

Behrend Briefs

The Following Support Groups are now being formed:

Parents - A support group for students who are parents will have its first organizational meeting Thursday, Sept. 21 at 5:30 pm in the Counseling Center, 1st floor Reed. Plans to establish a babysitting coop will be discussed.

The Eating Concerns group resumes meetings for this year Sept. 21 at 7:00 pm in the Counseling Center, 1st floor Reed.

Questions? - If you have any questions about any of these groups, call the Counseling Center at 898-6164 and ask for Dr. Louanne Barton.

Art 110 Students - Portfolios from spring and summer semesters are available to be picked up in Mr. Charney's office during posted office hours. His phone number is 6450.

Tot Trot/Walk - The walk, sponsored by the Dr. Gertude A. Barber Center, will be held at 9:30 am Sept. 23 at Presque Isle State Park.

Loan Counseling sessions are available by appointment in the Financial Aid Office, located in the Glennhill Farmhouse.

The Behrend Baseball team will hold their annual 100-inning game on Tuesday, Oct. 3. The game is a fundraiser to help defray the costs of the southern swing through West Virginia and Virginia next February. For more information contact the Behrend athletic department at 898-6163.

Jack Ham, former Pittsburgh Steeler linebacker, will be the guest at this year's Lions Pride Outing, scheduled for 1pm Thursday, Sept. 21 at Dick Hill's Country Club. The day includes golf at 1pm, followed by dinner. For more information contact the Behrend athletic department at 898-6163.

GE Tour sponsored by the Management Information Systems Club will take place at 3:00 pm on Thursday, September 28. Free bus transportation will be provided. For more information call 898-6980 or 898-6873.

Intramurals Soccer - Men's, women's and coed's divisions are being formed. Rosters are due in the IM office by Friday, September 29. Play begins Wednesday, October 4. Game times are approximately at 4:30 pm, Monday through Thursday and tentatively Sunday.

Cholesterol Screening - In cooperation with St. Vincent Health Center, the Penn State-Behrend Health Center will sponsor a cholesterol screening from 9 am to 4 pm on Friday, September 22 in the Wintergarden. Blood pressures will also be checked and St. Vincent dieticians will discuss low cholesterol diets. The cost of the screen is \$4.00 which will be billed on to the student's account.

The Computer Center is offering training sessions on a variety of software packages on both the PC's and the mainframe computer. Since session enrollments are limited, those interested should stop by or call the Computer Center at 898-6415.

Reminder to The Collegian Staff: Those students who had an article or photo in this issue should report at 7:00 pm on Thursday, September 21 to Hammermill 17.

News

Students from local colleges hope to form a Rotaract Club.

by Deirdre Hamilton
Collegian Staff Writer

Behrend, Mercyhurst and Gannon are banding together to organize a Rotaract Club.

Rotaract is a worldwide group of youths interested in service and international understanding. It was founded out of the Rotary International.

In the past, Rotary clubs were all-male service clubs. Today, they are for both men and women

between the ages of 18 to 29. Persons over the age of 29 are no longer allowed to join the Rotaract club, but are eligible to become members of Rotary International.

The stated intent of the Rotaract Club is to bring the best and the brightest of a community together to help better their way of life. Other goals include helping to develop professional and leadership abilities, practicing and promoting ethical standards, and developing knowledge and understanding about the needs,

problems, and opportunities of a community.

Rotaract clubs seek to provide an opportunity for young men and women to enhance their knowledge and skills that will assist them in personal development, to address the physical and social needs of their community, and to promote better relations between people around the world.

Interested students should call David Shields, Assistant Dean of Student Services at 898-6171.

Prices in Wintergreen Cafe are questioned by SGA senator

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prices to those of Country Fair and Giant Eagle. It matches hot food and salad bar prices from last year to this year and contrasts hours from last semester to this semester.



Al Vogan

Examples of price differences between the three outlets are Kellogg's Pop Tarts (box of six): Cafe price \$2.50, Country Fair price \$2.17, Giant Eagle price \$1.38 and Bold detergent (42 oz.): Cafe \$5.25, Country Fair \$3.39, Giant Eagle \$2.55.

Hot foods served in the Cafe had their prices matched with those of last year. An example of those are wings: 1988 - 10 for \$4.00, 1989 - eight for \$3.00.

The report also covers the change of hours, citing the change of the pizza shop opening time from 5:00 to 8:00 pm and the reduction of weekend hours.

Al Vogan, assistant manager of Food and Housing, says though the prices in the report are

basically accurate, there are reasons for them and students can expect some downward adjustment in prices during the following weeks.

Vogan said that several steps have been taken to lower prices and said he reached an agreement Monday with the Strohmann Bakery to get a better deal on snack cakes and pastries.

He explained that the Cafe isn't a retail store and can't compete with big chains like Giant Eagle and Country Fair because of the large volume that they sell.

He added that even if the Cafe could compete with commercial outlets, it would be unethical because Penn State is a non-profit organization and doesn't have to worry about costs like taxes and building upkeep.

Vogan referred to the current dispute between the City of Erie and several non-profit organizations as another reason why the Cafe doesn't compete with retail outlets. He said that he'd like to keep Behrend out of the tax-exempt issue.

When asked why there was such a large price increase over last year, Vogan replied that it was a policy change from an upper level in the university administration and added that most other campuses aren't affected as much as Behrend - but largely because other campuses don't offer as many services.

As for hours, Vogan said that the schedule for this year is essentially the same as last year, with the new schedule posted on the bulletin board by the vending machines.

Initially, said Vogan, the pizza shop's opening time was pushed back because of a policy decision to promote healthy eating habits.

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"The idea was considered that we should be educating students to eat healthily," Vogan said. "I think it's our duty to carry it (education) on and reinforce it." The original start-up time was reinstated due to student protest.

Vogan said he feels food service is getting a bad rap because of the recent dispute over the prices and a lot of extra services that go unnoticed. "We don't charge extra for special dinners, and we're the only campus, other than University Park, that offers things that aren't necessarily good for the budget." He added that the Cafe gives three percent of its gross profits to Student Services to help fund student programs.

SGA plans to study the matter further.

Have something for Behrend Briefs?

Have any news items or announcements that you or your organization would like to see in Behrend Briefs? Do you know about an upcoming event that everyone should know about? Then just drop off a note with the information, plus your name and home phone number, in The Collegian mailbox located in the Student Organizations Area.