

Behrend students participate in local mentoring program

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Behrend students have been involved in a mentoring program with the students of Roosevelt Middle School entitled, WWW.RAPSS (We Will Work . . . Roosevelt and Penn State Students). The program is sponsored by the Ophelia Project and directed by Behrend's Dr. Charisse Nixon, instructor of psychology and Roosevelt counselors Sallie Fulton and Pete Prokocki.

This program is designed to improve students' self-esteem. They learn about managing anger, setting goals, solving problems, and coping with frustration. They can also discover the connection between classwork today and life after school.

This concept began as a pilot program last spring that proved to be successful. Ten college students mentor ten students, usually in seventh and eighth grade. Middle school participants are chosen by Fulton based on recommendations from teachers and student essays. Behrend

students are enrolled in a mentoring class taught by Dr. Nixon.

The college students go to Roosevelt twice a week for twenty-four weeks. This mentoring involves teaching, advising, coaching, and listening.

Behrend students feel it is a learning experience on both sides, according to an article in Erie's Morning News. Kristy Bender was involved in the pilot program as a junior psychology major. She commented, "It's a learning experience for both . . . a mini lesson in anger management."

Roosevelt students are happy to be able to talk to a 'neutral party' whom they can trust about issues in their lives. Thirteen-year-old Michelle Anderson said in the article, "I learned how to open up to people and let them know how I feel."

For more information about the Ophelia Project visit their web site at www.opheliaproject.org. For more information on the mentoring program at Behrend, contact Diane Mitra at 459-1670.

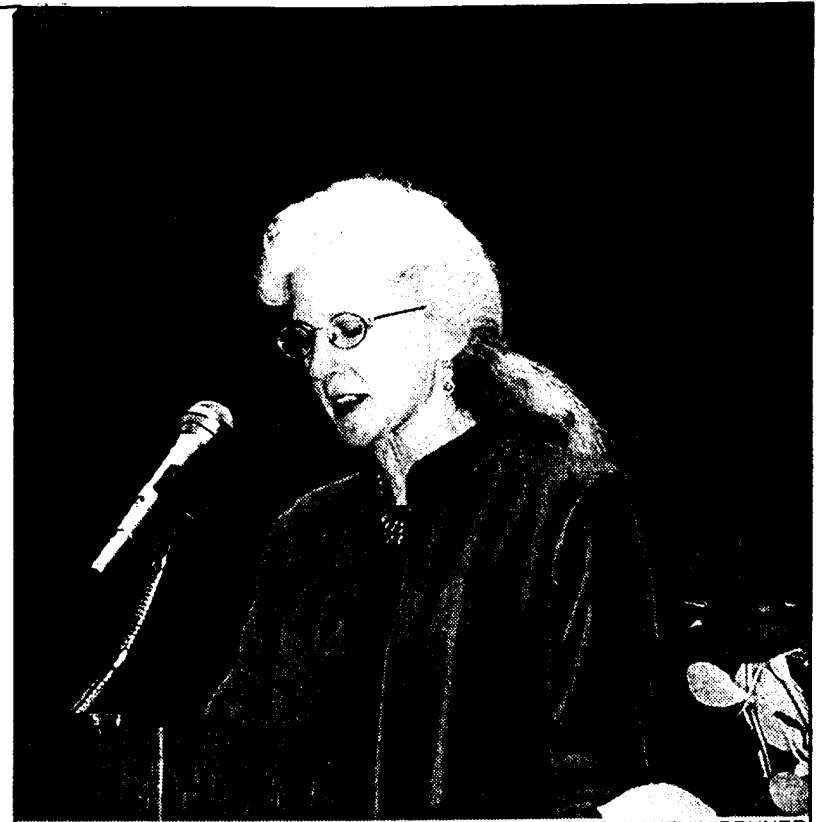


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Andrea Barrett spoke at Penn State Behrend on Tuesday, November 30, as part of the Writer's Speaker Series. A packed house listened to her read from her book *The Voyage of the Norwhal*

Question *of the* Week

WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS?

"Free tuition. And a refrigerator full of food."
-Briton Rottel, 03 CE



"I would like a good meal from Dobbins."
-Chris Susini, 03 ME



"I'd like someone to take all my finals for me. I also need a major!"
-Erika Weissenfluh, 03 DUS



"An 'A' in calc 2."
-Jim Peters, 03 EE



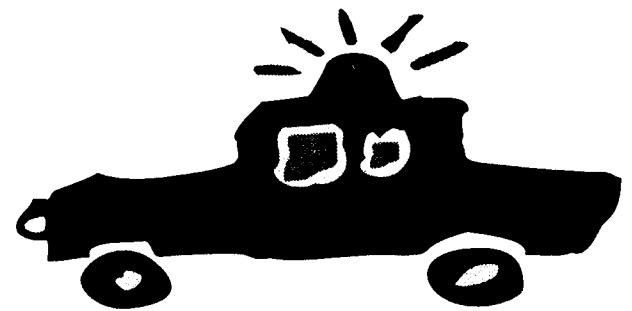
"MONEY."
-John Lobaugh, 01 CSE



Police And Safety

REPORT:

- 11/17/99 11:30 A complainant from Tigress Hall reported a set of keys missing, and that she suspected her roommate of stealing them.
- 11/17/99 13:30 Someone called P&S for police information.
- 11/18/99 03:40 An officer observed a motorist driving the wrong way on a one way roadway in the Y Lot; the driver was cited accordingly.
- 11/18/99 04:15 A complainant reported that the bottom window in the second floor north door of an unspecified building had been kicked out.
- 11/19/99 16:30 A complainant asked to speak to a police officer.
- 11/20/99 02:50 A P&S officer was dispatched to meet the Wesleyville Police Department at the main entrance of the campus to pick up a student who had been drinking off campus. The student was taken to Niagara Hall duty office and turned the student over to the on-duty coordinator.
- 11/22/99 10:00 A complainant reported the receipt of terroristic threats.
- 11/22/99 14:00 A complainant reported the theft of a registration plate from one of the university fleet vehicles parked in the S Lot.
- 11/22/99 23:55 A complainant came to P&S and reported that her car had been vandalized.
- 11/28/99 14:17 A complainant reported having been hit with a door in the Computer Center that had been kicked open. The person responsible failed to give his full name.



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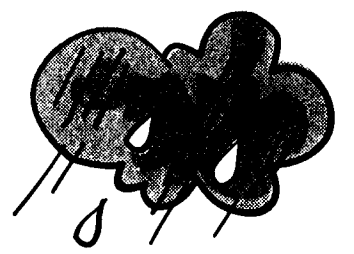
FRIDAY

CLOUDY; EVENING SHOWERS LIKELY; HIGH OF 50.



SATURDAY

RAIN LIKELY; HIGH IN MID-50'S.



SUNDAY

CHANCE OF RAIN; LOW IN UPPER 30'S, HIGH IN UPPER 40'S.