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We're Back and Better Than Ever!

Erin Holm, Editor-In-Chief

After a hiatus, The Tower is back with all new staff and more promise than ever. We believe that it is very important for a college to have a newspaper, for it can be a main resource in bringing about a bigger sense of community on campus. A newspaper can inform everyone on and off campus about upcoming events and important issues. We are very aware that the flyers put in your mailboxes, and the papers which get hung around campus, are often not even glanced at, so we're hoping to give you a more fresh and entertaining view of Beaver College...um...Arcadia University...We have decided that since this newspaper is for you, the readers, we wanted our first article to introduce us, your staff:

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February Is Not Just About Hearts and Candy

Andrea Hosage
Staff Writer

February is Black History Month. This is a fact. What many people do not know is when and how Black History Month came into existence. It seems that to fully encompass and appreciate the celebration of Black History Month, one needs to carefully review the social status in the Western world, especially in North America prior to 1926, when Black History Month was established.

Between the years of 1619 and 1926, African-Americans were considered by mainstream America to be fractions of human beings. Surprisingly, the academic community felt no different than the majority of American citizens. They felt as though African-Americans lacked any intelligence and, scholarship, especially that which dealt with humanity. Therefore, segregation, peonage, slavery and lynching were justifiable actions. It has been estimated that between the years of 1890 and 1925 an African-American was lynched every two and a half days.

Out from under all of this horror and atrocity, a hero emerged. His name was Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson, an

African-American scholar who decided to lead the way to the truth and the struggle to institutionalize what was then referred to as, "Negro History Week." Dr. Woodson, along with the help of other African-American scholars, as well as a few white scholars, launched the "Negro History Week" onto a serious platform. They held symposia, exhibitions, and lectures, which helped climax the scientific study of African-American history and its balance to World history. In February of 1926, Black History Month was established, and in the December 1977 issue of the Western Journal of Black Studies, Ralph L. Crowder states, "It is no longer sufficient to devote the entire month to the celebration of great Negro contributions to the American mainstream."

So, the question is, how does this relate to the Beaver/Arcadia community? To find this out, I decided to talk to Davirah Timm-Dinkins, director of the Office of Multi-Cultural Affairs, one afternoon. According to Ms. Timm-Dinkins, "Black History Month is the staple event of the office. It is the oldest and most recognized month within the community, not to mention that the relationship between African-American students and the office is the most historical on campus."

While chatting with Ms. Timm-Dinkins, we got to discussing some important figures of African-American history and I wanted to know whom she thought about during this special month. "Garret Morgan and Charles Drew are two figures that I think about everyday," says Ms. Timm-Dinkins. "These two men are as important as other well-known figures, if not more important because they invented items that are used everyday. I bet you didn't know that Garret Morgan invented the gas mask and the three-way traffic light, and that Charles Drew discovered that blood plasma lasts longer than whole blood and he was also a leading pioneer in the development of blood banks. These are two African-American men that should be remembered this month because of their contributions to society. It is not only inventors and important African-Americans that need to be remembered and thought of, I also think about single-mothers and impoverished families that are struggling to put their children through college, to get them a better education, or to give them a better life than they had. Everyday people who are living out Martin Luther King, Jr.'s dream need to be remembered and they deserve respect

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Meet the Editor...

Erin Holm is an education major with a communication minor. She enjoys writing, hanging out with her friends and boyfriend. Her favorite color is purple. Erin recently moved from Hamilton, New Jersey to Easton, Pennsylvania.



I Will Never Study Abroad

Steph String
Staff Writer

That is what I said when I applied to Beaver College. I didn't even consider it a factor in deciding to attend and I practically forgot about it once I arrived. I mean, why would anyone want to spend an entire semester away from their friends and family? They'd have to be completely crazy right? Well apparently I lost my mind sometime in November when I applied at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia! Anyone that knows me well understands that it was not a last minute decision or one that I made easily. It was, however, one I made after countless conversations and quite a few tearful talks with my parents. I weighed the pros and cons (yes I even made a list) and decided that it was the chance of a lifetime. When else would I be able to spend five months in another country living independently while meeting lots of new people and experiencing a completely different culture? Once I realized this and understood that my true friends would still be there for me when I got home, I decided that studying abroad was an opportunity that I could not pass up without regretting it forever. I'm not saying that I'm not nervous about being so far away for so long, I'm saying that I think the experience will be worth it and will change my life!

I guess my main reason for writing this article is to tell students to keep an open mind. I never thought I would go and deal with all the changes, but as my wise roommate once told me, "The only thing permanent is change," and it's true. I'm scheduled to depart on February 15th. With each e-mail that I receive from someone in the group of students from other colleges that are going, I get more and more excited!

I will be writing a series of articles for The Tower once I arrive in Australia. I hope by telling everyone about the emotions and experiences I'm going through, I'll be able to encourage others to take the risk and make it easier for them to decide to study abroad!

Also, if anyone has any questions about studying abroad, feel free to email me at STRING_7@hotmail.com.

Times Are A Changin'...

Julie Strange
Staff Writer

... and so is our name. As you probably already know and are getting sick of hearing, on July 16, 2001, Beaver College will magically turn into Arcadia University. But we don't get a fairy godmother, magic pumpkin, or those cute little mice. No, we didn't even get cute tail-flapping beavers! What we got were alumni, trustees, faculty, staff and students that were brought together to serve on the Name Finding Task Force. After a lot of work, their final recommendations were flown by carrier pigeon to the President and Board of Trustees; the queens, kings, lords and ladies that he'd the fate of this great campus in their hands.

One night, late November there was a knocking on the door. My RA informed me that the name change would be announced at midnight.

"MIDNIGHT?" It was all I could think about. I had had a rough week; all I wanted to do was sleep for a few days straight even though I had a test to study for. However, my extremely curious nature got the better of me and I decided I couldn't wait until I heard it on the news. I figured history was being made, even if it was just a small part.

Those of us who were there, crammed in the Chat, some decked out for the PJ contest, and others repeating, "I'm just staying for a few minutes until they announce it." A few minutes. Riiight. What seemed like forever later, after a long description and review of why they picked what they did, all was revealed. Arcadia University. Wow. Shucks. The initial reaction was to say the least, mixed. Some loved it others hated it. For example, the horribly obnoxious guy behind me who's boos were loud enough to

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Classes in Diversity

LaVada Drew
Staff Writer

American students and people in general are not as receptive to other cultures because they believe that the rest of the world should adjust to their standards, said Dr. Shekhar A. Deshpande, instructor of a justice class taught on diversity at Beaver College.

"Students in the U.S. are not really open to values and perspectives of other cultures," said Deshpande. "People tend to believe that their pre-conceived notions about cultures are factual and there is no need for further information."

In support of Deshpande's view, Lichelle Barron, an African American junior majoring in communications, says that she did not feel that it was necessary for her to take this class because she is diverse and open enough.

"The writing assignments and reading materials were confusing and I did not get the point," said Barron. "I feel as

though I get along with people of all color very well."

The goal of Justice class is to teach students about the value systems and customs of other cultures around the world. Students who believe that their culture prevails over all others have a hard time excepting the lessons, said Deshpande.

"It appears as if the western or American opinion prevails because we have the tools and the mediums through which we express those opinions to the world," said Deshpande. "If a man in Iran has a certain opinion about a US citizen, no one really hears it, but if an American has a certain opinion about Iranians, the entire world is able to hear that view through our advanced television and radio technology."

Deshpande said that there is a gross inequity when it comes to countries that do not have these mass communication technologies, which makes America look like they are always right. America produces

more programming than any where else in the world and it is dumped on other cultures because it is cheaper for a third world country to purchase that programming and air it then it is for them to produce their own.

The diversity classes have been in existence for the past seven years here at Beaver. They are designed to help students get exposure to different cultures and to deal with the diversity within their own country.

In addition to Justice, there is a class called Pluralism, which deals with the issue of diversity of race, gender, and sexual orientation within this country. This class's goal is to make students aware of how prejudice affects them and how they can get along with each other.

"We believe, as a faculty and as a college, that all students regardless of their major should have a common experience and it should be something about values," said Deshpande.

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Celebration Week

Arranged by Tori Yetter

March 19th through the 24th is Celebration Week, which celebrates the difference in sexual orientations. Show your support for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered (LGBT) community and participate!

Monday - Anthony Rapp from the Broadway play *RENT*, 8 pm in the Chat Sponsored by SPB.

Tuesday - Feed Your Mind Seminar: "Understanding the ALLY Program," 12-1 pm in the Castle Rose Room Sponsored by ALLY.

Wednesday - LGBT Movie Viewing, 8 pm in the Blue Lounge
Trip to Woodys, 10:00 pm meet in the Blue Lounge

Thursday - Day of Silence 9 am-5 pm
Civility Symposium: "Living in Silence: Life in a Heterosexual World," 7 pm in the Faculty Chat

Friday - Safe Space Coffeehouse featuring Beth Wood, 8 pm in the Chat Sponsored by SPB and PRIDE

Saturday - Speaker: Robyn Ochs, 1 pm "Labeling in the LGBT Community"
8 pm - "Bisexuality" in the Chat.

PRIDE has meetings every Wednesday at 10pm in the SAC. All (even if you consider yourself straight!) are welcome!

Meet the Staff

Steph String is a Biology major with a Psychology minor and is Pre-Physical Therapy. She lives in the rural community of Woolwich Township, NJ but this semester she'll be living in Brisbane, Australia and studying at the University of Queensland. So in other words, you all will continue to hear from her even though she's going to be on the other side of the world!



Katy Mayer hails from Saugerties, NY, the site of Woodstock '94. She is a Photography major. Katy was the Photo Editor and the Index Editor of the yearbook throughout High School. She is producer of Beaver College's new magazine "Off-Line" and is the Assistant Director of Simply Copasetic Productions. In her spare time she likes to listen to music, take pictures, and eat.



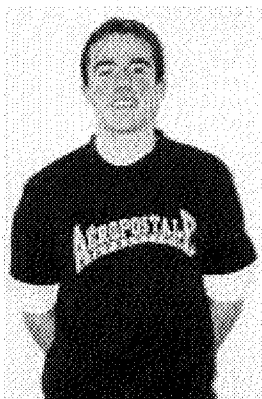
Julie Strange is an English major with a business minor but she is dabbling in as much as she can because she doesn't like to limit herself. When she's not here, she's there. Here being the great Beave and there being the small town of Wenonah in South Jersey. She has a passion for life and often loses herself in the great cosmos of words, music and dance.



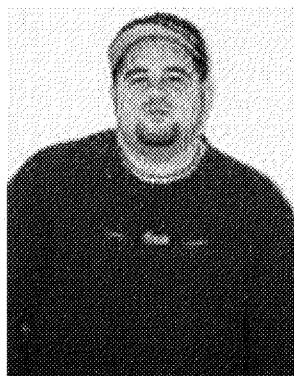
LaVada English-Drew is a print communications major here at Beaver. She enjoys journalism and is currently doing an internship at a local township publication. LaVada hopes to better her writing skills in order to become an ace reporter at a major metropolitan newspaper.



Michael McLaughlin is a Political Science major with a Pre-Law minor. He is a commuter. Off-campus he enjoys music, friends, and a good time. He took a few journalism classes in High School, but this is his first experience writing for a newspaper. He says, "Bear with me, I hope I can amuse the reader."



Nick Masciantonio is a Communications Major and Theater Minor. He is an Orientation Leader, Chancellor of the Student Government Organization and all-around nice guy. Out of school he works as a sports writer for The Bucks County Courier Times, where he has been on the staff for a few years now. Oh yeah, he's a nice guy out of school too.



Andrea Hosage, hailing from New Cumberland, PA, has an undeclared major with a minor in French. She loves writing and has been involved with newspapers and yearbooks since middle school. In her spare time, she enjoys listening to music, hanging out with her friends, shopping (when she isn't poor), and going on spontaneous road trips to anywhere and everywhere. She hopes to bring her insight and slightly cynical view of the world to The Tower, to make a pleasurable reading experience for the Beaver/Arcadia community.



Stephen Raeburn has lived and traveled on the East Coast of the U.S. for the last two years. His employment has ranged from Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio, to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida. His most bizarre moment at Beaver College so far was when he portrayed a pregnant woman for 24 hours.

Tori Yetter is a Business major/Art minor. She is also the secretary of PRIDE and really doesn't like cold weather.

Aurora Sánchez is an English Major. She likes long walks and has a minor obsession with Turtles.

TaRa Redavid is a music business and video production major. She has a professional photography degree and has written for various online and print publications. TaRa was on the newspaper staff in high school and was a columnist for The Tower last year. Currently, TaRa runs a web site and promotions company. During the summer, she is the promotions director for Smithtown Veterans Youth Program in New York. TaRa is one of the General Managers of WBVR here on campus and helps produce the BCTV newsmagazine, "Off-Line." In her spare time she works at a photo studio and frequents punk, hardcore, emo and indie shows.



Jennifer Matisoff (Faculty Advisor) is an adjunct instructor in the Department of English, Communications, and Theater. In addition to teaching, she is finishing her dissertation in Early Modern Drama at Lehigh University.

Stephen, Tori, Aurora and Jennifer did not pose for pictures.

In My World...

Nick Masciantonio
Staff Writer

If you're reading this, then it worked. This college published a newspaper! What's next? Clean bathrooms in the Residence Halls? Edible Dining Hall Food? The Chat not constantly running out of bread, french fries, or American cheese?

Okay, let's not get carried away, one step at a time.

I will use this venue to express how things should be, or appear In My World. I solemnly pledge to anyone who reads this that I will be sometimes sarcastic, often offensive, frequently frustrated (or frustrating) usually unusual, definitively different, but I will always be me.

So here we go...

In My World, Valentines Day wouldn't exist. No, I'm not a recently jilted lover, or a frustrated virgin. Actually, this is one of the first Valentine's Days that I'll be single in a while. When I was spoken for (whipped), I would go

out of my way to be spontaneous. If you really give a damn about your significant other, then you don't need a contrived holiday to remind you about it.

In My World, we would be allowed to fight back against the evil forces of the bathroom cleaners, when they come into your bathroom to clean, while you're stark naked in the shower. We would be permitted and encouraged to throw water on them (I know, I know, they're just doing their job - but a knock on the door to check is always nice).

In My World, The Chat would never run out of rolls, chicken fingers, or - for the love of god - American cheese. Here's a little bit of free common sense - order way more than you think you need because you can never have enough American cheese. It's impossible. Trust me.

In My World, more students would show up for campus

events. Here's a few reasons: they're free, they're usually pretty cool, and you can party afterwards. Again, trust me, it works. Really.

In My World, Benny would have recieved enough write-in votes to be this country's new president. But then again, what would the Dining Hall be like without Benny there to warn us what is actually safe to eat. Damn those dimpled chads.

In My World, we would have a baseball field on campus. Along with a few hundred dollars in renovations so that that outside pitiful excuse for a basketball court in between Murphy and The Little Theater would not be a health hazard.

Finally, In My World, this campus would lose its case of soap opera-syndrome, and we would all be comfortable talking to each other face to face, like the big boys and girls that we are.

That's what it's like In My World, and I'm staying there. You can come in and stay a while if you like.

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a newt, obviously didn't like the new name. "Okay," I thought to myself, "We get the point."

I will be the first to admit it; my initial reaction was one of disappointment mostly because I had fallen in love with Grey Towers University. Nice ring, awesome castle, can't go wrong. But maybe you can; someone must have thought you could, because we aren't Grey Towers.

"Arcadia University." I let it roll off my tongue a few times. "I guess it will grow on me." And it has. I now own an Arcadia t-shirt and wear it proudly. Beaver College will always be my love, but Arcadia University is my school.

So when prospective students are randomly searching for colleges and you flip through the A's there we shall be found. Firmly settled between Aquinas College and Arizona State University, Arcadia will take its place among the great universities of this nation.

(note: I was a culprit of it myself, but I correct you all here and now. The University in Canada is Acadia not ARcadia.)

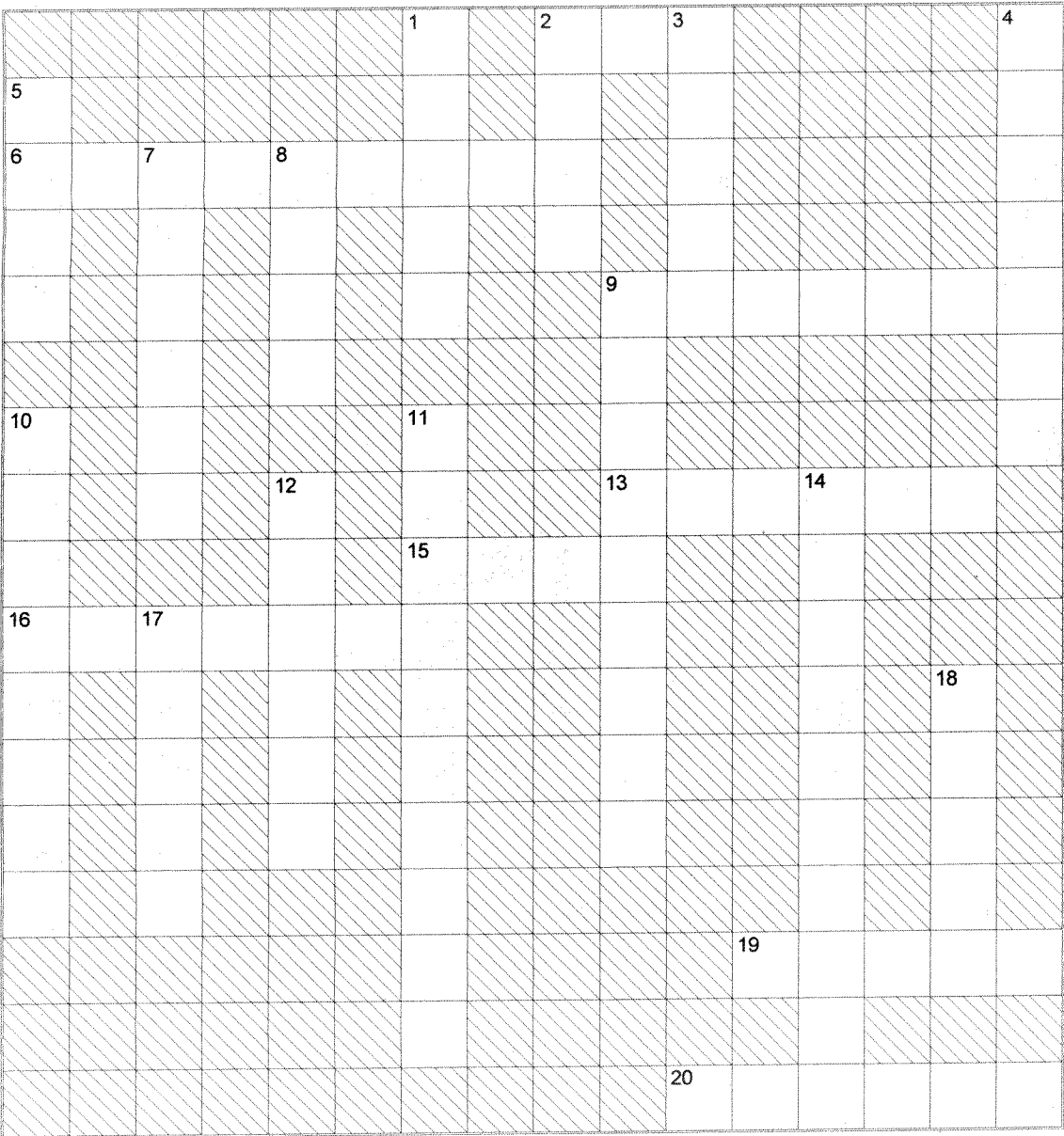
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- WITH THIS ____ I THEE WED
- WHAT YOU DO WHEN YOU HEAR MUSIC
- SHAKESPEARE'S WORDS OF LOVE
- WHAT WE ALL HOPE TO HAVE ON VALENTINES (RHYMES WITH MATE)
- RELATIVES
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- A MASAGE IS A FORM OF THIS
- SECOND MONTH
- HAPPY ____ DAY
- THIRD MEAL OF THE DAY
- SOFT CUDDLY ANIMALS
- WHAT YOU DANCE TO
- SNEAKY DUDE WITH ARROWS



**HAPPY
VALENTINES
DAY EVERYONE!**

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- ONE OF THE THREE PRIMARY COLORS
- RHYMES WITH DETECTION
- SMELLY SPRITZ
- WORDS OF LOVE, NOT PROSE
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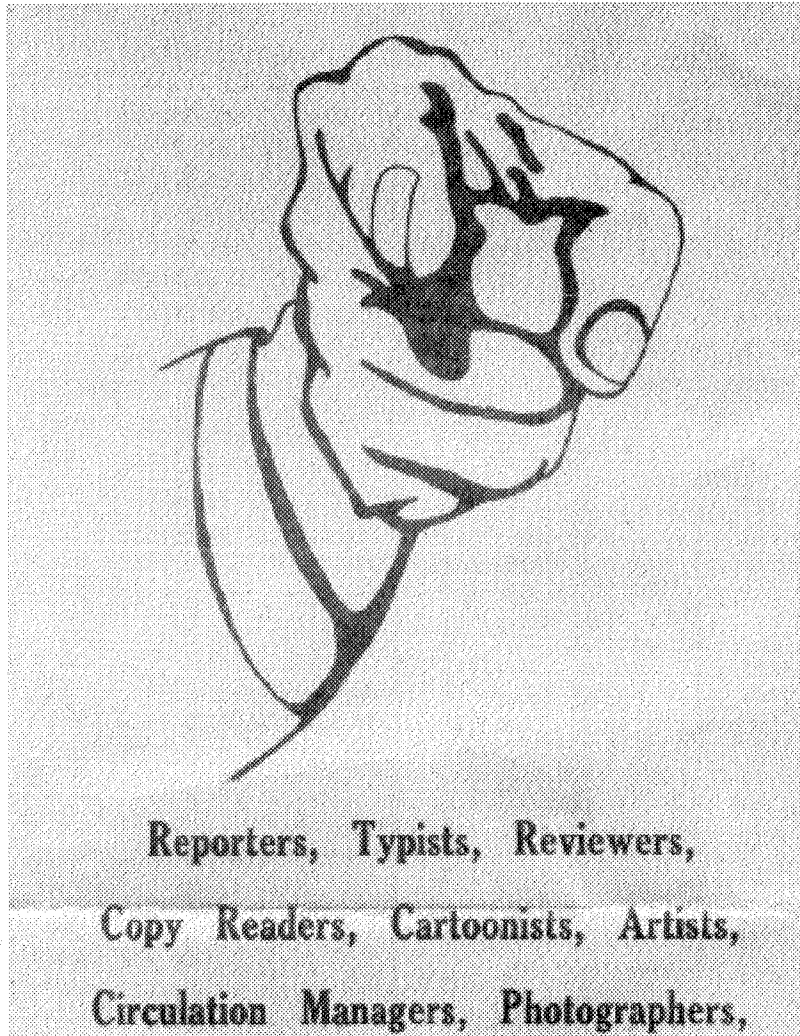
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everyday, not just during this month." Black History Month is one that is filled with much emotion and respect, and it means many different things to different people. When asked about her personal feelings about Black History Month, Ms. Timm-Dinkins was mixed with happiness and frustration. She said, "It is a time of great energy because there are so many people that want to learn more. But at the same time, it is a time of great frustration because it seems as though once the month is over, people forget about black history on a daily basis. Black history is something that should be remembered everyday of the year because black history is American history."

As the interview came to a close, I asked Ms. Timm-Dinkins about the Office of Multi-Cultural Affairs and its purpose here on campus. She told me that, "The mission of the office is to promote daily awareness of the important issues of today. These are not only racial issues, but also issues of religion and sexual orientation. The key is to get people to think differently. If I can get one person to think differently, then I have succeeded in my job."

With all of this in mind, you might be wondering what special events the Beaver/Arcadia community is offering. There are a variety of events, ranging from lectures and discussions, to movies and art exhibitions. Information will be posted around campus, or pick up a flier in the Office of Multi-Cultural Affairs, located in Knight Hall.

The Tower Wants You!



Business-Minded Students. Do you like to write? Are you a movie, music or drama buff? Have you always wanted to see your cartoons and doodles in print? Would you like to join an organization which will help you learn more about the College and the people who run it while you pick up valuable and interesting skills? Why not join *The Tower*!

Aurora's Off-Campus Events

Aurora Sanchez
Staff Writer

If you have nothing to do on campus and are not afraid to take the train into Philadelphia, then there are a lot of possibilities. Why not go to the Philadelphia Museum of Art? If you don't know, its free on Sundays before 1pm and it is located on 26th Street and the Parkway. The phone number is (215) 763-8100.

Being a student here I know how there are a lot of times when money is just not available. There are other options such as right now The Brick Playhouse has the *Night of A Thousand Plays*. It runs from February 15-18 and costs \$12. The Playhouse is located at 623 South Street and the number is (215) 592-1183.

Another great idea for people that want to add some culture to their college lives is an exhibit at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. The exhibit is called *A Growing Presence: Art by African Americans* and will be showing until March 25th. The Academy is located at 118 North Broad, the hours are 10am-5pm Tuesdays through Saturdays, and 11am to 5pm on Sundays. The cost is a reasonable \$5. You can reach the academy at (215) 972-7600.

If you just want to have a night of fun then go see a show at such venues as The Electric Factory or the TLA. If not, then what about the old reliable movie?

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"All students have common curriculum in math and writing, so we believe that they should have the same type of learning experience when it come to dealing with people who have different perspective."

There are some possible obstacles when teaching these classes because when there is discussion of other cultures, the students can feel their beliefs are being scrutinized and people do not always like to have their values challenged, said Dr. Deshpande.

"There is a resistance to taking Justice on the part of many students simply because it is not part of their major," said Dr. Deshpande. "Culture comes into play when they are confronted with seeing things from the perspective of someone else, this is more of a cultural resistance rather than a resistance to the curriculum and most of the students who resent taking the class do so because of this issue."

The classes have gone through some changes in the past years because the students could not relate to some of the texts as a result of their pre-formed notions of people. The decision was made to use some texts that would still help, but not be as difficult to understand. Levels of tolerance are different around the world and America has one of the lowest. This keeps people from learning things about other people that could broaden their experiences, said Dr. Deshpande.

Barron said that she feels the class may have been more beneficial if it had been formatted with different reading material, alluding to what Dr. Deshpande said about needing to make adjustments in the reading materials of the program over the years. "I realize that the professors are trying to expose us to other cultures, but I do not think that I learned as much as I could because I spent a lot of time trying to understand the language of the literature that we had to read, like the story

Antigone for example."

The Pluralism class was a little better because the teachers let the students participate in group activities in order to learn about each other, said Barron.

"I think this class was more interesting because it dealt with everyday issues that Americans face in relation to prejudice," said Barron. "The class addressed black and white issues mostly because that was the make up of our class."

The topics focused on a lot of the negative images that blacks and whites believe about each other and the ways in which they are expressed in this country, said Barron. "I would have like to see more solutions brought to the table," said Barron. "After a while, some people began to get offended by the things that were said."

The Pluralism class was constructed of lectures at least once a week in which all those classes got together to hear speakers and then broke into smaller classes for group discussion, said Barron.

"I had a white friend that I was pretty cool with before those group discussions," said Barron. "It was a shame but, after the group discussion classes, we seemed to grow apart."

There seemed to be two issues in place in the class of three black and fifteen white students. The first was to make white students aware of the black culture and the other was to help black students understand why some people think the way they do, said Barron.

"We learned that many of the images that whites see of blacks are negative and when they spoke of them, we became a little defensive," said Barron. "I think this made the white students afraid to speak in the class after a while."

Fall Semester in Review

Erin Holm, Editor

The Fall 2000 semester at Beaver College was extremely eventful. While athletes arrived to start their preseason faculty and orientation leaders welcomed the incoming class of 2004. The women's soccer team won the Pennsylvania Athletic Conference (PAC) championship for the third year in a row and went to Virginia for the NCAA finals for the first time ever. The men's coach, Tom Carlin, and women's coach, Art Gordon, were both named coach of the year. The tennis team, consisting of 11 women, was also very successful in their season this year. Their record was 9-1 in the PAC and 11-3 overall. The field hockey team had a record of 8-11, with two players named to Second Team All Conference and two members of the team receiving honorable mention.

The fall semester this year, as always, included the activities fair, which helped to inform students of clubs and organizations that are available, as well as family weekend, which included various activities for all the students and their families here at Beaver. Another fall highlight was the annual Mr. Beaver contest, where we observed an extremely entertaining show, thanks to everyone involved. Congratulations to Mr. Beaver, "Gilligan" (Steven Hamburg) and his crew of commuters!

The well-attended Residence Hall Council (RHC) Snowball Dance, and the 7th annual Empty Bowl Dinner, were, as always, worthwhile events. Celebrating Cultures, sponsored by the International Club and American Language Academy (ALA), was also a success this year. Celebrating Cultures offered display tables representing different cultures and a show. Congratulations should be extended to everyone involved in the numerous theater productions this fall, who produced several outstanding performances.

And, of course, the biggest, most significant event in the Fall 2000 semester was the announcement of Beaver College's new name- Arcadia University!

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