

Behrend briefs

Student Organization Budget Requests are due this Friday, March 16. For more information contact David M. Mahoney at 898-6452.

Attention Graduating Seniors! Cap and gown orders are due at the Bookstore no later than Friday, March 16. Cost \$14 for undergrads; extra fee for graduates for hood.

A food drive is being sponsored by the Top of the Hill Club during March. Please place all non-perishable food in the box provided at the Rub desk. Proceeds will help the Emmaus Soup Kitchen feed the homeless.

All non-traditional students, (returning adult students over the age of 23) are eligible to apply for four TOTH \$50 scholarships at this year's Scholarship Awards Ceremony. Applications must be filed at the Financial Aid Office by March 24.

The information enclosed in the Fall 1990 Behrend Housing Contracts stating that on-campus housing will not be available to current off-campus students who will be graduating after Fall 1990, applies only to those students who are graduating at the end of Fall 1990, and currently live off-campus.

"Pictures for the Provost" is an effort to personalize the urgent need for on campus day care. Please submit a picture of your children or your story about your child care needs to the campaign. Please place contributions in the mailboxes of Dr. Spies or commuter mailbox #1364. These will be compiled into a scrapbook and presented to Dr. Lilley in April.

Operation Rice Bowl is being sponsored by the Newman Association for the hungry of the area. During Lent, money saved from giving up snacks can be put in available cardboard Rice Bowls to be given to the local Food Pantry on Good Friday. For more information call Mike at 6759 or 6936.

The Most Rev. Michael J. Murphy will be the Celebrant and Homilist in Reed 117 at 5:30 pm on Saturday, March 31.

Diehl School needs the help of Fraternities, Sororities, clubs and organizations on campus to raise \$5,000 for a new playground. For more information please contact John Downey at 6171.

A bowl-a-thon is being sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega this Friday to benefit APO and the Diehl School playground fund. Please sponsor a participant and support Diehl School.

Alpha Phi Omega is collecting Giant Eagle and Loblaws receipts to help Diehl School purchase computers. There are drop boxes in the division offices and in Student Activities. For more information contact Smudge Schmidt through the APO mailbox.

Coffee with the Provost with Dean John M. Lilley will be held in the Reed Seminar Room at 2 pm on Thursday, March 22.

The Collegian Staff: A reminder to attend the meeting in Hammermill 17 at 7 pm on Thursday. All photographers or students interested in taking pictures for *The Collegian* must attend at 6:30 in the same room.

Police Report:

Stolen car found by Police and Safety in campus lot

Student charged for using roommate's phone access code

by Daniele Sadres
Collegian Staff Writer

Behrend police recovered a stolen vehicle parked in the commuter lot by the tennis courts.

On March 7 an officer noticed a vehicle not displaying a Penn State registration sticker parked in the lot. A subsequent investigation by the officer revealed that the vehicle had been stolen from the city of Erie a few days before.

Erie Police were notified and the owner was then contacted to pick up the vehicle later that day.

The victim of the vehicle theft is not a student.

Criminal charges have been filed with the district magistrate against a student charged with using a former roommate's telephone access code to place long distance calls without permission.

The value of the calls is set at \$104.81. The victim was unaware of the telephone calls until a bill arrived over Christmas break.

A smoke bomb in the west stairwell of Perry Hall is believed to have set off the fire alarm on February 23.

Upon the investigation of the Behrend police department, no actual fire was discovered.

After the safety of the building had been established, the residents were allowed to return to their rooms.

On Feb. 22 the janitorial foreman reported that an unknown person or persons removed a chair and clock from rooms in the Hammermill Building.

The chair is a desk chair, chrome with black pads and valued at \$200.00. The clock is a standard wall clock valued at \$35.00.

Award...

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one representative and one company."

Another reason Shields believes Behrend won the national award was the great lengths the Speaker Series goes to involve the faculty, staff and students in the selection process.

"Not only does the selection process make this an outstanding series," Shields said, "but the things we do with the speakers besides the lecture enhance its quality. Dinners, receptions and question and answer sessions let the faculty and students spend some time with them outside the

lecture program."

Shields said many of the schools competing for the award were much larger than Behrend, ranging anywhere from 15,000 to 20,000 students.

When asked if a large speaker series budget played any role in winning the award, he said it wasn't how much you spent, but how you spent what you have.

"We have a thematic series," he continued. "This year's theme was 'Into the 21st Century: issues for the 1990's.' All of the speakers are speaking about issues that will face the nation, the world and individuals in the 1990's."

"Topics for next year's series have already been kicked around by the planning committee.

They've put things down such as genetic engineering, the right to die, legalization of drugs - these are pretty hot topics that are going to face the nation, so we're looking for speakers who can touch on them."

Now that Behrend has the national award for the best speaker series, Shields says the next goal is to hang on to it.

"It's always tough being number one, because people are always watching you to see what you're doing." He added Behrend is already promoting next year's series as the "award-winning Speaker Series" and the title is going to help bring more attention and recognition to Behrend.

Cruz...

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Spanish magazines, radio stations and television.

Politically, Hispanics have made progress in gaining office. Most recently, Mayor Henry Cisneros of San Antonio became the first Hispanic mayor. There are also at least five Hispanic congressmen.

This number could increase if Puerto Rico becomes a state. Such an event would give Puerto

Rico two senators and seven representatives in Congress.

Cruz also spoke of the education system's shortcomings. The most demanding is the need for bilingual teachers.

"Most Hispanic dropouts are directly connected to the language barriers because of the lack of bilingual education," stated Cruz.

One solution she proposed is that existing teachers be retrained to fill the shortage.

Another practice which has been used by some metropolitan school systems is recruiting education students from Puerto Rico.

However, this solution can be short-lived. According to Cruz, prospects are enticed by the money offered and then find that the cost of living is greater than what they expected. To counter act this, Cruz has helped to establish a "preservice" or an internship.

As for the large high school dropout rate among Hispanics, Cruz said parents should take a greater responsibility in encouraging their children from an early age.

"Save them when they can be saved," stated Cruz.

Correction

In the February 21 edition of *The Collegian* there were three misspellings in the "Undergraduate research ..." article. The correct spellings are: Dr. George Stefano; Dr. Larry Eckroat; and neuroimmunomodulation. We regret the errors.

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Workshop: How to Conduct a Job Search	Mar 16	11:00 am Reed Conference Room
National Fuel Gas On-Campus Recruiter	Mar 21	Placement Office
Humanities and Social Science Alumni Career Panel	Mar 21	4:00-6:00 pm Reed 117