

Behrend Briefs

College and Universities Public Relations Association of Pennsylvania will issue an award for \$1,000. Pick up an application in the Financial Aid Office. It must be postmarked by Feb. 22.

Junker Leadership Scholarship applications are now available in the Financial Aid Office and in the Student Activities Office. The deadline is March 5.

Native Americans and Canadian Indians enrolled in 2 MET or 2 EET may apply for \$1,000 scholarship offered by The Council of Three Rivers American Indian Center. For more information contact the Financial Aid Office.

Garden Club Federation of Pa. is offering scholarships to Pa. residents in agricultural related fields. The deadline is March 1. For more information contact the Financial Aid Office.

Commencement for Spring 1991 graduates will be held on Saturday, May 18, at 12 noon. Undergraduate caps and gowns are \$14 and must be ordered from the Bookstore by Monday, April 1.

A Chemical Dependency support group will begin meeting on Wednesdays from 4 to 6 pm in the downstairs classroom of Erie Hall. For more information call Dr. Louanne Barton at 898-6164

The United Way is seeking Hotline volunteers. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older, and must commit to 10 hours/month for one year. For more information contact Bonnie Cummings at 453-5656.

Lambda Sigma Honor's Society is beginning its' selection process for membership for the 1991-92 school year. Contact Mrs. Mester at 6207 for more information.

A Math Anxiety Reduction Workshop on Thursday, Feb. 21, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Behrend 118. Contact Dr. Cupillari at 898-6310 or 899-0609 for more information.

Trumpet Soloist, Robert Howard, will be performing Thursday, Feb. 21, at 8 p.m. in Reed 117. He will be playing selections from the baroque, classical, and contemporary eras.

Study Abroad Anyone? The deadline for applying to PSU Education Abroad Programs for spring semester 1992 is March 1. Contact Mari Trenkle in the Glenhill Farmhouse at 898-6160.

Over 1500 New Graduates from 31 Western Pennsylvania colleges and universities will have the opportunity to be interviewed by potential employers at the Third Annual WestPACS Job Fair on Thursday, March 7 at the ExpoMart in Monroeville, PA.

Leading Baritone, Robert Orth, will be singing selections from *Don Quichotte A. Dulcinee* and much more. He will be performing at 8 p.m. on Thursday Feb. 21 in the Ford Chapel At Allegheny College. Admission is free.

ABC will be presenting "The Race II: Now and Forever," which focuses on black history, on Monday, Feb. 25, in Reed 117 at 8 p.m. Admission is free.

All Commu 001 students and members of The Collegian staff must attend the weekly staff meetings at 8 pm on Thursdays in room 123 of the Science Building.

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Behrend students help with income taxes



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Adding it up: Dan Squeglia (left), an 8th semester accounting major, helps Joe Al Bebko fill out his income tax forms at the Wesleyville Borough Hall.

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For many Americans, filing annual income tax returns can be a frustrating process. Help is available, however, for taxpayers who need assistance completing the complex tax forms.

Approximately 25 accounting students from Behrend are volunteering their services through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, a nation-wide system which last year aided more than one million

taxpayers.

"We want people to come out and get help," explained James Voss, instructor of accounting at Behrend. "Our student volunteers are anxious to provide assistance."

Voss, who spearheads the Behrend group of VITA, believes the program provides a valuable service to the Erie community. "We are offering a free service that any taxpayer can take advantage of," Voss said.

"Our students have taken numerous courses in tax and accounting and have had specific

training before entering the VITA program," he continued. Students staff sites throughout the Erie area, answering questions about tax returns and completing necessary tax forms.

Locations include the Conrad House, the Wesleyville Borough office, the Booker T. Washington Center, the Lawrence Park Township building, and several branches of the Erie Library System.

These sites, which are stocked with various IRS tax forms, will continue to operate through April 15.

Co-dependency expert highlights wellness week

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Even when the alcoholic has stopped drinking, families often remain dysfunctional and co-dependent for several generations, Smith teaches. Having treated more than 10,000 co-dependents, Caron Family Services' five-day program serves as a model for treatment programs evolving across the country.

Smith is the author of "Treatment Issues for Addicted

Adult Children from Alcoholic Families." "Grandchildren of Alcoholics: Another Generation of Co-Dependency," and is currently working on a new book which deals with perfectionism. Smith has given interviews for ABC's "Nightline" NBC's "1986", "US Magazine", and has been the featured presenter at numerous regional and national conferences.

Smith will be the featured

speaker for Penn State-Behrend's "Drug Awareness Week" which begins on Feb. 25. Other highlights include guitarist Marty O'Conner, Julie Marrow demonstrating therapeutic touch, Marie Spaeder exploring "Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain," and much more. All speaker series and cultural events at the College are free and open to the public.

Police Report

Rings stolen from Erie Hall

Police and Safety officers are investigating an apparent ring theft from Erie Hall. A student reported that she left two rings on a set of bleachers during class and could not find them later. The rings have not been turned into Lost and Found and officers are continuing their investigation.

Harrassment

Last Monday a student

reported receiving several annoying telephone calls over the weekend. Officers are continuing their investigation.

Extinguisher Discharged

Housing and Food Service is charging second floor Niagara residents for a discharged fire extinguisher after Police and Safety officers failed to find

anyone who possibly heard or saw anything. The incident was reported by a student on the second floor.

Stolen Disks

Officers are still investigating a student's report of stolen computer disks from the Computer Center this past Monday.