

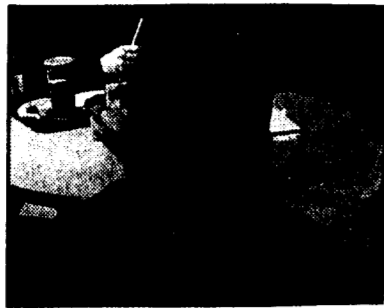
**QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

*How did you enjoy the record breaking 63 degree weather last Friday?*



"I enjoyed it quite a bit — I got to wear a short sleeve shirt for the first time in months."

Dale Lamb  
Computer Engineering 04



"It was very nice being up here — it doesn't happen very often."

Justin Turbin  
BIO 02



"I loved it . . . I was so happy . . . I went out, and I stayed out."

Keetick Sanchez  
Political Science 02



"I went snowboarding at the Peek — it was nice — you could go in a t-shirt."

Ken Hess  
BIO 08



"I went shopping on Friday — you know — spring clothes."

Lisa Strobel  
Management 04

**Behrend's own dance marathon**

by Becky Weindorf  
photo editor

Next week Behrend will be holding its own "Thon" — Dance-A-Thon, that is. Commuter Council and the Lion Entertainment Board are looking for individuals and teams of ten to twelve people to compete in a twelve-hour dance/Ultimate Survivor competition. Proceeds from this dance-a-thon will be donated to Sunshine for HIV Kids.

The dance-a-thon will be held next Friday and Saturday, February 23-24. The dance starts at 8:00 p.m. in the Reed Commons and ends 8:00 a.m. the following day.

This year's theme will be "Ultimate Survivor," with different teams competing in events all night on an "island" for a grand prize. During the night, contests will be held between the teams, but no one gets "voted off" the island; the team without "immunity" will have one member randomly picked off the island. All those who are taken off the island during the night are escorted to the mainland to dance the night away. In the morning, one member from each team will be left on the island, and these Survivors will compete to become the Ultimate Survivor for a grand prize.

Sponsor forms and the sign up sheets are available at the R.U.B. desk; it's not too late to get involved. Anyone who can sign up will be placed on a team, but tribes of ten to twelve people can also sign up to compete in the "Survivor" competition. Dancers will also be accepted at the door; a base donation to be a dancer will be set by next week.

All night there will be a DJ, lots of food and drinks, and free breakfast will be served in the morning after the dance. Several breaks will be given to the Survivor competitors and games will be held all night to determine the "Ultimate Survivor." Those on the team of the Ultimate Survivor will also be awarded consolation prizes.

Larry Hoppen and his wife Patricia founded Sunshine for HIV Kids in order to raise money for children with HIV. All proceeds go directly to the kids for summer camps, services, etc. Sunshine does not accept any of these funds for the organization itself; all monies go to the children. Sunshine for HIV Kids is located in New York.

To sign up a team of 10-12 people, or to sign up individuals, check in at the R.U.B. desk as soon as possible. Any questions or concerns should be addressed to the Commuter Council office at x6452.

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**PROVOST EVALUATED**

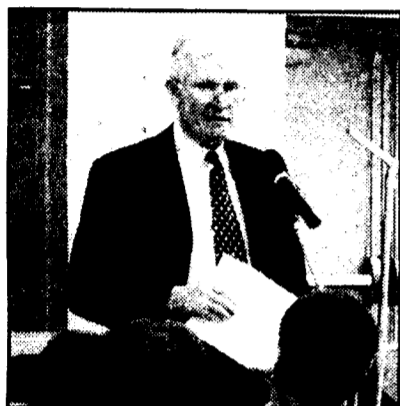


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Dean Lilley addresses the faculty at a meeting on Wednesday, February 14, in the Reed Commons.

understood the difficulties that professors sometimes face with their students and regretted that funding is sometimes insufficient to accommodate the innovations that professors would ideally implement. Nonetheless, he assured the faculty that he was trying his best to preserve

the best of what faculty members were trying to do in their classes.

Some complained that there was a lack of communication between the Dean and the faculty. When the suggestion was made that he "get down in the trenches" and teach a course, Lilley was not adverse to the idea in itself, but hinted strongly that, given his current duties, it would not be the best use of his time. Lilley pointed out that he has frequent contact with students on occasions such as Pizza with the Provost, at which time he directly addresses the questions and concerns of the students, and that he generally eats lunch at Bruno's three times a week.

When all was said and done, Lilley responded encouragingly to the varied concerns that were raised at the meeting. He repeatedly stated his commitment to Behrend and left the impression that he would be working hard to alleviate what concerns remained.

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

Through Poetry Speaker Series.

Flowers has been termed a contemporary griot, a tradition derived from the ancient Africans who memorized history and orally passed it on to future generations. He combines his story-telling skills with performance poetry, topical commentary, and the use of various African and blues instruments.

Well-known works by Flowers include the novels *De Mojo Blues* and *Another Good Loving Blues* and the children's novel *Cleveland Lee's Beale Street Band*, as well as numerous poetic works.

The celebrations continue on Thursday, February 22, with the NSBE-hosted African American History Challenge. This event challenges students on their knowledge of African American history. Two teams will compete in a trivia quiz bowl for prizes and awards. The Challenge will be held at 7:00 p.m. in Reed 112.

On Monday, February 26, at

6:30 p.m. in Reed 117, a panel discussion and Open Forum on the topic, "Blacks In America — Are We Really Free?" will be held with student and community participants.

Finally, Dr. Cornel West, professor of Afro-American studies and philosophy of religion at Harvard University, will lecture at 7:30 p.m. in the Commons. Dr. West's visit is the last performance in the American Dream in the New Millennium Speaker Series, and it also coincides with the American Dream Institute conference, "Working for What? Winners and Losers in the American Dream."

The Black History Month planning committee will also hold several give-aways outside of Bruno's on Friday, February 16, and next week, Monday through Wednesday. There will also be a display of famous African Americans in the Wintergarden during the last two weeks of the month.

Although people of African de-

scend have lived in America for at least as far back as colonial times, it was not until the 20<sup>th</sup> century that they began to acquire a respectable presence in history books. This recognition is due largely to the efforts of Dr. Carter G. Woodson, known as the "Father of Black History."

Woodson was born to parents who were former slaves. He spent his childhood working in the Kentucky coal mines and enrolled in high school at age twenty. He graduated within two years and later went on to earn a Ph.D. from Harvard.

During his studies, Woodson was disturbed to find that history books largely ignored the Black American population, and when Blacks did figure into the picture, it was generally in ways that reflected the inferior social position they were assigned at the time. He decided to take on the challenge of writing Black Americans into the nation's history.

**OBSERVATORY**

These adaptations enable the facility to be used by the handicapped. Dr. Roger Knacke, director of the School of Science, says they have worked very hard at making the facility handicap-accessible with the use of the electronic camera and the automated telescope.

Careful planning went into the observatory, from building the facility to redesigning the streetlights on campus. Behrend's streetlights are a big problem when looking through the telescopes. The lights reflect light into the night sky, making it difficult to receive a clear picture. As a result, the lights were redesigned so that all the light shines down to the ground. These new lights are now being sold to the rest of the

country because they are so efficient.

Also, Behrend plans to plant many more trees in order to shade the streetlights from the scope, which should indicate the importance of this project to Behrend. Knacke feels that this dedication will encourage more students to become involved in the study of astronomy and in the sciences in general.

Even though the facility is in operation, the grand opening will not occur until April 17, 2001. In the near future, however, there will be an Open House Night in Astronomy next Thursday, February 22, at 7:30 in Science 101. The topic of the evening is "Evolution of the Universe," and Dr. Knacke will be lecturing. After the

lecture, which will bring up the topic of the Big Bang theory and the emergence of the universe, there will be astronomical observing from the observatories (weather permitting).

Behrend tradition has always had an affinity for astronomy: Ernst Behrend, whose property Behrend College lies on, observed the universe as a hobby. He would set up a telescope in the fields of the estate and observe the stars.

The new observatory was funded by a grant from the Mehalso family earlier last year. The old observatory, whose telescope was installed in the late 1970s by the now-retired Dr. Keith Hagenbuch, will be used for student research projects.

BELOW: Students use the new telescope to observe the universe.



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ABOVE: This photo of Messier, the largest of the moon's dual craters, was taken from the new telescope by Jonathan and Elizabeth Hall.

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**WOMEN TODAY**

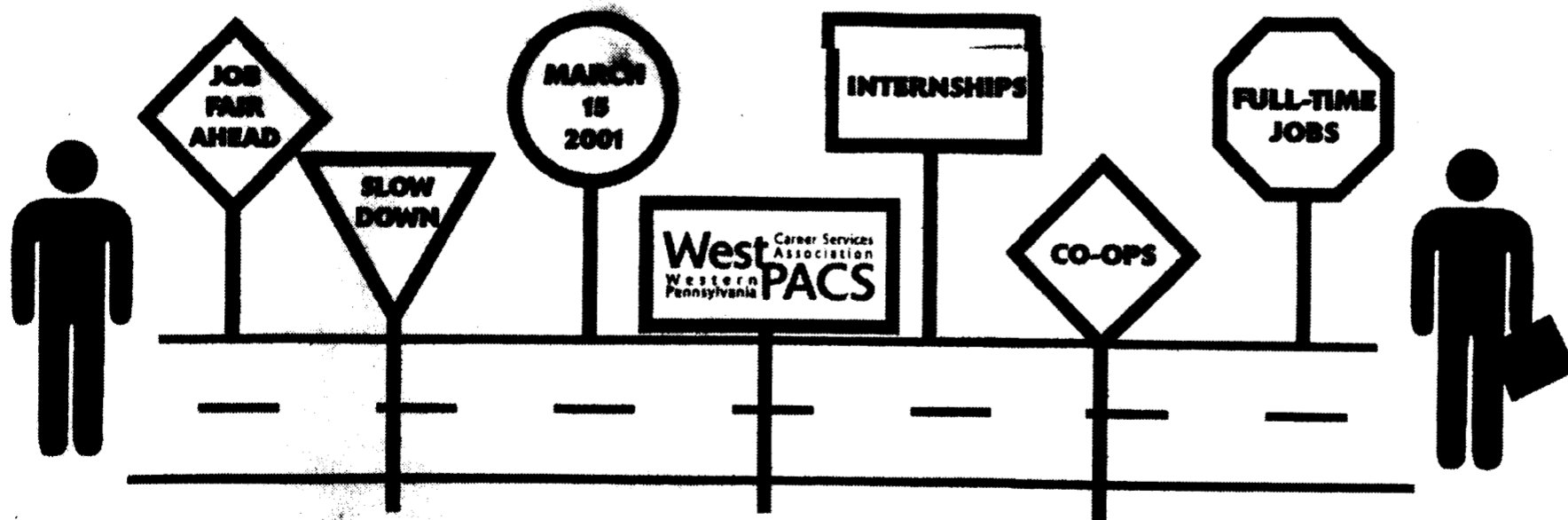
About seven Behrend students, both male and female, held signs in front of the police department with messages reading, "Take Responsibility," "Do you trust our Police Department?" and "Erie Police: to protect and serve their own." The protest was held from 4:30 p.m. — 5:30 p.m. in cold and rainy conditions.

The statement provided by Bonczar concluded with the concerns of Leonard Territo, a professor of criminology at the University of South Florida in Tampa. He stated that the Erie police officers "should not be interacting with the victim in this case except in an official capacity." He added, "I would bet you that if this case didn't involve a police officer as the defendant, they would not be acting in the same way."

Territo also noted that the Erie Police Department should have turned the case over to another agency to ensure that there was no threat of impropriety.

Women Today is a recognized Behrend organization whose meetings are held every Monday at 12:00 p.m. in the Multi-Cultural Council Lounge in the Reed Union Building.

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