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Defective heater was responsible for Niagara evacuation

Students evacuated three times in 12 hour period

by Lea Gotch
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The evacuation of Niagara Hall last Friday afternoon was the result of an overheated wall heater that set off the heat detector.

Gary Postlewaite, deputy chief of the Brookside Fire Department said, "We received a call for smoke in the building and responded with one engine and mutual aid from Wesleyville, Lawrence Park, Kuhl Hose, and Belle Valley [fire departments]." That is the standard response to a call from Behrend.

Postlewaite said that on arrival at Behrend, Police and Safety informed them that the heater was the probable cause. "We determined this to be true," said Postlewaite.

The smoke that had been



Wrap it up: Brookside volunteers clean up after responding to Niagara Hall's alarm last Friday *photo by Rick Brooks*

reported was the result of overheated coils in the wall heater.

"When my people went in, the smoke had dissipated," said Postlewaite.

Campus police evacuated Niagara Hall three times in twelve hours last week to investigate recorded fire alarms.

According to Randy Hoffman, manager of Police and Safety, the

first alarm was recorded at 2:57 pm Wednesday. Investigation revealed that the alarm was triggered by smoke caused by a faulty wall heater located on the first floor near the west entrance. The heater was repaired, and the building was reopened.

The second alarm was recorded at 12:05 am Thursday. Police discovered that a pull station on the third floor of the men's wing

had been activated. No evidence of fire or smoke was found.

The third alarm was recorded at 1:35 am Thursday. Again, no evidence of fire or smoke was found, but officers were unable to find evidence of a deliberate false alarm.

Hoffman reported that evacuations, in each case, were orderly and lasted about 20 to 30 minutes.

Alpha Sigma Lambda inducts new members

by Rob Farnham
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Behrend's chapter of Alpha Sigma Lambda, an honor society for continuing education students, inducted eight new members last Tuesday evening.

Those inducted were Geoffrey L. Emery, Ruth C. Pflueger, Nicole D. Stanger, Kristin Winnen-Smith, and Diana L. Ziemniak.

Also joining ASL, but unable to attend the ceremony, were M. Leigh Lutz, Donald G. Regulski, and Vicki J. Roberts.

The event was held in the Memorial Room of the Glenhill Farmhouse.

Dean of Student Services Chris Reber welcomed the participants and described continuing education students as a "great asset," praising their "unique contributions" to Behrend.

After the formal induction, carried out by Michael Omelian, Paula Mallin, Denise Blass, and Kenneth Nagel, guest speakers Dr. Louanne Barton and Frederick R. Anzivino made their

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Day of recognition: Ruth Pflueger, Nicole Stanger and Diana Ziemniak were among those honored by Alpha Sigma Lambda *photo by Mike Schell*

University examines day care

Behrend ranks third neediest of the 22 campuses

by Jennifer Flanagan
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Penn State University, in response to recommendations suggested in a comprehensive report conducted by the Penn State Women's Commission, has established a child care task force to address the child care issue at every Penn State campus.

According to Chris Reber, dean of student services, "Prior to this report and study, the University's policy was really...we'll assist the community in any way we can, but we will not get involved in providing direct services." The task force recommended a new policy...which says 'no longer can we take that approach, we need to be directly involved in facilitating familial relationships'...."

In addition to the University task force, Behrend College has established a task force as well to address problems specifically in the Behrend community.

Carolyn Spies, professor of psychology, said, "There is definitely a need for child care among students, faculty and staff."

In fact the needs assessment report compiled by the UP task force has found Behrend campus to be number three out of 22 campuses in order of relative need for child care.

Pictures for the Provost

Spies is working on the "Pictures for the Provost" campaign which was initiated in order to "personalize the issue through stories and pictures which will perhaps have a more persuasive effect since the statistics we've gathered haven't been to persuasive."

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