

## Behrend briefs

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**"What a Diehl Day!"** will be held November 2nd. The Commuter Council is giving a tour of Behrend for the fifth grade from Diehl Elementary.

**Commuters**, if you are having problems with tenant/landlord relations, rent, maintenance, etc., call the Commuter Council Office at 898-6452.

**A talent show** hosted by Association of Black Collegians will be held Saturday, November 4 in the Reed Lecture Hall from 8 - 10 pm. Participants will be competing for a \$50 prize.

**ABC's Halloween Treat Sale** is being held in the Wintergarden today. For \$50 you can either grab a treat or a trick.

**The Miss Penn State - Erie Pageant** sponsored by Kappa Delta Rho will be held Wednesday, November 1, in the Reed Lecture Hall at 8 pm. Cost for tickets is \$3.00.

**SPC is sponsoring** the "Three Fugitives" in Reed 117 November 1 at 7:30 pm, the 3rd at 8 pm, and the 4th at noon.

**"Operation ID"** will be held in the Perry lobby November 6, 7 and 8 at 4:30 pm.

**"Black-White Leadership Relations"** will be presented by Dr. Peter Hann on Thursday, November 2 in Reed 116 at 5 pm as part of the Leadership Series.

**3 on 3 Basketball** rosters are due Friday, November 3 for Men and Women. Play begins Monday, November 16.

**Basketball Season Tickets** go on sale for students Sunday, November 5 at 2 pm in Erie Hall at the Men's Exhibition vs. Ryerson. The cost for these tickets is \$5.00. Tickets will also be on sale in Reed from 11 - 1 pm beginning Monday, November 6.

**The mailroom staff** reports international mail must be marked and kept separate from domestic mailings. Persons wishing to have their mail sealed for them should leave all envelope flaps folded open.

**Collegian Staff** there is no meeting this Thursday night. Meetings will not be held until November 16 at which time everyone who has an article from this issue until that time should attend.

## University Faculty Senate focuses on cultural diversity at Penn State

by Tony Olivito  
Collegian Staff Writer

Cultural diversity and its role in Penn State's curriculum was a primary topic at a recent University Faculty Senate meeting. Differences on the merits of implementing diversity in the curriculum exist.

A diversity requirement course is one that focuses on certain groups such as blacks, women, Hispanics, Jews, and gays.

Robert Heinsohn, a faculty member of the College of Engineering at University Park, believes the university does not need a diversity requirement.

"First of all, it is punitive. What to study is less important than the fact that students are compelled to take something called diversity. The requirement trivializes serious social issues...The requirement is apt to become a perfunctory auditorium course."

On the other hand, Mary Dupuis, director of Teacher Education in the College of Education, says diversity is an inherent part of a college education.

"We say that all Penn State graduates should acquire an understanding of the diversity of our society and growing tolerance of the differences among us because this understanding and tolerance is what general

be and not the way things really are today," explained Ala Stanford, Behrend representative on the Senate.

At Behrend there are currently black and women's studies classes taught once a year.

If the university approves some sort of diversity BDR (baccalaureate degree requirement), it will be implemented at all of the commonwealth campuses.

This could be as soon as next fall, according to Stanford, who notes the requirement will begin with the class of incoming freshmen.

The Curricular Affairs Committee reports back to the Senate in January. A vote will then be taken in March. The resolution needs a two-thirds majority in order to pass.

Getting people interested in other cultures is a problem, according to Stanford. She explains not many people are willing to be exposed to other cultures and says many of the activities put on by organizations are only attended by the hosting groups.

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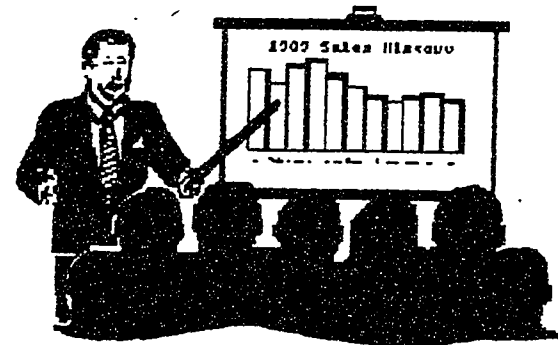
education courses are supposed to do."

"They are going to continue to be misinformed and unenlightened and they are going to keep these preconceived notions in the back of their minds thinking about the way things used to

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