

# CAMPUS NEWS

## Habitat

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drifted out of the partially-built shed and flooded basement, and by the end of the day, some students were splattered head to toe in primer or finishing paint.

Reality Check, a local organization dedicated to inspiring students to do local and national community service, co-sponsored the event with a Residence Service Leader from Almy Hall, Catherine Franks.

For her, the Habitat trip provided a way to utilize the good will and creative energies of the students in the hall, as well as benefiting local families. "A lot of the people in my building were interested in giving back to the community," she said. "Everyone enjoyed it."

Franks, a freshman mechanical engineering major, said that anyone can participate and do some good in this type of event. "It started with a few people in my building, but people wanted to join in." Though it was her first time with Habitat for Humanity, she helped to direct the participants' painting throughout the day.

For Heather Lindstrom, the trip



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Briley Thompson took part in constructing gables for an unfinished shed at the Habitat work site.

was her fifth with Habitat for Humanity. Lindstrom, a junior, has been doing the event every year since she began college. "I just enjoy service. That's what Reality Check is really about, providing something to give back to people who are less fortunate than you."

Lindstrom was one of many students on the Habitat trip that

are also signed up to take a one-week trip to Gulfport, Miss. for Penn State Behrend's Alternative Spring Break. That trip will also seek to give back to the less fortunate; participants will work on a variety of sites during the week, doing anything from hurricane cleanup to rebuilding houses. Many students who attended the Habitat for Humanity trip were

also planning to attend the Alternative Spring Break.

Reality Check usually sponsors about two Habitat trips per semester, says Lindstrom. They usually cover a variety of sites across the city. This particular site was one that had already been started by several "shifts" of work crews. The house was far enough along in the process of construction to allow site leaders to heat the inside of the house, to the delight of the students who needed to paint the interior. They finished covering walls and ceiling with primer and edging around the walls.

As for the rest of the students, much of the day was spent outside. Luckily, the day was one of the warmer of the week. Those who worked on the shed outside built and attached gables to the shed and prepared the door frame for further construction.

After the event, the group got back together in the living room of the house. Though the prevalent feeling seemed to be a uniform exhaustion, the students were also impacted by the fact that by simply giving five hours on a Saturday afternoon, they helped to change the life of an Erie resident forever.



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A work site leader (right) helps a Behrend student finishing construction on a door frame.

## What's Inside

### Celebrity it-couple turns abusive: Behrend's reaction



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
R & B artist Chris Brown has been accused of abusing his girlfriend, Rihanna.

Penn State Behrend students are shocked over the incident involving A-list celebrities Chris Brown and Rihanna. Brown, the R&B vocalist who went from "Running it" in his hometown of Tappahannock, Virginia to mega hip-hop star "Poppin," has been accused of assaulting his award winning unofficial girlfriend, Rihanna. The big question among many is: How did this squeaky clean image of good guy whose got it all going for him go from boyfriend you want to bring home to momma to slapping around his woman? And worst how do his fans feel?

Communication major Morgan Bruce thinks it's a shame. "I really like the two artists and thought they made a good couple. There are probably a lot of dark and hidden secrets behind this event and I really hope that everything can be resolved!" **Page 6.**

### Lamb of God releases Wrath

Heavy Metal music has been around for quite some time. Starting with the revolutions of Metallica, Ozzy Osbourne, and Megadeth, it gained a certain amount of mainstream respect. Several thousand of bands have come about since that beginning era surrounding the 1980s. One of the best, in my opinion, is Lamb of God, and with this new release of Wrath, which hit stores February 24th, their talent is seen at an even higher level.

Forming in 1990 in Richmond, Virginia, Lamb of God started as a band called Burn the Priest. Guitarist Mark Morton, drummer Chris Adler, and bassist John Campbell, all attended college at the Virginia Commonwealth University and were looking to break out onto the scene. They found their missing links in the form of vocalist Randy Blythe and Legion Records, and in 1998, they produced their self-titled album, Burn the Priest. Even though it got overall rave reviews, they had a hard time booking venues because many establishment owners said that they had an offensive name. So, with the addition of guitarist Willie Adler, they changed their name to Lamb of God in 2000.



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The album cover of Wrath.

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