

Behrend briefs

"Showtime at the Reed" sponsored by ABC will be held October 27 from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Reed 117. You must sign up in the ABC office by Thursday, October 11 with registration fee of \$5 per act. Prizes will be \$50 first, \$25 second, \$15 third. For more information call Kim at 6742.

Lion Ambassadors are sponsoring an essay contest "What Makes Behrend Special." There is a \$50 prize awarded. Essays are due by 5 p.m., October 19 at the Rub desk. Contact JoAnne at 6942 for more information.

Communication Honor Society, Lambda Pi Eta will hold a meeting for all members and those interested in joining on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Reed Conference Room. For more information contact Quinn Solem at 454-2221.

The Computer Center is offering training sessions to students, faculty, staff and administration October 8 - 18. Please call or stop by the Computer Center for more information or to sign up for a seminar.

Accounting Club will meet every Thursday at 8:30 p.m. in Reed 116. This week: The do's and don'ts of campus interviewing.

Volleyball night sponsored by IVCF will be held this Saturday at the Wesley Center. We will be meeting at 7 p.m. in the Wintergarden if anyone needs a ride. Contact Steven Smith at 6676.

JRC Flower Sale for Sweetest Day will be held October 8-10 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Reed. Roses are \$1.50 each and carnations are \$1. They will be delivered on October 18.

T-Shirt Design Voting will be held on Tuesday, October 9 from noon to 4 p.m. in the Wintergarden and from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the residence halls. Contact Mike Adams at 825-2725 or the JRC office at 6297 for more information.

Crop walk for world hunger is being held Sunday Oct. 14 beginning at 2 p.m. from the Waldameer parking lot. Contact the Campus Ministry office at 6245 for sponsor sheets and envelopes.

Applications for the 1991-92 Resident Assistant staff are now available in the Office of Student Services. There will be a mandatory informational meeting on Monday, October 15 at 9 p.m. in Reed 117. Deadline for applications is Friday, October 19 at 5 p.m. Call 6111 for more details.

Kuwait: A 2nd Vietnam? Information discussion about the invasion of Kuwait will be held Wednesday, October 10 at 8 p.m. in Perry Lobby.

Emerging Leader Series: "Decoding the University Maze: How to Cut Through the Red Tape" will be held Wednesday, September 26 at noon in Reed 116.

Alpha Phi Omega has distributed boxes in Student Activities, Division of Science, and Division of Humanities offices to collect Campbell soup labels and Giant Eagle and Loblaws receipts to benefit Diehl School.

Due to the large number of Briefs entering our office, will have to go by a first come, first serve program. We can not guarantee your brief will be printed every week. All briefs have to be in by noon the Tuesday before publication. Your copy must include the date and time that the brief is turned in.

Police report:

Three-car collision in Lawrence lot; wallet stolen from student's car

Last Wednesday Police and Safety investigated a hit-and-run accident to a student's vehicle, which was parked in the C-lot. When the student arrived at her home, she noticed her vehicle had been hit.

Also on Wednesday Police and Safety investigated a three-car traffic accident in F-lot. Minor damage was reported to all three vehicles and None of the drivers were charged.

On Monday a student reported that his truck was hit while parked in B-lot. Upon further investigation, it appeared that another vehicle had made too wide of a turn into the lot and struck the student's vehicle. The truck was damaged on the passenger side just in front of the rear tire and sustained minor

damage.

Criminal Mischief

Last Tuesday an employee reported that when she returned to her car she discovered a flat tire. She also reported that a similar incident had occurred earlier this year. The tire had been checked for a leak with negative results.

On Thursday, Sept 27, Police and Safety officers discovered a male walking along Station Rd. with two signs. When questioned, the male dropped the signs and ran. The signs were later returned to the owner.

False Alarm

Last Saturday Police and Safety responded to a fire alarm in Perry Hall. Upon arrival officers smelled smoke on the second floor, but its source could not be discovered. Officers determined that the fire alarm was set off intentionally and the incident is still under investigation.

Wallet Stolen

On Monday a student reported that his wallet and cash were stolen from his car while parked on campus. He said that the wallet was taken from the dashboard of his car and the contents were scattered about. The incident is under investigation.

Forum addresses white-bashing

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The discussion focused on white-bashing and the Penn State policy on diversity. Although numerous comments were made on varying racial issues, no set answer was found.

The general consensus at the end of the evening, however, was that a communication problem exists between all of the different groups. The solutions proposed by numerous students were: more education on cultural history and background about different ethnic groups, and a change in attitude. As one student put it, "drop it [the diversity issue] and start looking at each other equally."

After an introduction by George and Wiley, student Von Cousin opened the discussion by relating a friend's view that "diversity is blown out of proportion." Then another student asked if special programs for whites and blacks didn't add to the segregation of minorities.

Chris Reber, in response to the above question, said, "One on one contact is the most broadening and enriching...and there are no single efforts or universal answers." Reber also urged people of all groups to "take initiative to get to know others who are different."

When the questions turned to white discrimination, students focused on the communication problem between groups. Several students also commented on being "blamed" or discriminated against for being white. One student commented that people viewed him as having "a greater economic advantage" as a white, and he disagreed.

Other whites shared examples of discriminatory acts against them in reference to companies that must allegedly meet

minority quotas for jobs.

A question was also raised about incentive scholarships for black students at Penn State. However, Dean Lilley was quick to point out that black students are not paid for their grades, and many scholarships do exist for whites and other minorities.

On the opposing side, another student declared that "whites should be blamed [for the hardships of minorities]." The same student also said, "We whites don't take enough blame. Have we ever changed our attitudes?"

One student commented that "there is a lot of racism you can't see." Suggestions were then made to "keep minds open and start growing to accept everyone and pass it on to our children." Further advice was to "read and stop going on hearsay. Get the facts."

One R.A. told her story of how she tried to learn about and befriend some minority students, but said she was frustrated in her attempts. She stated that, "It is up to everyone as a whole to be aware of each other's background.

Why keep separate? Get together for a positive reason."

While some students felt it was difficult for whites and blacks to intermingle, others felt that whites never made the attempt. One minority student in particular asked for people to "try to put yourself in the place of a minority."

Dr. Michael Ichiyama, a psychology professor at Behrend, stated that, "Racism is on the rise again." He also said that at Behrend, "the open atmosphere about diversity is a delusion."

One student urged everyone to go to the meetings of other ethnic groups and to get involved because "the worst thing out of it is that you'll learn something different."

Another challenge was issued for each person to meet someone culturally different and to leave the discussion with someone racially different.

Dr. George urged any students interested in mandating diversity courses at Penn State to contact their local administrators and faculty to, in turn, pressure University Park officials.

Behrend purchases land for athletic fields

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intramural sports use. The land is presently owned by the New England Province of the Mission, a religious order from West Hartford, Conn.

According to John Lilley, provost and dean, the new land will be used varsity athletic fields while the existing athletic fields will be dedicated to

A date for finalization of the sale has not yet been determined.