

At A Glance... Commencement date set

BEHREND-Penn State-Behrend's spring commencement ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 11 at noon on the Reed lawn, weather permitting.

Cap and gown orders for those who would like to participate are due in the bookstore by March 15. Prices are: **Rental:** masters, \$31.25; doctoral, \$36.00. **Keeper:** bachelor of associate, \$18.50; masters, \$38.00; doctoral, \$48.75.

For more information, including better quality purchase prices, please call the bookstore at x6236.

Open houses scheduled

BEHREND-The Office of Admission at Penn State Erie, the Behrend College, will host an open house on Saturday, February 17 from 1 to 4 p.m. Prospective students and their families are invited to the campus for a variety of sessions with information particularly pertinent to students planning to attend college next fall.

During the open house, tours of the campus will leave from the Reed Union Building porch every 15 minutes. Demonstrations and information tables will be set up throughout the campus so that participants will be able to discuss their question with current students, faculty and staff at Behrend. On-going tours will also be given in library, Computer Center, and at the Child Care Center.

A welcome and overview will be given in the Reed Union Building Commons at 1 p.m., immediately followed by an admissions overview. At 1:30 p.m., officials will present an introduction to financial aid followed by a 2 p.m. presentation for students considering transfer admission.

At 2:30 p.m. the School of Engineering and Engineering Technology will hold an introductory session in the Otto Science Building, while a business careers alumni panel will speak in the Reed Lecture Hall. Finally, at 3 p.m., there will be a session pre-physical therapy option in room 60, Academic Building; an information session for the Honors and Scholars program in room 42 Academic Building; and a seminar, "Surfing the Net," in room 101 Otto Behrend Science Building.

Behrend will host another open house on Saturday, April 13. For more information, contact the Office of Admissions at 898-6100.

For guys only

Guys seem to be forever competing—in bench presses, cars, women, careers and how much beer they can guzzle. Well, for the average guy that is 11 beers a week.

The March issue of Men's Health magazine, citing "reports, surveys and reams of marketing data," highlights in excruciating detail the life of the average man. The magazine also offers tips for men on rising above mediocrity.

Most men do not want to admit to being just an average Joe, but almost all men would like to see where they stand in the grand scheme of things, said Greg Gutfeld, who wrote the article.

"We're trying to show that maybe your perceptions aren't exactly what you think and maybe you have an edge that you didn't think about," said Gutfeld.

Here are the numbers, varying in their scientific reliability, so you can start comparing yourself to the average guy, who:

- Is 5 feet, 9 inches tall and weighs 172 pounds;
- Can do 33 1/2 sit-ups in a minute;
- Loses his virginity at 17 and is married by 26;
- Spends \$46 a month at the convenience store;
- Has sex with 5 to 10 partners during his lifetime;
- Spends 44 minutes a day arranging his hair and clothes;
- Watches 28 hours of television a week;
- Buys a frozen pizza four times a month.

Kato returns, behind closed doors

It's an encore performance for Brian "Kato" Kaelin. Kaelin began a closed-door deposition yesterday with lawyers for the families for Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman.

The attorneys hope to get more information from O.J. Simpson's quirky houseguest about Simpson's relationship with his ex-wife and his activities on the night of the slayings. The deposition should last three days.

According to Michael Brewer, attorney for Sharon Rufo, Goldman's mother, comparisons will be made between Kaelin's statements at the criminal trial and comments he made in tape-recorded interviews with Marc Elliot, who put them in a book, *Kato Kaelin: The Whole Truth*.

Program helps with hard courses

by Heather McMahon
Collegian Staff

Supplemental Instruction will continue to be offered this semester for eight historically difficult courses. SI sessions are offered at the Learning Assistance Center, on the second floor of the library.

SI is a series of weekly review sessions for students to study together. At the sessions, students compare notes, discuss important concepts, develop strategies for studying, and test themselves. At the sessions, SI leaders guide the students through the material.

Based on average exam and

final grades, students who participated in SI last semester earned half to whole letter grades higher than those students not participating in SI.

This semester, SI sessions are offered for Chem 012, Phys 201, Math 088, Math 140, Math 141, Phys 150, Mch T 111 and Acctg 211.

Professors that teach the difficult classes recommend students that have previously taken the class and done well. These students are notified of a potential position as a SI leader and are then interviewed through the Learning Assistance Center.

"To implement SI the course has to have a 30 percent rate of

D's, F's, and withdrawals; however due to funding not all qualified courses were given SI help," said Debbie Burger of the Learning Assistance Center.

As SI leaders, the students go to the class they are helping with and take notes so they know when tests are and when homework assignments are due.

SI sessions help develop a better understanding of course content as well as more effective ways of studying.

SI is offered by the Office of Provost and Dean with the Learning Assistance Center.

Egyptian micro-brew

By Tim Farrand
Reuters

LONDON -- An Egyptologist, two scientists and Britain's largest brewer plan to brew an ale from an Egyptian recipe over 3,500 years old.

Tutankhamun Ale will be based on sediment from old jars found in a brewery housed inside the Sun Temple of Nefertiti, queen of a pharaoh called Akhenaten who Egyptologists believe was probably Tutankhamun's father.

Barry Kemp, an Egyptologist at Cambridge University, who set off to excavate the temple four years ago, and Dr. Delwen Samuel an archeo-botanist, worked alongside brewer Scottish and Newcastle to find out how the beer was made.

The team has now gathered enough of the right raw materials to produce just 1,000 bottles of the ale.

"We are about to unveil a great Tutankhamun secret," said Jim Merrington, commercial director at Newcastle Breweries.

"The liquid gold of the pharaohs. It's a really amazing inheritance they have left us, the origins of beer itself."

"There is no doubt about it that the ancient Egyptians were obsessed with beer. It is said the pyramids were built on a diet of bread and beer," said Merrington.

The beer will have an alcohol content of between 5 and 6 percent and be produced in two months time, he said.

The sediment was found to contain a variety of wheat called Emma which Samuel obtained a sample of from Turkey and managed to grow in Cambridge.

The team found, partly by peering down electron microscopes at starch cells and by looking at tomb paintings of the period, that the Egyptians malted their wheat.

They excavated beer jars and brewing vessels which showed the Egyptians brewed very quickly in just three days, due to the very hot climate, and in small two-gallon jars.

Further analysis of sediment, which had leaked from jars into the sand, showed other ingredients like coriander and Naback fruit -- an Egyptian berry -- may have been used to flavor the beer.

The brewery took samples of water from a nearby well and will try to copy it in the brewing process.

The beer, which is slightly cloudy with a golden hue, will be bottled in clear, flint glass.

"We wanted to see how the mixture reacted in the pots so we made replica pots. Clearly we couldn't use the original 3,000-year-old artifacts," said Merrington.

Most of the beer will be used for tasting in the industry and the rest will go to the Egypt Exploration Society.

"This is one of the big unanswered questions. We'll find out in two months' time," said Samuel.

Theft continued

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Ed Wittmann (06 MET) was one of the first students to use the SGI lab after the theft. Wittmann believes inadequate security is directly to blame.

"They don't even lock [the computers] down. They should at least do that," he said. "I pay \$250 a year for those."

Wittmann also wants a working card reader that restricts access to the lab.

"It's not the engineers they have to worry about," he said.

Officer Allen says that Police and Safety is leaning towards electronic security measures, like video cameras in the lab.

Behrend is not the only school in the area to fall victim to computer thefts in recent months.

Over the winter break, Mercyhurst College lost \$8,000 in graphic arts computer equipment. A link between the Mercyhurst and Behrend thefts has not been established.

"We're not sure because the MO's were different," said Mercyhurst security director Merrille Dever. "Our burglary was in the middle of the night."

The stolen graphics art equipment could be used together as a complete, functional computer system. But the SGI machines, which are network dependent, would be of little use to the thief, other than for stripped down individual components.

Carnegie-Mellon, the University of Pittsburgh, and Indiana University of Pennsylvania have also suffered major computer losses due to theft over the past few months, according to Dever.

Allen. "The dinosaur climbing the tree was actually a child's idea, a very imaginative theme."

The winning group received gift certificates. Housing and Food Services provided chili and hot chocolate for participants.

On Wednesday, Marty O'Connor, a classical guitarist, entertained the lunch time crowd in the Wintergreen Gorge. "It's neat to have something to listen to over my lunch hour, said Stephanie Lewis, 02 nutrition. "Especially on Valentine's Day."

Winter cont...

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Four groups participated in the snow creature contest. "The sculptures ranged from an Egyptian theme, Easter Island in Chile to dinosaurs," said Tod Allen, a charter member of the advisory board and Police and Safety officer.

The sculptures were judged and

T-shirts were given to all participants. "The judging was based on originality, craftsmanship, and the degree of difficulty," said McMahon.

"The students picked out their own pictures and used them as guidelines for constructing their sculptures. They did a good job reconstructing the pictures," said