

students benefit from college role models

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student clubs and organizations came forward and said 'we'd like to adopt a class'."

According to Trenkle, some of the clubs and organizations did not work out because of the lack of commitment, while others worked out very well. "It all depended on the students involved," she said.

A questionnaire was sent out to all participating Diehl teachers at the end of the 1990 spring semester to gauge their opinion about what can be improved and what should be changed.

Some of the comments received were things such as lack of commitment on the part of some of the clubs and organizations. Teachers also wanted to see more minority students from Behrend involved in the program.

Teachers were pleased with the one on one attention the children at Diehl received and how they looked up to Behrend students as role models.

Overall, teachers felt that with more preparation and formal organization the program would be a success.

"Based on our experience last year," Trenkle said, "we've decided to put more structure into the program."

This year Behrend has two separate programs. Twice a week, Behrend students go to Diehl for tutoring sessions. There are 44 Behrend volunteers and they are asked to go seven out of the eleven weeks that the program runs.

Trenkle said that they made the tutoring sessions more formally structured so that the teachers could count on a supply of tutors every week.

The other program Behrend is participating in this year is again having clubs and organizations each adopt a particular grade.

This year however, very specific guidelines were given for the Behrend students to follow. They have to conduct at least four

activities over the course of the school year, two per semester.

At least one of these activities has to include academic enrichment.

The preschool was adopted by Zeta Beta Tau fraternity. Gary Lemanski who is in charge of the program for Zeta Beta Tau said "Last year we just went in once a week and played with the kids.

This year we talked to the teacher to try and make it more formal.

"We're going to the classroom to do a rhythm exercise, so we got a copy of 'Hokey Pokey' for that. We've got an art project coming up and we're going to be going over to help carve pumpkins for Halloween."

Alpha Sigma Tau sorority adopted the kindergarten. Lisa Krahe, president of Alpha Sigma Tau, said some of the activities they have planned are a Halloween party, face painting and an Easter egg hunt.

First grade was adopted by Lambda Sigma. Sue Cepicka, Secretary of Lambda Sigma said, "what we want to do is have a Halloween safety program where we will talk to them about what they should and shouldn't eat and those kind of things.

"We want to help the kids make their own costumes, we were thinking of dressing them all up as little Indians and maybe walking them around the dorms. We haven't received an okay from Diehl teachers yet so that's what we're waiting for," she said.

Lion Ambassadors adopted 2nd grade. Melissa Pavlock, president of Lion Ambassadors said that "on Oct. 23rd we are having a nature walk with Mr. Tucker. Afterwards we're doing leaf prints in the Wintergreen cafe.

"Because our membership is down this semester we're only doing one project. Next semester we'll have more members so we plan to do between three and five projects."

Alpha Phi Omega has adopted the third grade. They also

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Burning up: Two Behrend students watch a bonfire sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega Friday night at Niagara field.

sponsor a Girl and Boy of the week program. A certificate is given to a girl and boy from rotating classrooms who were selected by their teacher for areas such as good attendance, most improved, best attitude or academics.

The fourth grade was adopted by the Honors Program: Several honor students are participating in the Diehl tutoring program. On October 19th, they are having a fall leaf walk through the gorge.

On October 29th they are going to Diehl for pumpkin carving. Some time in November, they are going to Diehl to make Christmas Ornaments with the students.

The fifth grade was adopted by the Association of Black Collegians. They plan to do a Halloween party during which they will teach safety tips regarding Halloween.

ABC is also planning a career day on November 7th and on

December 4th they are doing a program on giving and sharing to teach the kids about the value of sharing.

SADD, Commuter Council, and Psychology club adopted the Learning Disability and Educable Mentally Retarded classes.

Scott Ostrovecky, president of SADD, said "we visit the classrooms twice a week and the students read to us. We sign a paper saying they've completed the book."

Edythe Potter, president of Psychology club, added that on October 31st from 11:00 to 1:p.m. they are going to Diehl for a Halloween party. They are thinking of bringing the students up to Behrend for lunch as well."

In addition to the individual student clubs' and organizations' involvement Behrend also sponsors other activities.

The concert choir did a Christmas program last year which was well received. Trenkle said they hope to have both the

choir the pep band do performances again this year.

One past activity that went over very well at Diehl was a sports demonstration by Behrend's athletic teams. After the demonstrations the teams talked to the children about what it means to be a college athlete.

The activity that is most popular with the Diehl students is the honors luncheon at Dobbins Hall. Every quarter, all the students who made honor role come to Behrend for lunch.

Rewers said, "the honors luncheon is a real big hit. The children love it. They dress the part and everything."

Trenkle adds, "Apparently they came back from that and were like 'Wow!' They could choose whatever they wanted. From what I heard they really loaded their trays."

Rewers said, "what's amazing to me is how impressed Diehl students are with Penn State students."

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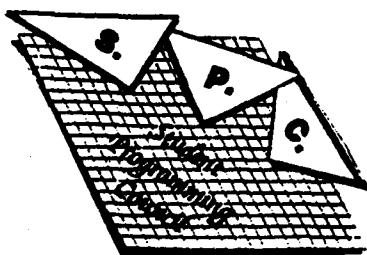
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