

Poet Ostriker to speak

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Alicia Ostriker, author of seven volumes of poetry, will give a reading of her work on Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Reed Lecture hall. She will also present a lecture, "The Bible and the Feminist Imagination," Tuesday November 13 at Noon in the Studio Theatre.

Ostriker has been called the most intelligent and lyric American poet by the Iowa Review and in 1986 she won the William Carlos Award for her book *The Imaginary Lover*.

Perhaps her greatest praise came from critic Anthony Hecht who proclaimed Ostriker to be of the same caliber of Emily Dickinson.

Her most recent collection of poems, *The Mother/Child Papers*, has been received with critical acclaim. Maxine Kumin called Ostriker's poetry "an essential part of our history." And American Poetry Review said Ostriker's latest book "Details the achievement of a connection between personal history and public fact as both present themselves to a very intelligent writer."

As a critic Ostriker is the author of *Vision and Verse in William Blake* and the editor of *Blake's Complete Poems*. She has also written and published several essays on women poets.

Both the poetry reading and the lecture are free and open to the public and a reception will follow each.



Lambda Pi Eta sets plans for the future

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Surovic, account coordinator for Ted Benson Associates of Erie, and Paula Penco of Eric CableVision. Both are Behrend alumni.

The first speaker in the series, Phil Fatica, a news anchor at WSEE TV Channel 35, will appear tonight at 7 p.m. in the Reed Conference room. Dubbed "Night of the Living Communication Major," the evening will be of interest to those majoring in communication, although all are invited to attend. A brief meeting for the members of Lambda Pi Eta will follow.

According to Lambda Pi Eta Vice-President Melissa Illig, the organization's main goal is "to promote communication skills and help members achieve personal and career goals."

Quinn Solem, president of Lambda Pi Eta, echoes Illig's feelings about the role of the organization. "A main goal of the organization is to encourage scholarship in the field of communication," he said.

Membership in Lambda Pi Eta is not restricted to Communication majors. Anyone having more than 45 total credits with a 3.0 overall GPA and 3.25

GPA in nine credits of communication classes may join.

Solem pointed out the reason for Lambda Pi Eta's existence: "Communication skills aren't just for TV and radio employees. Everyone needs to communicate effectively."

Solem hopes that "this organization will fill the gap between theory and application of communication principles, and create a better understanding of the role of communication."

The organization is recognized by the National Speech Communication Association, and gives members nation-wide visibility.

It also provides members with experience for graduate school or a career in communication.

Solem presented a paper which used the linguistic theory of cluster criticism to analyze several diaries written by a young woman moving West in 1852. His presentation was given at University Park on October 22, this year's site of the annual meeting of the Speech Communication Association of Pennsylvania.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Lambda Pi Eta, call Dr. Rod Troester at 898-6442 for more information.

Bowl-A-Thon

This Saturday, November 10, Behrend's Delta Chi Fraternity is sponsoring a Bowl-A-Thon at the Eastway Lanes from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The proceeds will benefit the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwestern Pennsylvania. Delta Chi is hoping to help out the food bank enough to give the

hungry and homeless people of Erie a good meal during Thanksgiving.

Last year Delta Chi sponsored a similar event and raised \$2,000 for a child who needed an open heart surgery. This year the fraternity hopes to bring in even more money to benefit the needy in the Erie area.



(Editor's note: *WIRE* is a new feature designed to keep you informed of what's happening around the country and the world. While this week's focus is at the collegiate level, *WIRE* will bring you news on international relations, politics, the environment and events that affect your life.)

Murder case to reopen

INDIANA, Pa. (CPS) Indiana County officials say they want to exhume the body of an Indiana University of Pennsylvania student who was found dead Oct. 21, 1987, then judged to have died from drinking too much alcohol.

Officials say they suspect student Jack Davis, Jr., may have been the victim of foul play.

Meanwhile, police in Gainesville, Fla., who have yet to charge anyone with the August murders of five college students despite having followed some 5,000 leads, have begun stopping and taking the thumbprints of people passing through the neighborhoods where the tragedies occurred.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Florida may challenge the roadblocks in court, saying they amount to unlawful search and seizure of innocent passersby.

Excessive force used

LOWER OXFORD, Pa. (CPS) Lincoln University administrators said state police overreacted when they searched campus dormitories for students who had been involved in fights at a rap concert on Oct. 27.

About 50 state, local and campus police, some dressed in riot gear and armed with shotguns and nightsticks, sought members of the audience of 2,500 students and guests who had been "orderly and lively," until someone sprayed a chemical like tear gas into the crowd and people rushed for the doors. Seven people were injured and no one was arrested.

"The alarming presence and display of firearms (by police) was uncalled for by circumstances," university officials said in a prepared statement.

Nontraditional olympics

LAFAYETTE, Ind. (CPS) As part of its Homecoming festivities, Purdue University students organized what they hoped would become an annual "Senior Sleep" by a campus fountain.

Only two seniors showed up for the Oct. 19 slumber party, which campus officials okayed after organizers agreed to purge it of alcoholic beverages, tents, and to bring only "sleeping bags and warm clothes that do not deface the property."

"So much tradition has been lost," senior Chris Cline told the Purdue Exponent, the student paper. "We are trying to bring it back."

Purdue students, however, also annually engage in a mid-January "Nude Olympics," in which participants clad only in socks and running shoes try to streak across campus before university officials, who have banned the event, can identify and ultimately punish them.