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White Out kills 33 students Wednesday

by Danielle M. Murphy
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"It was a bad reminder," said Don Perry, a second semester civil engineering major, "The White-Out makes you realize how stupid drinking and driving is."

Every seventeen minutes, someone is killed in an alcohol-related automobile accident. To symbolize this and generate a greater awareness of drunk driving fatalities, resident assistants, Yvette Bruguera and Danette Parrett, in conjunction with the Residence Life Staff coordinated Behrend's first White-Out on Wednesday, February 24. To represent the victims of drunk driving accidents, members of Alpha Sigma Alpha, Kappa Delta Rho, and the Behrend Service Group had their faces whited-out every seventeen minutes on Wednesday.

"The White-Out is a good idea because our sorority (ASA) doesn't believe in drinking and

driving," said Glee Jesteadt, a sixth semester communication major "It's okay to have a good time. Just be safe about it and take care of your friends."

Most students felt the White-Out had a positive effect on attitudes towards drinking and driving. "It has a big impact on you," said Tom Pheasant, a fourth semester electrical engineering major.

"It's effective if people can see it and be made aware of it," said Susan Lynch, a sixth semester psychology major.

Some students felt that the White-Out did not reach a large enough audience. "Personally, I don't think some people knew why it was going on," said Shawn Gallagher, an eighth semester communication major.

To improve next year's White-Out, which will be held during National Collegiate Alcohol

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Here's lookin' at ya: Police and Safety Officer David Leasher conducts a sobriety test on T.J. Cochis as Eric Pine and friends look on.

Flood warning

by Gary Johnson
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Who said the suites were a better choice than the residence halls? At least the dorms don't leak.

Beginning with a dribble back in December 1992, the suites resumed their annual leaking with the thawing of the snow.

**"I'm very upset about this. I didn't pay tuition to have my room flooded."
--Foluso Oguntoyinbo
Second semester science major**

"The contractor who built the suites thought that the problem was corrected after last year," said James Bowen, Director of Housing and Food Services.

"Last year, the flooding wasn't as bad. With the flooding this year, we have responded by giving the residents an option to go to vacancies in the

apartments. I don't know if there will be any monetary compensation."

The students' reactions weren't quite as calm.

"I'm very upset about this. I didn't pay tuition to have my room flooded. What really bothers me is that they knew about this before and didn't fix it. They shouldn't have put us in this room. I think they are really ignorant," said Foluso Oguntoyinbo, a second semester science major.

According to Bowen, the contractor said that the flooding is probably due to ice buildup on the entrance roofs, causing a dam that makes the water back up and leak into the structure.

Fourth semester psychology major Kristi Rhodes said, "I have no room to store anything. We need boots to turn on the heater in our room. It smells musty and it's just really irritating. I'm not looking forward to moving in with three strangers in the apartments, and my roommate and I can't even be together."

Ethnic education

Diversity series teaches students about other cultures

by Rob Moffett
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Behrend's Diversity Series of events has been going on since August, and has almost come to a close. The program is designed to expose the students of Behrend and the community to the heritage and talents of societies which they may not be part of otherwise.

February has been dedicated to Black History, although the events of the Diversity Series began in August.

Shields said, "The goals of the program are to introduce music, theatre, poetry, and performances of other countries and cultures to Behrend and the community."

David Shields states, "the purpose of the series is to highlight different cultures." Shields continued that during the course of the year, there are eighteen events representing about thirty different cultures, ranging from African-American to Hispanic to Irish.

The events are scheduled as

There were even students just passing through the Reed building will get a taste of what is being offered. Events have been moved from lecture halls into the Wintergreen Cafe so more than just those who plan to go will be exposed.

Shields stated that most of the larger events draw around one to two-hundred people, but more students could benefit from the Diversity Series.

There are only three events remaining on the year. An open-forum lecture series called "Racism in Society" will be held on March 17th.

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—David Shields

The forum is set up in a talk-show format, where there is one mediator and microphones enabling the audience to get involved in the discussion.

Scheduled for April 2nd is Friday Fiesta. As the name suggests, it is focusing on Hispanic cultures. The Fiesta is sponsored by the Organization of Latin-American Students. One of the features of the event will be a dance instruction segment. The dancers will teach students different dances and their significance.

Finally, on Wednesday, April 7th, will be the Cultural Fiesta, held in the Reed Lobby from 11am to 5pm. This event will feature the music, food, and clothing from thirty cultures all