

FEATURE

Winter At Behrend is Snow Fun

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One of the greatest resources here at Penn State-Behrend is snow. It is both plentiful and longlasting in the Northwest region of Pennsylvania. It usually begins in the first week of November. This school year our first snowfall occurred on Monday, Nov. 12, a little late for this area, but much welcomed nonetheless.

This climatic change always brings about a change in the behavior of Behrend students. What other time of the year could you find seven young ladies giggling and frolicking on the Perry terraces at midnight? And what

other time of the year can you be inadvertently struck in the forehead with a spherical mass of compacted ice flakes when you least expect it?

Besides the traditional snowball fights, snowman building, and various other snow sculptures, there is a multitude of winter activities going on in the Behrend community. Of course there are the major drawbacks like the virtual elimination of "comfortable, warm" gorge parties and the retreat of hackysack players to the indoor arenas. But let's look at some of the other activities that Erie winters provide for us.

I'm going to limit the scope of recreation to the Penn State-



Residence Hall students take a break from studying as Behrend see the first snowfall of the year.



Winters at Behrend College aren't that bad...are they?

Behrend campus. The Athletic Department alone provides us with a variety of entertainment. There is volleyball, basketball, badminton, and swimming intramurals for both men and women. If you don't want to participate, the Men's and Women's Varsity Basketball teams provide excellent entertainment once or twice a week in Erie Hall. And yes we do have some players that can slam-dunk, so let's check it out!

If you like to ski, the ski slope behind the Behrend Building complete with lights and tow rope will be operational at the beginning of next semester. It will be

open Mondays through Thursdays and Sundays from 7-10 p.m. If "Mount Behrend" is not exciting enough for you, the Bluebus will be running to Peak 'n' Peek twice a week.

If you don't like to downhill ski, cross-country skis can be rented from the Backroom on a daily or weekend basis. Be sure to take full advantage of the cross-country trails around campus. They provide both beauty and an excellent workout!

The ski slope behind the Behrend Building can be used for sleds, trays, saucers, and toboggans. Don't forget 'tubing' this winter. Any student can borrow

sleds, saucers, etc., by exchanging their student ID in the residence hall duty offices.

There are several tentative plans in the works under the professional guidance of Jamie Grimm, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs. Some of these plans include a Winterfest, horse-drawn sleigh rides, snow golf, snow sculpture contests, and much, much more.

So even though you may develop claustrophobia over the winter months, combat it with some snow-filled, fun-filled, outdoor and indoor recreation right here on campus. Remember, snow means more than cancelled classes!

Cultural Activities Continue to Fill Behrend's Calendar

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riculum at Penn State-Behrend, the Student Affairs office along with campus clubs and organizations plans events of special interest for the students at Behrend.

These events, known as the Cultural Series, is made up of per-

Aside from the academic performers who sing folk, country, and pop music. In addition to the performing artists, the Cultural Series also includes films and slide presentations that are shown in the Reed Lecture Hall.

The Cultural Series will present *California Suite* by the Alpha Omega Players on Monday, Dec. 3. The Alpha-Omega Players are a

theatre ensemble that has traveled more than two million miles since its inception in 1967 and has presented over 7,500 performances throughout the United States and Canada.

This ensemble is made up of talented and personable actors who are trained to adapt to varied facilities and playing situations. This is an event that you won't want to miss.

So you think you're good in the Backroom. Then enter the Quad Tournament that will be held from now until the end of the

semester. The tournament consists of competition on the pinball machines, video machines, pool tables, and ping pong tables. A registration fee of \$3 is required and each person who competes will receive a T-shirt. Sign up at the RUB desk. Prizes will be awarded.

Has this semester really gotten to you? If so, then blow off some steam before your finals. All you have to do is get a team together of 20-24 persons and sign up to play "Bombardment". Registration fee is \$5 per team or 25 cents

per person. Entry deadline is Dec. 5 at 5 p.m. For more information see Duane Crider in Room 2, Erie Hall.

On Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m. there will be a "Dodge Ball Tournament" held in Erie Hall. Teams should be made up of all males or all females. This tournament is also nicknamed the "Six Pack Tournament". Each winning team will receive two cases of Pepsi and five pizzas. For more details see Duane Crider.

The Student Union Board will be wrapping up the last four weeks of this semester with the movies *Kramer vs. Kramer* on Nov. 28-30 and Dec. 1 and 2. *1941* will be shown on Dec. 5, 7 and 9. The movie showings are Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights starting at 9 p.m. in the Reed Lecture Hall. The movies are free for activity card holders, \$1 for students, faculty and staff, and \$2 for the community.

"Fall In To Winter" just before finals from Dec. 1-9. The Inter-Club Council has planned a week-long holiday festival. For specific details see Jamie Grimm in the Student Affairs office or contact any club president.

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