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Happy Thanksgiving

Commuter council toy drive

by Amy Seley
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Why do two bags of stuffed animals have the Commuter Council ecstatic? Monday, November 17 marked the beginning of the Council's campus wide fundraiser, "Money, Toys, & Time", to benefit the Penn State Child Care Center. They will be collecting toys, money, and have sign ups for people who wish to donate their time in order to benefit the Center.

Located on Station Road, within walking distance of the Behrend campus, the Child Care Center was a logical beneficiary for a fundraiser, according to Cinnamon Lamson, the president of the Commuter Council. "[The Council] considered many options, such as the March of Dimes, for a service-oriented fundraiser. The Child Care Center was a choice we thought would allow Behrend students to see where their money and donations were going, since it stays within the Penn State campus."

Lamson also hopes that the fundraiser, besides being a success for the Child Care Center, will make the Commuter Council more available to the commuter population at Behrend and possibly attract more participation. Right now, Lamson is not satisfied with the involvement in the Council. "Individuals who commute usually have a family and/or a job, which means they don't usually stay on campus for activities or to study in the library." The Council's objective is to give commuters the support and fellowship needed to create a great campus experience.

The Child Care Center has been open to the public since the fall of 1993. Children, ages six weeks to six years, from homes around the Erie area, come to the center daily. Eunice Moore, the Director of the Center, staffs adults with a four-year degree and Act 33 and 34 clearance as well as some assistants with two-year degrees.

The drive will last until December 5th, with other organizations such as

the Student Programming Council, the Lion Ambassadors, and the Student Government Association lending a hand. Boxes for any toy donations will be located in the Engineering complex, the Science building, and the Reed Union Building. Items such as books, dolls, and toy trucks can be dropped off in these boxes, which will be collected by the Commuter Council. On December 5th the Council hopes to enroll Santa to take the toys to the kids. For money donations, there will only be three days for collection: December 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. Students holding cans will be positioned outside various buildings on those days, collecting any money or spare change the student body is willing to give. All money and donations will go to the center. Volunteers for this position are still needed, however. If you can help on those days during 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, please contact the Commuter Council at 898-6452, or attend one of their meetings, held every Wednesday in Reed 114 at 11:00 am.

Police And Safety REPORT:

- 11/12/97 Two unknown males made a giant snowball and blocked the Lawrence Hall entrance on the south side.
- 11/12/97 Someone tried to damage vending machines in Tigress.
- 11/12/97 Complainant reported a large group of students on the porch of Niagra Hall throwing snowballs and refusing to leave.
- 11/12/97 Complainant reported unknown persons throwing snowballs at her window.
- 11/14/97 Two males wrote obscene words in the snow.
- 11/16/97 Report of a dog in Lawrence Hall staff lot. Watched the dog and after a while it went on its merry way.
- 11/16/97 Complainant reported needing help with student who had intentionally hit his head on the wall.
- 11/17/97 Complainant reported bathroom partition was torn down in the lower Reed men's room.
- 11/17/97 Complainant was worried about a friend who had not been seen over the weekend.
- 11/17/97 Complainant reported washer on second floor east Perry smoking. Upon checking, found washer was overloaded.

Problems at new dorm



Almy Hall

photo by Jessica Trzeciakowski

by Richard White
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Students living in the brand new Almy Hall probably weren't expecting to deal with a lot of problems in their new rooms. However, the problems in Almy have been numerous since the beginning of the semester.

When students first arrived at Almy Hall, some things were still not finished. There was no cable television, no long distance telephone, no air conditioning, no hot water, and not enough heat.

Since then the heat has been

fixed twice and the air has been fixed twice. The telephone was fixed at the end of September, but the cable was fixed two weeks after students arrived. The bathroom was not set up until about three weeks later, and there has been at least three power outages.

These problems have come to be inconvenient to residents. The maid must come in through the bedroom to clean the bathroom. Not only do they come in the morning, which often wakes students up, they leave dorm room doors wide open. Therefore, if no one is

in the room, someone can walk in.

Tommy Johnson, 03 MIS, a student in Almy, complains, "The design for the entrance for the maid to clean the bathroom is an extreme inconvenience for all residents."

There have been many complaints about the heat, but students aren't allowed to have their own heaters.

Tommie Stoval, an RA in Almy Hall, 03 Electrical Engineering, says "It's aggravating to find your room without heat on a cold day."

Behrend Divisions change to Schools

by Andrea Zaffino
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During the most recent meeting of Penn State's Board of Trustees, the Behrend campus' Divisions of Science and of Humanities and Social Sciences (H&SS) were named as schools in place of divisions. This raises the two academic units to an equal status with the Engineering and Business schools.

In order to be considered for this step up, both departments had to submit petitions to the Board of Trustees justifying their name change. This is a significant achievement for the two units because traditionally Penn State University made it a practice to call the professional units schools and

address the academic units as divisions, which is not as prestigious a title.

Dr. Roberta Salper, the Head of the Division of H&SS whose job description is now the Director of the School of H&SS said, "This shows recognition of the improvements at Behrend over recent years...at a time when many other schools are in retrenchment, this is one of the manifestations in the continued growth of the Behrend campus."

Being named a school is an in-between stage to existing as a division and being what is an actual college. Schools are larger and considered more prestigious than divisions, and with this new title it could lead

to even more growth for the two units. Dr. Roger Knacke, the Head of the Division of Science, whose title has also been changed to the Director of the School, said, "This is a very positive development, it symbolizes how the Science department has advanced and matured significantly as a program." Knacke went on to say that this growth may even promote external support from the community which could help the new schools with funding.

Even though the titles have changed, the responsibilities of the school directors remain as they were. However, as the programs continue to grow, the responsibilities will increase accordingly.



Winter reflections from the library

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