

Record to be broken: Enrollment 1996-97

More than 900 new students were welcomed to Penn State Behrend at the start of the 1996-1997 academic year. Approximately 775 freshmen and 125 transfer students enrolled this semester. Dr. Jack Burke, associate dean and senior associate provost said, "Our goal was to hold enrollments steady, but we have inched up. The College experienced a record number of applications and advanced registrations for the fall semester. When official enrollments are finalized later this month, we will exceed the 3,208 total students enrolled last year."

On-campus housing is currently at full capacity, and enrollment in four-year baccalaureate degree study has reached record levels. "We are delighted to be able to achieve record-high enrollments while continually increasing the quality of our programs and our students," Provost and Dean Dr. John Lilley said.

Behrend biology club to host speakers

DNA is here to stay--Clinical and Forensic Applications of the New Genetics will be held in the Reed Union Building Lecture Hall on Wednesday October 2 at 7 p.m.

The event which is free and open to the public will include three speakers. Michele Clemens, MS, pediatric geneticist at Magee Women's Hospital in Pittsburgh will give a brief overview of DNA. Dr. Elizabeth McPherson, pediatric genetic counselor at Magee, will discuss clinical uses of DNA technology including the changing methods of diagnosis for several common disorders such as Duchenne muscular dystrophy and cystic fibrosis.

And last, Dr. John Robertson, crime lab manager of the Pennsylvania State Police Erie Regional Crime Lab will discuss the evolution of forensic genetic techniques.

Gay, lesbian, and bisexual support group network now in place

Committed to providing a more hospitable environment for lesbian, gay, and bisexual persons, the *Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Support Network* is now in place throughout all locations of Penn State. By establishing an identifiable network of contacts who can provide support information and a safe haven for lesbian, gay, and bisexual persons within the University, the members increase awareness and provide a better environment for the gay, lesbian, and bisexual persons in that community. The support group members receive a button, sign, or sticker to post in a prominent location.

Professor Dr. John Gamble appointed delegate

Professor of political science and international law, Dr. John Gamble, has been appointed as a delegate representing the American Society of International Law to the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS).

The ACLS is a 78-year-old confederation of almost 100 scholarly organizations including the American Economic Association, the American Musicological Society, the American Historical Society, and the Modern Language Association of America.

Big bang: beginning of universe to be discussed

Dr. Roger Knacke, head of the Division of Science, will discuss the beginning of the universe on Thursday, October 3 in his lecture *Big Bang Theory for Everyone*. A NASA-funded scientist who has written extensively in the fields of planetary science, interstellar matter, and star and planet formation, Knacke will describe the current understanding of the creation of the universe, including some results from the latest astronomical observations and theory. Following the lecture there will be a viewing of stars and planets with the college's small telescopes, weather permitting. Admission is free, but voluntary donations will be accepted.

New scholarship established

Alice Wright and her late husband Allyn Wright have presented an endowed scholarship gift to Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, intended to provide recognition and financial assistance to students with demonstrated leadership abilities who are enrolled or planning to enroll at Penn State-Behrend, the scholarship will be known as the Allyn and Alice Wright Leadership Scholarship.

Both Allyn Wright and his father Ross Pier Wright were members of Penn State-Behrend's first advisory board, which eventually became the College's Council of Fellows. Allyn Wright held a seat on the Council and also served as chairman.

Through the years Alice Wright was involved in the life of the college by attending meetings and events in support of Penn State Behrend.

The couple not only believed in giving everyone a quality education at an affordable price, but they also thought it was important to provide the education with a well-rounded student who would be able to compete nationally and internationally.

SGA Report

by Kim Thurston
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At the weekly Student Government Association meeting last night, many issues were raised, with special interest given to student committees.

The Student Life Committee is looking for students. In order for this committee to serve its purpose, they must have student input.

Meetings are held in the SGA office (Reed) at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesdays.

The traffic appeals board will have its next meeting Monday at 5:30 p.m. in Reed 114.

If anyone is interested in running for the Election Committee, they should go to the SGA office and pick up information, two positions are available. No elections will be done for these positions.

Candidates will be asked to give a brief speech to SGA members and then voting amongst members will take place.

The IFC had their meeting in which two fraternities attended. During this meeting, the Internal Scholarship was appointed. A reminder to all students, Greek Week is next week.

Voter registration will be held Thursday September 26 from 11:00 to 2:00 p.m. outside the Gorge.

SGA is considering running this event longer than Thursday, but there is still discussion going on about doing so.

Absentee ballots will be

available along with registration ballots for Erie residents. Transportation will be provided from Behrend to the polls on election day.

The snowboarding issue was tabled for this week's meeting, but will be heard at the next SGA meeting. Copies of the write up on this issue are available in the SGA office.

The SGA meeting for next week will be held in Reed 112 at 5:15.

Anyone interested in attending the CCSG, leadership conference, sign up in student affairs, two openings remain. The sign up will leave early

Saturday morning and return Sunday afternoon. All expenses will be paid for but those attending are asked to bring linens. Waivers must also be signed.

There will be special sessions held for Greek organizations and leaders.

The PHC is currently discussing rush dates for spring rush and also events for Greek Week.

SGA reallocated \$211.50 for the National Association of Black Engineers so that they can attend both the fall and spring conferences.

Parking Notice

The U-Lot, adjacent to Police and Safety/Continuing Education will no longer be available for resident parking due to the addition of spaces along the bottom of Aquarius Drive.

Resident students with vehicles in U-Lot are required to move their vehicles to another resident lot immediately. The spaces along Aquarius Drive are available for Resident students only unless designated otherwise by a Police and Safety officer.

This change is effective September 26, 1996 and will be enforced.

Questions regarding this matter can be answered at Police and Safety x6101.

Greek Week Events

All students, faculty, and staff are invited to Greek Week '96.

Monday 7:30 p.m.
IM Field
Eating Contest
Dizzy Bat

Tuesday 7:30 p.m.
IM Field
Egg Toss
3-Legged Race

Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
IM Field
Tug-O-War
Obstacle Course

Thursday 7:30 p.m.
Commons
Greek Sing

Friday 7:30 p.m.
Ski Slope
Chariot Race
Bonfire
The Dirges -
outdoor concert
King & Queen
crowning

CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER NEWS

EVENING HOURS

The Career Development Center is now open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Students may use the office resource room or make an individual appointment during that time. Friday hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Job Interview Workshop
September 30, 7 p.m., Reed 3

Graduate School Fair
October 1, 10 a.m. Gannon University

Behrend Mentoring Day
October 4, Career Development

Additional information regarding all of these events is available in the Career Development Center.

UPCOMING RECRUITERS

AMP, Inc. (MIS and MATH MAJORS)
full-time and co-op positions Deadline: 9/30

U.S. Marines (All majors)
information table in Reed - October 16, 1-4 p.m.

Molex, Inc. (MET, PLET)
Wed., October 23 Deadline: 10/10

Rubbermaid (ME, MET, PLET)
Wed., October 23 Deadline: 10/10