

## New committee forming for 2003 Senior Gift

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The college experience is very unique. There are many chances to learn and grow, inside and outside the classroom. Memories are made and cherished for a lifetime.

Twenty years from now, when students are alumni of Penn State Behrend, wouldn't it be nice to have a physical representation of at least some

of those precious moments? Behrend's Senior Gift Program gives students the opportunity to create an enduring tribute to these moments.

In February 2002, the Flag Pole Memorial was selected as the 2002 Senior Class Gift. A large and highly visible American flag and flagpole will be seen from all over campus as well as the new highway.

As Behrend's Class of 2003 wraps up their credit requirements and fills out intent to gradu-

ate forms, another thing to remember is to take part in leaving seniors' mark in the form of a Senior Gift. Cost is a concern, as students must raise money to build their gift. Gifts are usually under \$5000, and the University must approve the gift.

Kevin Moore, Director of Alumni Relations, hopes many seniors will become more involved in this tradition, as a new committee of seniors is forming to brainstorm ideas and choose the

senior gift of 2003.

All are welcome and encouraged to suggest ideas and help to fundraise for the gift. Deana McCandless is a contact for the prized project and can be reached at deanz29@hotmail.com. Let McCandless or Moore, kem7@psu.edu, know your ideas and opinions. After all, this is one of the only ways Behrend seniors can really leave something special behind.

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#### HIV/AIDS

leading cause of death. However, newer treatments have cut the AIDS death rate significantly."

According to the Joint United Nations Program, as of the end of this year, there are 38.6 million adults and 3.2 million children worldwide living with the AIDS virus. So far this year there have been 3.1 million deaths due to the virus.

There are ways to prevent the spread of the HIV

virus. Using condoms can greatly reduce the risk of transmission. It is also important that you know your partner and know whom your partner has been with. Ruling out sex is the best prevention method when you or your partner is infected with the virus. If you are an intravenous drug user it is very important that you never share needles, although the healthiest decision in this situation would be not to use drugs at all.

## Behrend hosts Tuba Christmas 2002

Amateur, student, and professional tuba and euphonium players throughout northwestern Pennsylvania and surrounding areas are invited to perform in Tuba Christmas 2002 on Saturday at Behrend. This national event, first conceived in 1974, takes place at 180 locations in all 50 states.

"This promises to be a unique and delightful event," said Dr. Gary A. Viebranz, director of instrumental ensembles at Behrend and a tubist himself. "People who play the tuba are generally enthusiastic, exuberant, and festive, and Tuba Christmas allows them to be all of those things and more."

Viebranz is the organizer of the Erie area's first Tuba Christmas.

The program for the event is traditional Christmas music, including popular tunes and carols. The 1:30 p.m. concert, which will take place in the Reed Wintergarden, is free and open to the public.

On Saturday, participating tuba players may register between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. in Erie

Hall. The cost of registration is \$15 and includes a book and a Tuba Christmas button. Student players may register for \$10. Rehearsal takes place from 9:30 to 11:45 a.m., and the Merry Tuba Christmas Concert begins at 1:30 p.m. Guest ensemble for the concert will be Undercurrents, Erie's professional tuba quartet.

Tuba Christmas is supported by the Harvey Phillips Foundation and by Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts (PPA), the regional arts funding partnership of the Pennsylvania Council of the Arts, a state agency. Additional support comes from the Mary Behrend Cultural Fund and Undercurrents.

For more information about participating in or attending Tuba Fest, contact Viebranz at x6289. Information about the local event is on the Web at [www.personal.psu.edu/gav3/tubachristmas](http://www.personal.psu.edu/gav3/tubachristmas).

Information about the national Tuba Fest is on the web at [www.tubachristmas.com](http://www.tubachristmas.com).



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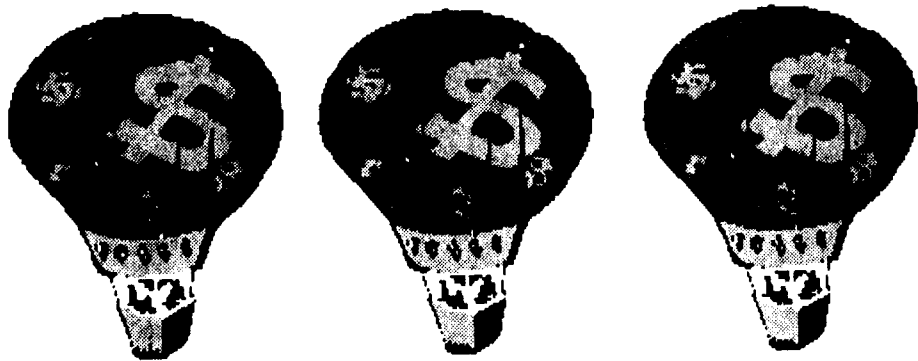
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