

## Question of the Week

by Jen Henderson, associate editor

*"How do you prepare for finals week?"*



"I spend endless hours in the library."  
Adrian Baldeo  
International Business & Management, 07



"I'll probably study a little and pray for the best."  
Yelena Kerr  
Psychology, 05



"I'll probably spend hours studying for biology in a really quiet place."  
Francis Hayes  
Biology, 01



"We don't. We prepare for the last big party of the year."  
Maureen Archer, 03 Marketing  
Sarah Dailey, 03 Public Relations



"Study a lot for my history test and hope that I'll get through it, I'll probably do a lot of praying too."  
Megan Dhayer  
Marketing, 03

## There's no place like home for the holidays

by Erin Scott  
staff writer

As the Christmas season approaches, students are getting more and more excited. Classes are ending and finals are beginning, but there is only one thing on everybody's mind—Home! No matter where you live or where you're visiting this Christmas season, Christmas is Christmas.

This year, many students seem to be staying home for Christmas but a few will be in warmer weather for the last big holiday of 2002.

"The snow and cold weather just make it feel like the Christmas season," said Erin Reed, a fifth semester student. "I wouldn't want to travel to any place warm like Florida or the Carolinas like many of my friends do."

"Christmas should be spent at home, with your family," freshman Kandace Bloom said. "Being at home is the most comfortable place to be on Christmas."

Many students agree with Bloom. Being at

home on Christmas, and waking up in your own bed to walk downstairs and see tons of presents under the tree is an irreplaceable feeling. But others feel differently.

Kristin Palmgren is one of these people. She is traveling to Orlando, on Christmas Eve to see the Nittany Lions play in the Capital One Bowl, formerly the Florida Citrus Bowl.

"I am looking forward to some fun in the sun and watching our Lions play. I'm just excited to see the game," she said. Palmgren, however, is a native of State College and bleeds Blue and White. She is a die-hard Penn State football fan who never misses a game, so she doesn't care how she spends Christmas, as long she gets to see the Nittany Lions.

But no matter where you are this Christmas, remember that being with the ones you love is the most important thing. Surround yourself with family and friends, and no matter where you are or what you're doing, your holiday will be one filled with warmth and cheer.

## Behrend students walking in a Winter Wonderland

With only Finals Week left to go, the Behrend Bookstore prepares for students to unload the books that weighed them down all semester in exchange for a little bit of cash for some last-minute shopping.

Below, the Battle of the Holiday Baskets greets students in the Reed Wintergarden. Each basket was prepared by a different organization or department, and students could vote on the best basket by buying a raffle ticket and placing it in the appropriate jar. The Multi-Cultural Council sponsored the contest.

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## 'Come to the Quiet' focuses on true meaning of Christmas

by Courtney Straub  
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On Dec. 3, the Catholic Campus Ministry and Protestant Campus Ministry held the first "Come to the Quiet" reflection. The focus was peace and the holiday season.

To start the reflection, Sister Mary, director of the CCM, read a guided image. The image allowed everyone to escape from the rush of the holiday season.

"With guided imaging we can prepare ourselves for the holiday season," said Lynn McNeil, PCM director.

Because the focus was peace, during the imaging everyone held a miniature globe in their hands and thought about peace in the world. Then

marks were made on the globes where everyone wished there was peace.

To end the reflection, everyone sang "Let There be Peace on Earth".

"The purpose is for people to focus on bigger themes during the holidays rather than gift giving and shopping," said McNeil.

On Tuesday, the focus of Come to the Quiet was hope. This reflection began with a guided image. During the guided image, everyone was supposed to focus on what they hoped for during the holiday season.

After the guided image, everyone used play dough to create what they hoped for. Then the group shared hopes for the holiday season.

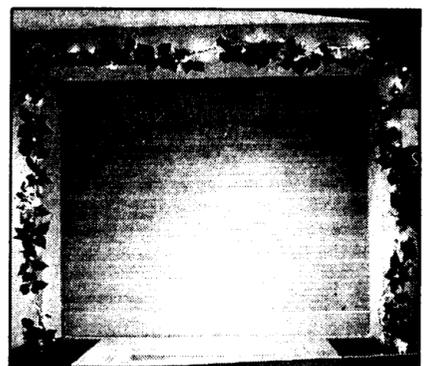
Next week will be the last session. The focus will be love.



People who stopped by Bruno's coffee shop got a reminder of the approaching holiday. Inside, poinsettias lined the wall dividing the main dining area from the fishbowl.

Below, one of the many holiday-related signs hanging in the Reed Building spreads holiday cheer to students as they leave Bruno's.

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## Tuttle concludes Astronomy Night Open House series

- Cosmos by C. Sagan
- The Ascent of Man by J. Bronowski
- Early Astronomy by H. Thurston
- History of Arabic Astronomy by C.
- The Rise of Early Astronomy by F.
- <http://www.americanscientist.org/articles/Saliba.html>

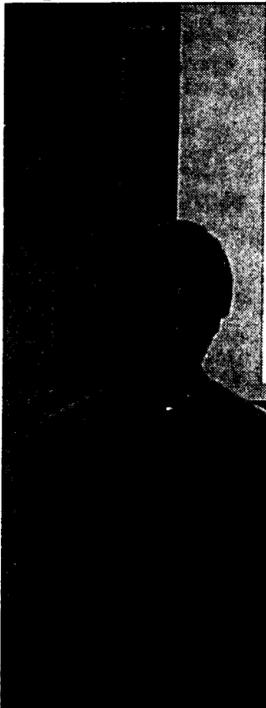


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Dr. Blair Tuttle presents the final lecture in this semester's Astronomy Night Open House series in the Science Lecture Hall. Tuttle's topic was "Islamic Astronomers and the Copernican Revolution."

