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Blood Mobile visits Behrend

Students donate to CBB

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The Erie Community Blood Bank's Mobile visited Behrend yesterday, from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. in the Reed lobby.

Students, faculty and staff had an opportunity to donate blood at this annual event.

Anita Sundean, philanthropic chairperson for Theta Phi Alpha sorority and co-chairperson of the blood drive said, "I think it's a great opportunity to bring the Blood Bank to the campus because it gives the college community a chance to benefit the public."

According to Lisa Graff, the mobile drive coordinator, "Each donor gives one pint of blood,

but that pint can benefit up to three patients."

Graff said, "The blood taken from the patients is processed through component therapy. This means that the blood is spun down into its components including platelets, red blood cells, and plasma."

Each of the components is responsible for individual functions including carrying oxygen and restoring fluid throughout the body.

People who benefit from blood drives include cancer patients, trauma patients and burn victims.

Vice President of Tau Kappa Epsilon, Dave Ramsey, also chaired the event.

He said "It's nice to help out with the blood drive."



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Giving life: Kelly Lawrence donates blood while friend, Beth Schickler, watches.

Coming home

by Loretta Olsen
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Behrend's annual Parents and Families Weekend kicks off tomorrow at Bruno's Night Club and will continue on Saturday.

"Behrend has its own tradition," said Chris Rizzo, acting director of Student Activities, "and this weekend is a celebration of that unique identity and tradition."

He hopes that the college will be able to build on this tradition as families and alumni gather.

Weekend events include a performance by comedienne Pam Stone and the crowning of the second annual homecoming king and queen.

The candidates for queen include: Nicole Gialanella, Cora MacBeth, Brenda McGraw, Sarah Melchiorre, Jody Obrosky, Foluso Oguntoyinbo, Earla Simpson and Lourdes Tirado.

Matthew Cissne and Marcos Lopez are the only two candidates for king.

The king and queen will be crowned during halftime of the men's soccer match against Washington and Jefferson College. The game begins at 1 p.m on Saturday.

This year's celebration is the second year that Parents and Families Weekend and homecoming have been combined.

"Organizers have strived to make the weekend fun and festive for students, parents and alumni alike," said Pat Smith, coordinator of special events.

He continued, "Many older alumni are expected to come back for the first time and see how Behrend has changed and grown."

Additional activities for the weekend include Greek organization breakfasts, alumni soccer, softball and volleyball games, a carnival, and the provost's reception and candlelight dinner for alumni, parents and students.

New building opens: Engineering Laboratory Complex is state-of-the-art facility

by Jerry M. Bruno
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The Engineering Laboratory Complex, located on the west end of campus is the newest addition to Penn State-Behrend.

It consists of four parts. Roche Hall which is the main hallway connecting the entire complex. There is a glass wall at the south end which will become a historic 1937 Reed prentice injection molding press. The press will be on display once it is finished being cleaned and painted.

Dr. Richard Progelhof, director of the School of Engineering and Engineering Technology, said that the new building is state of the art but space is limited. "Even though some rooms are still looking empty, they are filled, but we are awaiting the presence of furniture."

"The building is capable of being expanded out the south end of Roche Hall and to the west."

The Joseph J. Prischak building consists of two stories. School offices are first floor and electronic, instrumentation, signal processing and microprocessor laboratories on the second floor.

The Witkowski Building also consists of two floors. On the first floor are the manufacturing processes and tool and die laboratories. The second floor has a computer aided engineering laboratory, systems administration, an advanced student CAE laboratory, a CAE industrial demonstration room and faculty offices.

"Also on the second floor will be a student lounge between the Prischak and Witkowski Buildings but we are still awaiting the furniture. At the south end of the second floor is a student study area where students can have quiet and privacy without leaving the building," Progelhof said.

The R.J. Fasnmyer Building

houses the plastics laboratories. The main part of the building is the 180 foot long, two story high bay structure with a five ton overhead lift crane. It also has a 15 foot loading door for tractor trailers to pick up and drop off equipment.

"What the designers wanted to do here was make it look as commercial as possible. We wanted the student to feel like it is a real manufacturing plant."

The last part of the complex is the unnamed Materials Building. On the first floor are faculty offices, seminar rooms, thermal and fluid sciences laboratories, a scanning electron microscope, and materials laboratories. The second floor has additional faculty offices, a power laboratory and the senior design projects laboratory.

"The nice part about this building is that it connects with the Hammermill/Zurn Building and the Nick Building, which is much better for the student," said Progelhof.