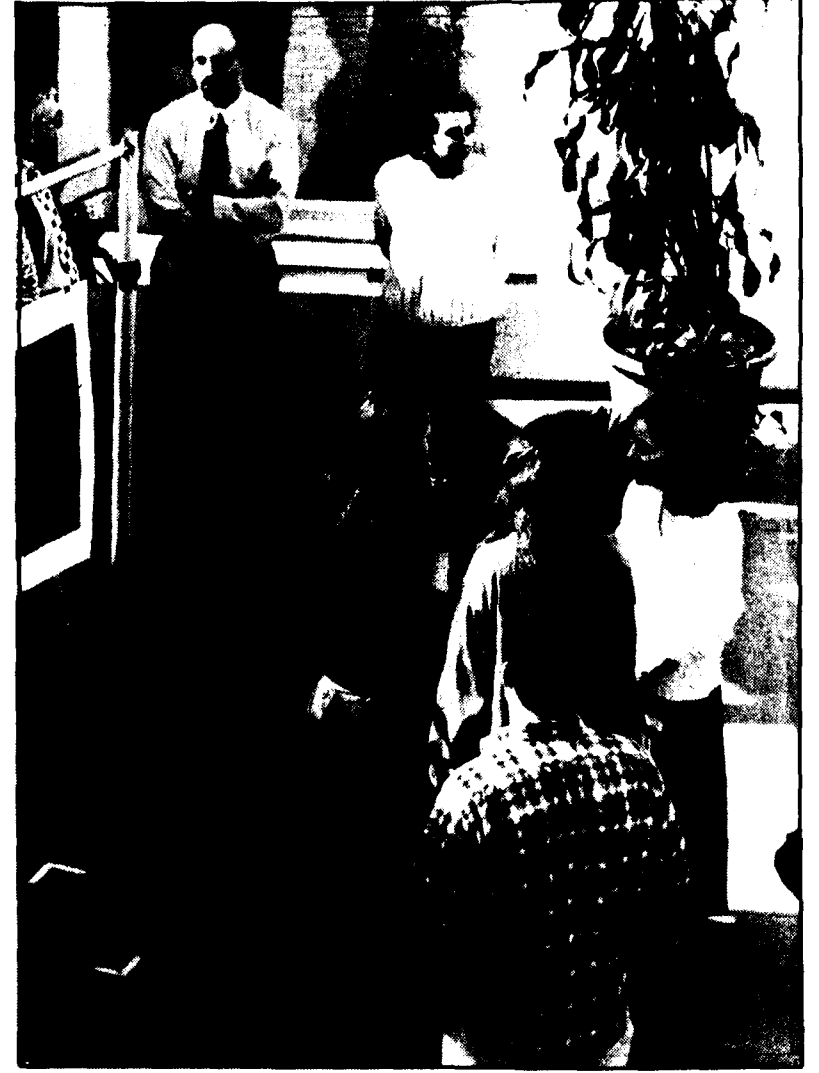
Friday: Clouds with some sun, still cold and brisk. High 42 degrees.

Saturday: Mixed clouds and sun. High 46 degrees.

Sunday: Clouds and sunshine, and a bit milder. High 52 degrees.



Last Chance- Today is the last day to view art work in the Reed Wintergarden.



Kissing up?- Students spoke with coordinator of the art show, Felicia VanBrook.



A picture is worth a thousand words- Art students are also able to display their photographic talent.



Exchanging art criticism- Professor Alan Parker and Dr. Roberta Salper discuss their ideas on the art work.

Pretty Pictures- Talented artists display their beautiful artwork at an art show sponsored by the Division of Humanities and Social Sciences.

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Cause to sleep

By Eric Krouse
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The Behrend resident assistants of the suites are sponsoring the Homeless Sleepout.

The "Sleepout" will benefit the Mercy Shelter for Women and Children, and will take place on Friday at 7 p.m. in the Wilson Picnic Grove.

"The 'Sleepout,'" according to Chris Venanski, a resident assistant in the Suites, "is to raise the awareness about the homeless problem. It will be students braving the elements to see what it is like to be in the shoes of someone less fortunate."

The function was pulled together in part by Roxanna Kelly, a resident assistant in the suites, who being from New York City noticed that, "there are too many homeless people, and it's not because of drugs and alcohol."

Last year this took place, and with about 20 participants they raised \$500. Last year money went to the Erie City Mission and who were enormously grateful.

This year they intend to have a coordinator from the Mercy Shelter speak along with a resident from there to relate the experiences as a homeless person to the Behrend

participants. They are also attempting to get another speaker from the Erie City Mission.

If you are interested in donating

or participating in this please contact your RA who can give you the needed information.

Police Log

04-10-97: Police and Safety officers conducted an investigation into a dispute between two students in Niagara Hall.

04-11-97: A student living in Lawrence Hall reported receiving a threatening telephone call.

04-13-97: Police and Safety officers discovered someone had taken a "NO PARKING" sign from the west end of the F-lot.

04-13-97: Police and Safety officers discovered a reserved parking sign that someone had pulled from it's location in K-lot and left in the apartment quad.

04-16-97: Police and Safety officers have filed an additional five criminal charges of Harassment By Communication against Frederick J. Vamos II as the result of an investigation into harassing "Health Survey" telephone calls.

Erie County Special Olympics is having a RUMMAGE SALE to benefit the athletes who will be participating in the Summer Games at Penn State University on June 12-15 in sports like track and field, softball, tennis, gymnastics, swimming, and basketball. The rummage sale will be held on April 25 and 26 at the National Guard Armory at 6th and Parade from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Any donations can be dropped off at the Armory on Wednesday and Thursday, April 23 and 24. For more information call the Special Olympics office at 456-7607.