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## Wellness Week Activities Held Daily

by James Martin

Wellness week has gotten off to a good start, drawing large groups of students for the blood drive, demonstrations and other activities, according to Health Center nurse Mary Anne Weiner.

Highlights of the week-long activity, sponsored by The Behrend Health Advisory Board, include a mock drunken driving trial and a polygraph demonstration.

Numerous local health agencies set up stands Tuesday in both the Winter Garden and the lobby outside the Wintergreen Cafe. In addition to offering free testing, groups distributed balloons, popcorn, condoms and other items.

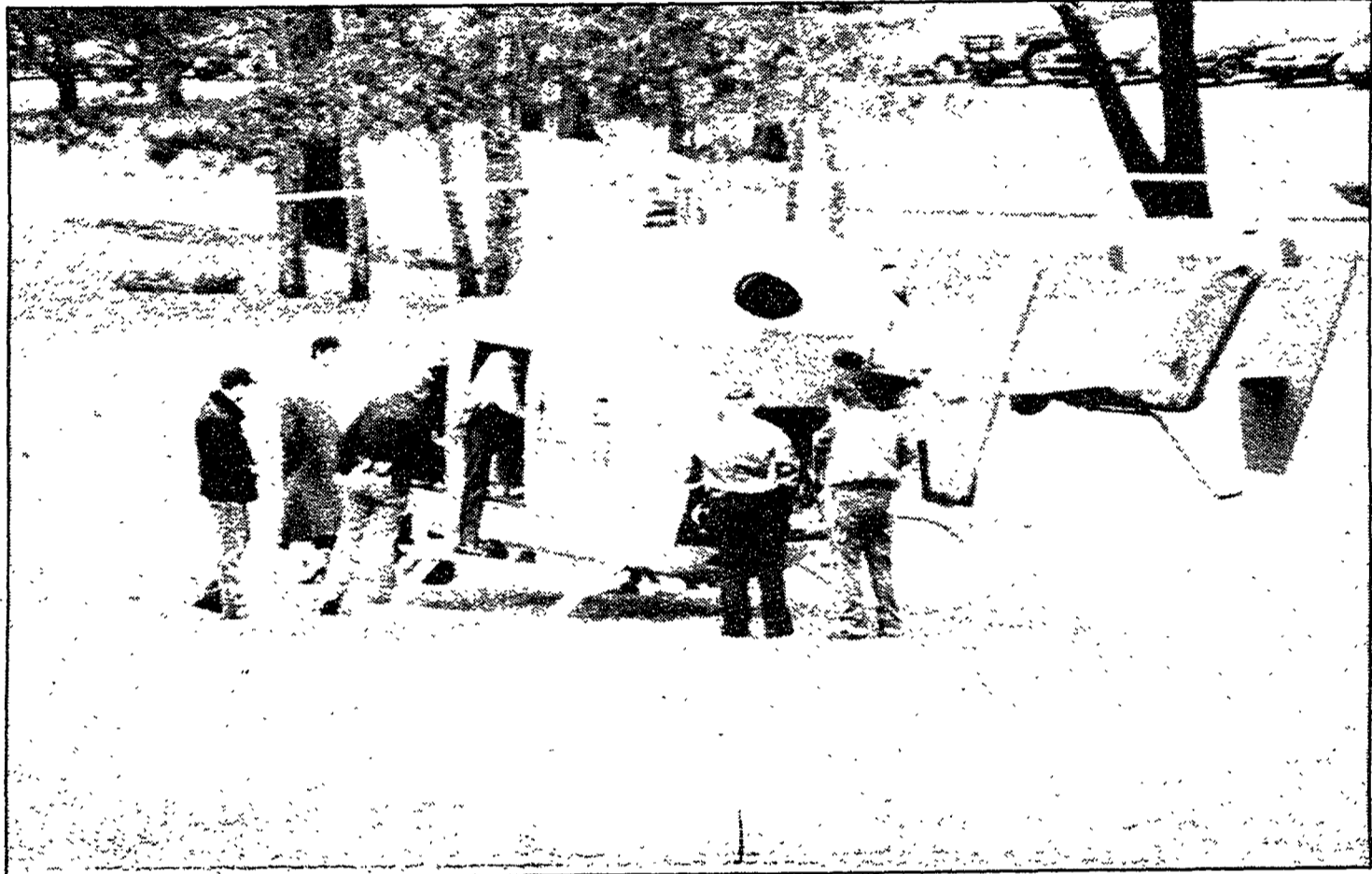
Life-Star helicopter also visited campus Tuesday, drawing a crowd of interested students when it landed near the Reed Building.

"I think it's going very well," said Weiner. "The helicopter was here and everyone seemed to really enjoy that."

Weiner notes that other activities this week include a self defense workshop to be held at noon on Friday.

Community Blood Bank of Erie visited campus Wednesday, collecting 62 pints of blood. The blood bank will be on campus again today.

Wellness Week concludes with a workshop/fun run to be held at 10 am Saturday.



Erie-based LifeStar Helicopter made a visit to campus on Tuesday as part of Wellness Week activities. (Photo by Richard Cain)

## Smokers' Rights Snuffed Out?

by Maria Plaza  
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Students and faculty huddled in doorways to escape the rain and smoke cigarettes after Penn State's newly-implemented smoking policy forced them outside Monday and a small group of students gathered in the Picnic Grove the same afternoon to protest the policy and call for designated smoking areas.

The University-wide policy, which went into effect Monday, bans smoking in all University owned or occupied buildings and vehicles. Individual residence hall rooms are the only exception to the policy.

"This is a violation of human rights," said student Andy Festa, organizer of Monday's protest, which was attended by local television stations. Festa warned minorities and nonsmokers that "the stripping away of smokers' rights is planting the seed for further loss of rights."

"I'm not against the ban -- I don't think there's a smoker nowadays that would say nonsmokers don't have rights. All anybody's asking for is just a place (to smoke)," said Rocky Nelson, a smoking student who attended the protest. "Surgeon General Koop has said that nicotine is just as addictive as cocaine and I think the University should take that into consideration," he added.

Another student at the protest, Todd Turley, a nonsmoker, agreed that smoking areas should be provided. "If they're kicking them out of one place, they should give them a place to go," Turley said.

Police and Safety will have a "passive role" in enforcing the policy, said Manager Randy Hoffman. According to Hoffman, the officers' responsibility will be enforcing the ban among visitors. He said that smoking visitors will be made aware of the

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## Lawmaker to Lecture

The co-author of the 1988 Pennsylvania underage drinking law will speak on the law and rights tonight at 8 pm in the Reed Lecture Hall.

Lawmaker Arthur R. Shuman will lecture on "The New Law, What are Your Rights?" Shuman is also the director of the pre-law program at LaSalle University.

Shuman will attend a hors d'oeuvre reception with student leaders in the Wintergreen Cafe at 5 pm and will be the guest of honor at a 6 pm dinner in the Cafe.

## Upcoming Student Elections

Student Government elections will be held next week on Tuesday and Wednesday. Elections will be held in the Reed Building.

To help better acquaint students with the candidates running for various offices, The Collegian has asked all candidates to submit information about themselves. We received many responses and have printed a portion of them on page 3. In some cases, we have had to cut candidates responses and not everyone was available for a photo. For this we apologize, but hope this information will be helpful as you cast your votes next week.

## Don't Forget to Advance Register

## April 1st Auto Vandals

by Laura A. Weaver  
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Some April fool played games with small cars on April 1 in the apartment lots. Several small cars were turned sideways, damaging at least one truck when its door was struck by one of the cars.

No injuries were reported following a head-on collision near the entrance of the D-lot on March 31. A student leaving the lot lost control of her car in the heavy snow and hit a car entering the lot.

A car stereo system was stolen from the trunk of a car parked in a commuter lot. The owner had placed it in the trunk after working on it and discovered it was missing after arriving home.

It was reported on March 31 that insect traps in the Wintergreen Gorge had been vandalized. Nets had been slashed and ropes cut. The traps were set by Behrend biology professor Dr. Masteller.

On March 27 the Pepsi vending machine in Turnbull was kicked in. No money or products were stolen.

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