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Feminist Steinem speaks of a truly democratic nation

Advocates greater freedom in the workplace and household

by Lea Gotch
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Gloria Steinem, consulting editor of Ms. magazine and well-known author and feminist, delivered a speech entitled "Women: The New Immigrants" last Thursday night in Erie Hall.

Steinem began by explaining that feminism is the equality between men and women of all ages and races. She pointed out that we shouldn't forget how recent it was that the majority of this country's population was not definable as human beings.

"The question before us this evening for the future is really how can we perfect this democracy and...fully integrate the females...who are the single largest group of psychic immigrants in what is still a patriarchy," said Steinem.

She cited five points that must be accomplished for the United States to be a true democracy.

The first point was reproductive freedom.

She explained that reproductive freedom includes the right to have or not to have children, protection for someone that does not want to have an



Hello my name is... Maurica George, president of Behrend's Women Today Club, meets Gloria Steinem, editor of Ms. magazine
photo by Audrey Acosta

abortion as well as someone that does, and improvements in childbirth conditions.

In reference to human sexuality as a means of expressing affection she said, "To say sexuality is okay only inside marriage and directed to having children is like saying that you can have freedom of speech but can only say one thing."

Also, Steinem said that we should understand the parallels between sex and race in the fight for equality.

"It is not possible for white women to be free without the freedom of men and women of color," she said.

Secondly, she called for a redefinition and reevaluation of work. Homemakers work harder than anyone and get paid the least amount of money she said.

The third point is the democratization of the family.

"We can't have a democratic state until we have a democratic family," she said.

Cause of last Wednesday's power outage is still being investigated

Mechanical failure suspected

by Tony Olivito
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The cause of last Tuesday night's power failure which left most of Behrend without electricity for over three hours is still being investigated.

The incident occurred at 9:43 pm in one of the underground lines located under the sidewalk between the 700 and 800 block of apartment buildings. Several people reported hearing "loud bangs" at this time, according to Randy Hoffman, head of Police and Safety.

Apparently the problem was mechanical in nature, according to John Ream, director of operations. Such systems are man-made and are likely to have glitches.

An official at Pennsylvania Electric Company (PENNELEC) replied likewise that it was a mechanical failure.

It was the second outage this school year. The other occurring October 24, 1989 was caused by a faulty cable splice.

The splice, which connects two electric lines, blew apart, forcing a man hole cover off.

The lines are owned and maintained by PENNELEC.

Power was temporarily restored at 1 am Wednesday morning to all areas of the campus except the apartments, according to Hoffman.

Then, at 6:20 am power was shut down on the entire campus so that the line supplying power to the apartments could be connected.

Hoffman stated students were familiar with the situation "having experienced it once before," and the incident was more of a nuisance for students this time.

He said because of the power outage phone service was down, preventing students from receiving or making telephone calls.

Some teachers who had scheduled tests for Wednesday morning gave them at a later time.

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No wake-up call: Larry Rondinelli, 4th semester education major, sleeping away the day (see photo feature on page 9) photo by Mike Schell

Fraternity's court hearing results in concessions

by Tony Olivito
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The defense and prosecution involved in the Sigma Kappa Nu fraternity raid last month met and agreed to a disorderly conduct charge before yesterday's hearing at the Northeast Municipal Building, according to District Justice Abate.

The underage drinking charges also filed against the fraternity that night were dropped.

Each person who was ticketed paid \$102 in fines and court costs.

Names of those who were involved are "not a matter of public record" and can not be released, according to Abate.