

## Women's organization to march on D.C.

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A march is being held in response to President George W. Bush's views on reproductive rights in Washington, D.C., on April 22. In an effort to stand up for their beliefs, many pro-choice organizations are participating in this event. The Northwest Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW) is providing transportation for all those in Erie and the surrounding areas who wish to attend the event. NOW is actively working to encourage Behrend students to join in the march.

On a national level, NOW is composed of 600 local chapters and state organizations and nine regions. Serving as the largest feminist organization in the world, NOW was established in 1966. For over thirty years

their statement, in the words of one of NOW's founders, Betty Friedan, has been, "to take action to bring women into full participation in the mainstream of American Society now, exercising all privileges and responsibilities thereof in truly equal partnership with men."

The organization also believes in equal rights, the opposition of racism, advocating for abortion and reproductive rights, support of lesbian and gay rights, and discontinuation of violence against women.

The Northwest Pennsylvania chapter of NOW is one of the chapters that make up the national organization. Having eighty members involved, this chapter's meetings are rotated between Edinboro, Millcreek, and Fairview. Meetings take place on the second Thursday of every month, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Anyone inter-

ested in becoming involved should contact the chapter president, Becky Pruveadenti, at 838-9034.

Other pro-choice organizations involved in the march as well are Planned Parenthood and The National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League (NARAL). More information about these organizations may be found at [www.plannedparenthood.org](http://www.plannedparenthood.org) and [www.naral.org](http://www.naral.org).

For all those who will be attending the march, a bus will leave from Erie the evening of Saturday, April 21, and continue on to Edinboro and Meadville. The bus will return to Erie in the evening on Sunday, April 22. The cost of transportation will be \$50. Checks can be made payable to NW PA NOW.

## Annual dinner focuses on Asia

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Behrend's School of Business has several interesting things planned for the rest of the spring semester. One item on the school's plate is an international dinner that is taking place on Sunday, April 8, in the Reed Commons.

This year, the dinner will focus on Asia. The dinner will have a variety of foods from 21 different Asian countries, all of which were chosen by the participating international management students. The dinner will provide students with an opportunity to sample foods and experience cultural practices that are prominent in a variety of different countries across the Asian continent.

The international management class previously required that all students attend the international dinner as part of the course. According to Jana Goodrich, lecturer in management, "for the first time in this class, students are participating in the International Dinner at their option, rather than it being a required ele-

ment of the course." As chances are pretty good that most people will not be going to all 21 countries in their lifetime, this opportunity allows students to explore a wide variety of choices that otherwise may never be experienced.

The dinner is meant to be a great learning experience. It allows students to become more diverse in their knowledge of other countries' cultures and their respective dining etiquette. Goodrich attests, "consequently, it is a great, energetic, and especially enthusiastic group of students. The International Dinner is a wonderful opportunity for the students to enhance their knowledge and practice a wide variety of skills. Of course, it also offers a great opportunity to explore the social, political, and business customs and practices of other cultures.

"It provides a chance to teach and share information with other students, faculty and staff, and the general public, all of whom are invited to attend and participate. The fundraising, administrative, planning, and execution functions re-

quired as part of the project help to develop a wide variety of skills that will be useful to the students throughout their lives. The ability to handle conflict and develop strong teamwork skills also comes out of a project such as this."

Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6:00 p.m., and the dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. The event is open to students, faculty, and the general public. Goodrich stated, "We are all looking forward to a full house on April 8, so anyone hoping to attend should purchase a ticket soon, to ensure their seat at the dinner." Tickets for the dinner are \$8 each and can be purchased through Denise Cressley, Joe Matise, or Jana Goodrich.

Students can call Goodrich at x7271 or contact her by email at [jgg3@psu.edu](mailto:jgg3@psu.edu). Tickets can be paid via check to Penn State University, or put cash in an envelope and leave it in Goodrich's mailbox. Students can retrieve their tickets in the School of Business office. Goodrich advised that tickets are going very quickly and should be purchased as soon as possible.

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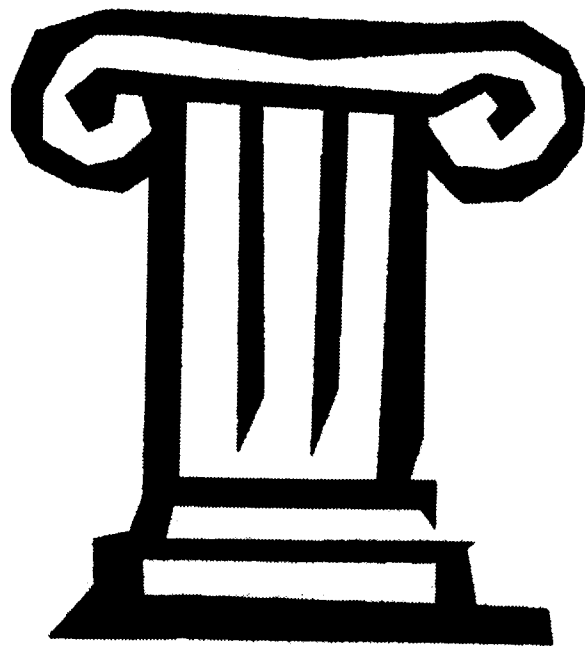
## The Greek Column

Hello Behrend. We'd like to introduce you to the new Greek Section of the *Beacon*. For many years the Greek society has been silent in our own student publication — until now. We have purchased this space to let you know what we are doing, how we are doing, and where we are doing it at.

We would also like to address questions that you have about us. We are now in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and the 1980's stereotypes need to go. The *Animal House* days are over and the new Greeks have taken control. We are not the beer-guzzling Neanderthals that many of you think of or have been told about by the popular, stereotypical media. We are strong-minded organizations that wish to change the campus community in a positive way. School spirit is at a low and the group who can change the level is the Greek community. This article is just one of the first steps in making this campus a better place.

The Penn State Behrend Greek community consists of five fraternities and three sororities. They are, respectively: Delta Chi (ΔΧ), Sigma Tau Gamma (ΣΤΓ), Sigma Kappa Nu (ΣΚΝ), Tau Kappa Epsilon (ΤΚΕ), Zeta Beta Tau (ΖΒΤ), Alpha Sigma Alpha (ΑΣΑ), Alpha Sigma Tau (ΑΣΤ), and Theta Phi Alpha (ΘΦΑ).

The brothers of the Sigma Tau Gamma chapter as well as the Delta Chi chapter are participating in the Books for Kids Foundation in order to raise money and books for hundreds of children in the Erie area. These two chapters as well as Sigma Kappa Nu, Tau Kappa Epsilon, and Zeta Beta Tau, are all involved in the Adopt-A-Highway program and have been for some time. The Theta Phis are also planning their highway cleanup for March 31. The ZBTs are also planning their annual philanthropic "Walk to Pittsburgh" to raise money for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization of Erie. In conjunction with the Bookstore, the ladies of ΑΣΑ are reading to children on



April 14-23.

The sororities, along with Women Today, are planning a "Take Back the Night" walk on April 25. The sisters of ΑΣΑ are excited to celebrate their National Founders Day on April 30. They were founded in 1912. The day before the ladies will be participating in Walk America.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Delta Chi Formal	March 24
Zeta Beta Tau Formal	March 24
Service Week	March 26 - 31
Sigma Kappa Nu Formal	March 31
ΣΤΓ/ΤΚΕ football game @McClelland fields	April 1
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