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USED USED USED "Endless Summer" ends winter blahs

STUDENT VOICE

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Due to the rising cost of a college education, financial matters are of utmost concern to students everywhere. Behrend students are especially concerned with the high prices of required texts. These same books can be found in the Penn State Bookstore in mint condition or for a few dollars less used. The Collegian asked some students to voice their opinions about this issue. Here are the results:



Ken Allgeier

Ken Allgeier, seventh semester, History--"I think books are priced way too high, professors should be more considerate in picking the texts they are going to use--especially since some students have to work and make their own living and the "buy-back" is totally criminal. You pay \$30, \$40, \$45 for a book and you get back only 50% or less or it. It's stupid that the university is supported and set up for students and they are discriminated against. I think there should be a more fair policy of returning books-- you should get at least some of your money back."

Kurt Emhoff, fourth semester, Psychology--"I think it's incredible that they can "rip-off" college students like that without even trying to cover it up at all. Penn State with its sports team and so on is bringing in so much money, why do they have to rip us off? It's scandalous, it's stupid, and that's all I have to say."



Kurt Emhoff

Celeste McCallen, fourth semester, Earth and Mineral Science--"I think they could give us a lot more back and I'd rather give my books away than get about \$5 back for a book I paid \$40 for."



Celeste McCallen

Joe Williams, fourth semester, COMBA--"From what I understand, it's not the bookstore that sets the price, but the publishing companies that tell the bookstores the prices they can buy the books back at. I don't think we should get angry with the bookstore because it

won't get us anywhere, we should try and approach the publishing companies and try to get them to give students a break and to give them more money for their books because selling them back for half or less than half price is unjust, especially when many students have to pay for their own education."

group, they tour a lot in and around the state. The theme also promotes scenery such as beach balls, palm trees, and leis. There will also be contests in which everyone can take part. Contests will be held for jams, most pale legs, grass skirts, hula skirts, and a final limbo contest. "We're hoping the contests will add a lot of excitement and enthusiasm," says Janet O'Hare, a member of the Student Programs committee. Since this is the first of its kind for the school year it should bring a lot of people forward.



Joe Williams

Refreshments will be served during the dance to quench the thirsts of the avid dancers.

"The band usually brings all types of people," says O'Hare.

This is understandable since the band varies in their music. Older generations enjoy their style of music because the music is generally based in the era when they grew up. Their fun-styled ways also attract people of the ages of college students and some highschool students because of the music's free and wild sounds which are different from the music of today. Student Lisa Hahn says, "I like this type of music because it allows for a definite change of pace from all the music of most of today's bands."

This dance will be a sort of "coming-out" for the spring semester. It hopefully will attract a lot of students for this reason. The winter months put a damper on most of the students' attitudes so

this dance will probably lift spirits and give everyone a new outlook towards the coming warmer months.

So, on Jan. 31st, don't just sit around, come early or come late, but make sure you join the rest of the crowd and party to the jammin' sounds of "Endless Summer" and forget your troubles.



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