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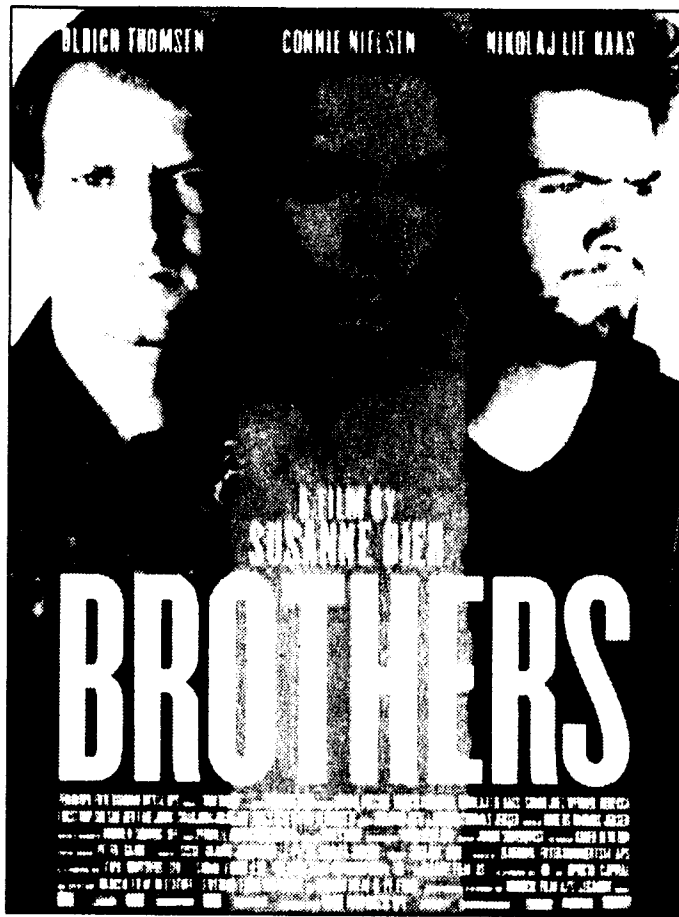
Women's Film Series set to debut at Behrend next week

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For many years, Professor Ursula Davis has been putting on the Women's Film Series at Behrend. This year, Dr. Davis has selected three foreign films, all written or directed by females, for viewing beginning next week. Behrend's Women's Film Series has long been regarded as an educational and well-received project.

"Since we don't get to see a lot of foreign films here, it's a great chance to see some really stellar foreign films," said Senior Communications major Wendy Boyce, who worked along side Davis to help construct this year's series. This year, Dr. Davis chose three unique films to represent international women writers and directors. The first, "Brothers," written and directed by Susanne Bier, is the story about two brothers who must deal with life-altering events when one brother is sent to serve in the war in Afghanistan. Released in 2004, the Danish film has garnered much acclaim and received eight awards over the past two years, including an Audience Award in the World Cinema category at last year's Sundance Film Festival. Although the film is written and directed by a woman, the film doesn't speak to one gender over the other. And in regards to the film's audience, Dr. Davis and Boyce hope that every student will come to the series.

"We're looking at anyone at Behrend who is interested in seeing things from a different perspective," Boyce said. "A woman wrote two male characters in "Brothers," and one would never know it." The stereotype that women can only write and direct overly-romantic or female-centered films is a stereotype that the Women's Film



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"Brothers" is the first film to be featured in this year's Women's Film Series.

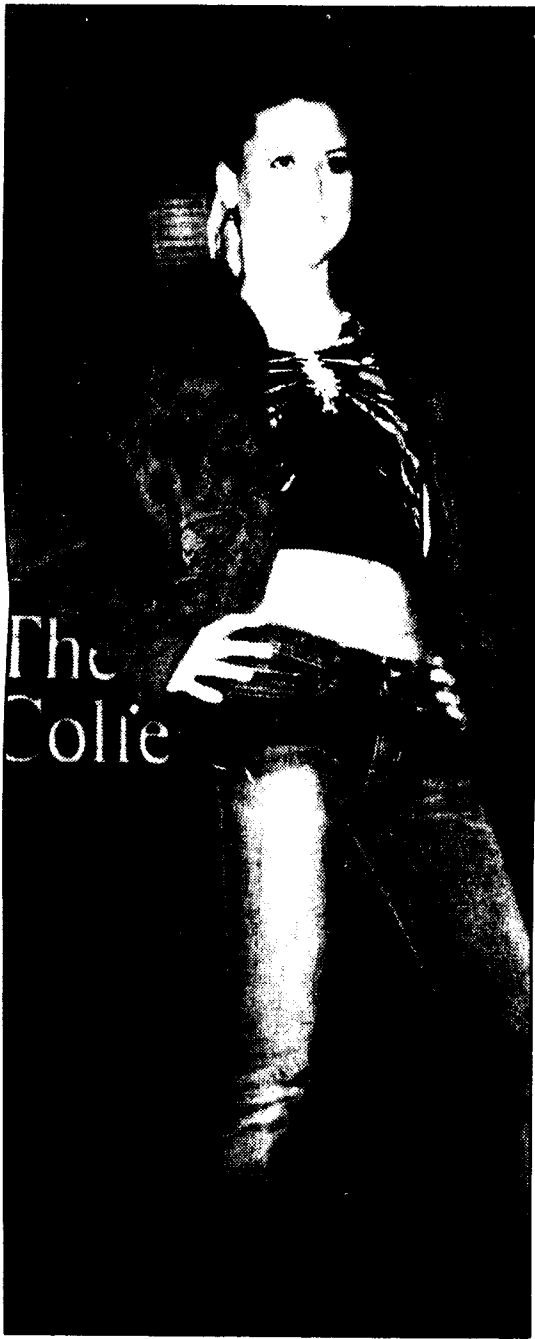
Series hopes to demolish, while teaching students that gender doesn't necessarily equate with genre. Speaking about this stereotype, Boyce said, "We're hoping that the series will show people that just because a woman writes a film or directs a film doesn't mean that the film is going to be a chick flick."

Besides "Brothers," which will be shown on March 28 in the Reed Union Building 117, two other foreign films will debut in the upcoming weeks. Following "Brothers" is the French drama "Look at Me," a 2004 film written and directed by Agnès Jaoui that revolves around a woman's battle with self-image and self-esteem as she tries to mend relations with her father. "Look at Me" will premiere on April 4. The last film of this year's series, "The Holy Girl," concerns a teenage girl's struggle with religion, puberty and sexuality. Written and directed by Lucrecia Martel, this Argentinean film will play on April 11.

As always, each film is free of charge and open not only to Penn State Erie students, but the public as well. All of this year's films are presented in their native language along with English subtitles. Each film is no longer than two hours, and if you can't make it to the 7 p.m. Tuesday night showings, "Brothers," "Look at Me" and "The Holy Girl" are all on hold at the library on reserve. At a time when filmmaking is still a male-dominated industry, it's important to set aside difference and stereotypes and experience a different point a view.

For more information regarding the upcoming Women's Film Series, please contact Professor Ursula Davis at uxdl@psu.edu or Wendy Boyce at wlm134@psu.edu.

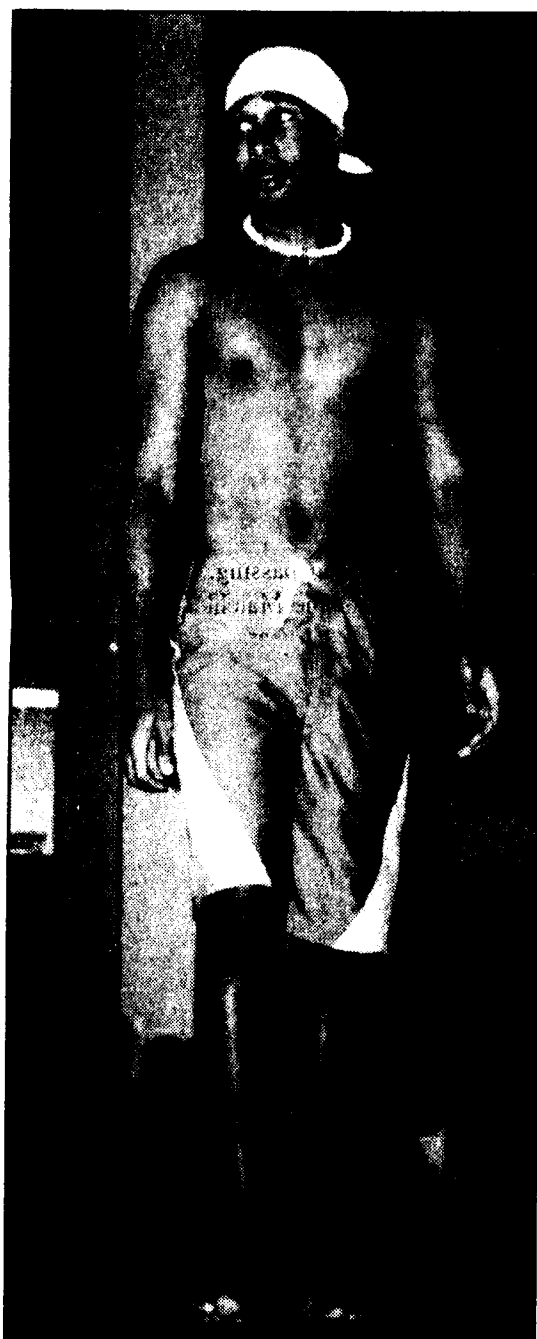
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Janet Niedenberger/THE BEHREND BEACON
Janine Kozlowski models a Hot Topic tank top underneath a jacket, along with dark denim jeans.



Janet Niedenberger/THE BEHREND BEACON
Lindsay Wiley shows off a Wilson leather jacket over a low-cut top and light denim jeans.



Janet Niedenberger/THE BEHREND BEACON
Dwayne Dufael sports a pair of Buckle swimsuit trunks in the midst of swimsuit season.



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