

Unity Day to start at Behrend

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news co-editor

Next Wednesday, April 5, Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, will be hosting its first annual Unity Day. Unity Day is a University-wide celebration, one that Behrend has not participated in, until now. The premise of the celebration is to condone the idea of "one community, one campus, one Penn State," according to one of the event's key Behrend organizers, Baena Cabiri. The slogan for the day, "Unity + Diversity = University" is meant to reflect that goal.

"Even if someone interacts with just one person that they've never interacted with before for just one day, we will have succeeded," explained Cabiri.

Unity Day has no official sponsors or head organizations. Rather, it will be a collaboration of many people and organizations. In addition to Cabiri,

students Sean Mascoll and Mike Ross have been instrumental in planning the event, as has Janique Caffie, director of educational equity programs. Other organizations that have contributed to the event include SGA, JRC, MCC, the Athletics Department, Intramurals, Bruno's, and LEB.

The main event that will occur on Unity Day is a student versus faculty and staff basketball game. The game will be held at 7 p.m. in Erie Hall. All students are invited to come and cheer on their favorite professor. Similar to varsity basketball games, the cheerleaders will be cheering, the dance team will be dancing, and the pep band will be ... pepping.

During the game, organizations have been invited to set up booths for their own fundraising events. Thus far the Commuter Council has been lined up to promote and accept donations for Wish A Thon, and the National Society of Black Engineers

(NSBE) will be selling candy. Any organization wishing to set up a booth should have a registration form filled out and returned by Friday, March 31. Forms can be accessed at the Unity Day Web site at www.personal.psu.edu/bxc164/unity_day/index.html.

Rosters, student and faculty, will be available by early afternoon on Friday, March 31. Cabiri commented on the expected participation among the faculty and staff, stating that he expected a good turnout. "A lot of the faculty and staff members have been talking trash about each other. It should be an interesting game."

Also on Unity Day, the campus will be decorated with hundreds of purple balloons, featuring the Unity Day slogan. Plaid ribbons will also be available for students to wear.

Anyone interested in learning more about Unity Day at Behrend should contact Cabiri by phone at x6840, or via email at <knowledge@psu.edu>.

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at the request of the community.

Despite extensive precautions, problems are not being anticipated. Dean of Student Affairs Ken Miller is quick to put the focus on the event, not the alcohol. Also, according to committee member Lesa Werkmeister, Cider Rock, the fall equivalent of Spring Fever, was successful and had no serious alcohol problems.

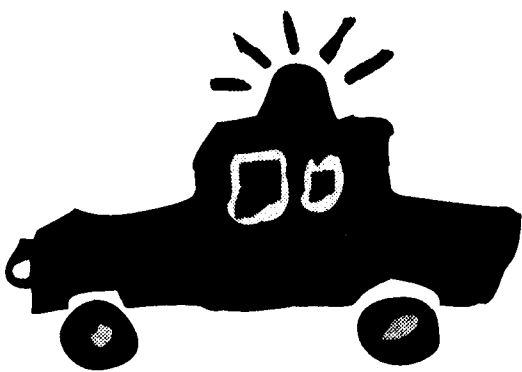
According to Linda Lombardi, acting associate dean of student affairs, the event planners feel that they have covered the basics and have prepared well in the case that anything should happen. "It looks as though it will be a successful event that will bring the Behrend Community together to celebrate spring," Lombardi commented.

Likewise, Miller is happy with the student response to planning this year's event. He emphasized, "the end product has been greater student involvement and responsibility."

According to Kris Motta, assistant director of student activities, "Spring Fever is and will be a great event, as it is one of the few remaining student traditions on campus."

Police And Safety REPORT:

3/23/00	07:45	Residence Life advised Police and Safety of an unwanted guest in Tigress.
3/23/00	16:00	A motorist came to Police and Safety and reported that her car was struck while parked in B lot on March 21.
3/24/00	13:50	A faculty/staff member reported damage done to his vehicle while parked on campus.
3/25/00	19:15	A student called Police and Safety and reported a conflict with his roommate. Attempts to contact the other party failed. An officer informed a duty coordinator via voice mail about the situation; student was also advised.
3/26/00	08:15	An anonymous caller reported vandalism to third floor Ohio Hall.



Question of the Week

WHAT WAS THE BEST JOKE YOU PULLED ON APRIL FOOL'S DAY?

"We put out a whole fake edition of our college's newspaper - everyone had fake names and we had all sorts of fake questions. It was a lot of fun and the faculty even liked it."

-Jan Gatti, Penn State Bookstore



"In sixth grade, our class put fake spiders in our teacher's cup. We all thought it was pretty funny, but my teacher wasn't too amused!"

-Rebecca Gray, 04, Elem. Ed.



"I told my boyfriend I was pregnant - and that the baby wasn't his!"

-Nadia Lomax, 06, PSYCH



"I don't think I really played any jokes on anyone on April Fool's - I can't really think of any."

-Megan Zuschlag, 02, DUS



"I told my best friend that I heard from a person we both didn't like that she (my best friend) was bad-mouthing me. I did a lot of that stuff that year."

-Lennys Redondo, 04, ME



The Behrend College

James
Tannenbaum

Pianist

Friday Evening
April 7
7 pm

Reed Commons

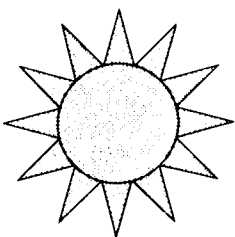
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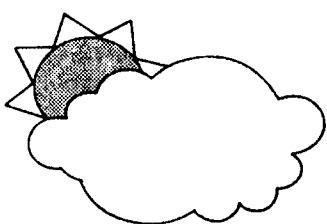
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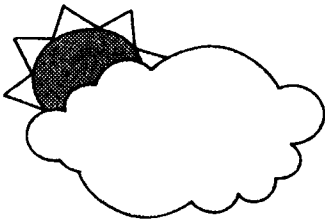
FRIDAY

SUNNY AND WARMER; HIGH 48, LOW 30.



SATURDAY

PARTLY SUNNY AND WARMER; HIGH 50, LOW 48



SUNDAY

PARTLY CLOUDY AND WARM; HIGH 53, LOW 43.