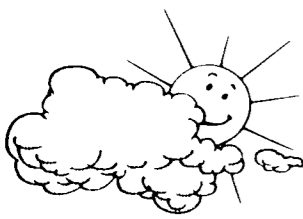


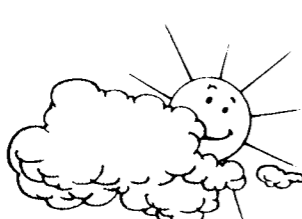
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OUTLOOK

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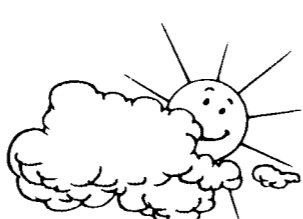
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MONDAY



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BEHREND BRIEFS

Chemistry poster contest

In order to help celebrate National Chemistry Week 2001, entries are being accepted for this year's NCW poster contest titled "Celebrating Chemistry: Then and Now." Entrants are asked to draw a poster depicting the impact chemistry has had on the quality of life in the past 125 years.

Locally, one grand prize will be awarded per age group. That prize will consist of a chemistry t-shirt and an interactive chemistry program for large numbers of students in the cafeteria, gymnasium, or auditorium of the winner's school. The winners will also earn the right to compete nationally in Orlando, Fla., where they will compete for a \$500 savings bond.

In order to be eligible, posters must be received by Nov. 30. Students should visit <http://onsager.bd.psu.edu/~halmi/ncw.html> for complete guidelines and poster submission locations. Any questions should be directed to NCW coordinator Traci Halmi at tao104@psu.edu or x6045.

Annual softball leaf-raking

Once again, Behrend's women's softball team will rake leaves to raise money for the team. Players will offer their services on Saturday, Nov. 10, and Nov. 11. In exchange for raking up the yard, they are asking for a donation. Those interested in having them rake leaves should contact softball coach Kelly Diehl at kxj104@psu.edu or x6235 to schedule a date.

Video conferencing an option

The Media and Instructional Support Center reminds faculty and staff reluctant to travel to other campuses that they may be able to turn to video conferencing as an alternative. The MISC system allows faculty and staff to participate in meetings through two-way audio and video connections.

Video conferencing can be beneficial. It saves a great deal of time and money, eliminating the need for travel, room, and meal expenses. Given the current state of technology, the meeting itself may be free of charge.

MISC will familiarize new video users with the equipment and its capabilities and provide tips on how to have a successful videoconference. It will also make arrangements for the video conference.

For more information, call Carolyn Brown at x6121.

Alarm procedure reviewed

Director of Student Activities Chris Rizzo issued a reminder to the Behrend community about proper procedures to follow when a fire alarm has been sounded.

First and foremost, everyone is urged to remain calm. Then, the following steps should be taken.

Close office or work areas, accepting no phone calls as during departure. Quickly gather belongings and leave the building unless alternate instructions are given from a Police and Safety officer. Stand at a safe distance away from the building and await permission from a police officer to re-enter.

All students and staff members must vacate the building. They should not return unless an officer gives the "all clear" for the building or approaches them individually to give permission. Staff members are obligated to instruct the students of these procedures.

Students who refuse to vacate a building or attempt to re-enter prematurely may be referred to the Office of Judicial Affairs for disciplinary referral.

Kopp applications sought

Penn State's Office of International Programs is seeking applications and nominations for the annual W. LaMarr Kopp International Achievement Awards. Every year, Kopp Awards are given to a staff member, faculty member, graduate student, and undergraduate student who have made a significant contribution to the University's international mission.

Each recipient of the award will be given a certificate of recognition and a \$1,000 stipend. The finalists will be honored at a reception, and the four winners will receive their awards at the yearly Awards Convocation which is held during the spring semester.

Those wishing to request an application or nomination form should contact Thomas Wortman at x6160 or twortman@psu.edu. Applications and nominations, along with any supporting materials, are due at University Park by Dec. 12.

POLICE AND SAFETY
REPORT

10/24/01	18:55	A resident student reported that someone had removed his parking permit from his car that was parked in the Ohio Hall Lot.
10/26/01	20:40	A complainant reported that some students were stuck in the StairTower elevator. The students were released and the elevator was repaired.
10/28/01	12:30	A complainant reported his vehicle had been hit while it was parked in the Dobbins Hall staff lot the previous night.
10/31/01	03:47	A complainant reported a white powdered substance on the floor of the women's restroom in Turnbull Hall. The substance was subsequently found to be plaster dust.
10/31/01	15:30	A complainant reported a stolen permit was found displayed on a vehicle.
10/31/01	16:20	A complainant reported the theft of his cellular telephone.

FOCAL POINT

FALL SIGHTS



PHOTO BY LIZ HAYES

We've become accustomed to the new look of fall on campus. Nice, colorful, leafy trees. Brisk winds blowing leaves around. Colorful backhoes and tractors driving around. Muddy tracks all over the place. But soon the weather will change and the colors with it. We'll start seeing the colors of winter: brown, dirty white, and gray. The only splashes of color will come from the red, yellow, and green construction vehicles as they cut us off on Station Road.

MCC protests Penn State, United Way connection

by Daniel J. Stasiewski
staff writer

Penn State Behrend's Multi-Cultural Council raised concerns over the fundraising partnership between the Boy Scouts of America and the United Way at the Oct. 17 Student Government Association meeting.

MCC members disagree with Penn State University's designation of the United Way as its official charity because the Boy Scouts of America, a United Way funds recipient, has barred homosexuals from involvement in its organization.

More than 10 MCC members attended the meeting to show their disapproval of the Boy Scouts of America's views on homosexuality. Two MCC members addressed the SGA with written statements of opposition. Complaints ranged from where the funds from the Behrend's own "Go Lions" initiative were being donated to the entire University's official support of the United Way.

"I will respect the dignity of all individuals within the Penn State community." This is the first Penn State principle," said Kim Moses, an SGA senator and MCC member. Moses cites the newly established University-wide principles intended to promote the development of character, conscience, citizenship and social responsibility. Moses went on to say the United Way needed to show social responsibility by urging the Boy Scouts of America to end their discrimination against gays.

In an official statement addressing the United Way funding of the Boy Scouts of America, Penn State said the University is "committed to respect for a people as individuals." The United Way has assured Penn State that pledge forms allow donors to designate agencies to whom they do and do not want funds to be distributed. Since the money raised by the United Way Campaign is mostly employee donations with no money coming from Penn State through student tuition, the employees can decide where their money will be used.

United Way has a long-time relationship with the Boy Scouts of America. In 1996, the United Way distributed more than \$83 million to the youth group. Since the

dispute over the barring of homosexuals began in 1992, only 10 of the 450 local United Way organizations have issued anti-discrimination clauses in their distribution. The United Way of Erie County is not one of them.

"We are not against the United Way," said MCC President Khalif Rhodes, who recognizes the many valuable contributions the organization makes to the community. "But the Boy Scouts blatantly say they are against

Keenan Hanson. 100 random students were informed of the controversy surrounding the Boy Scouts' position on homosexuals and the partnership with the United Way. When asked if the United Way was a beneficial organization, 76.9 percent agreed. The number lowered to 60.6 percent when the same students were asked if they saw a problem with giving money to the United Way.

The United Way of Erie County receives 99 cents of every dollar donated

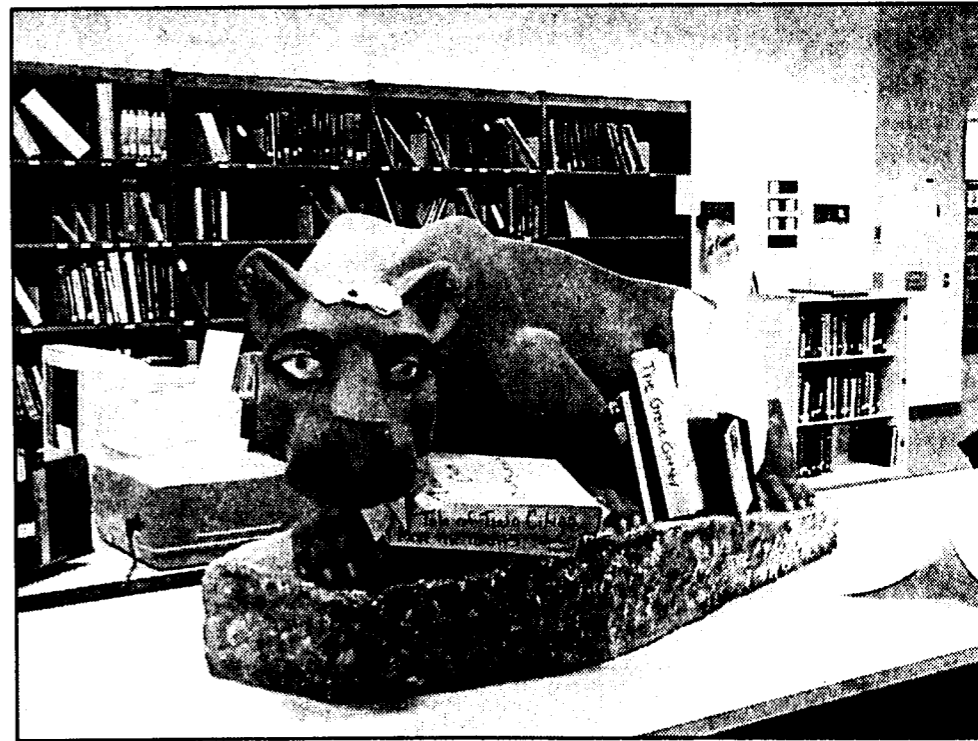


PHOTO BY JEFF HANKEY

The Multi-Cultural Council has taken issue with Behrend's "Go Lions" campaign, which benefits the United Way. The United Way supports the Boy Scouts of America, who have barred homosexuals from joining the organization.

homosexuals."

The Council hopes SGA and Penn State as a whole will stand behind the MCC in their fight against intolerance shown by Boy Scouts of America.

The SGA showed support when a temporary resolution to the MCC's concerns was reached following the Oct. 17 meeting. After agreeing to go forward with the Behrend "Go Lions" program, SGA assured the MCC the money was going to the 911 fund, which supports victims of the Sept. 11 attacks.

In a poll conducted by SGA Senator

by Penn State Behrend's involvement in the United Way Campaign. The French Creek Council of Boy Scouts of America is just one of 39 local non-profit organizations supported by the United Way. Other agencies include Family Services, Inc., which provides family counseling; Hospice of Metropolitan Erie, which provides care for people with a terminal illness; and the International Institute of Erie, which assists foreign families with adjustment and cross-cultural education.



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