

# Feminist scholar to speak

**BEHREND:** Elizabeth M. Schneider, J.D., professor of law at Brooklyn Law School, will speak about "Gender and the Law: the Problem of Domestic Violence" on Thursday, April 3 at 7 p.m. at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College.

Her presentation, which continues the Feminist Scholars Speaker Series, will be held at the Reed Union Building Lecture Hall.

Schneider, who is also a visiting professor of law at

Harvard Law School, has written and lectured on civil rights, women's rights, and violence against women.

She has co-authored a law school casebook on domestic violence, and she is writing a book on violence against women and feminist legal theory for Harvard University Press.

Schneider has been a member of the executive committee of the Association of American Law Schools

(AALS), chair of the AALS section on women in legal education, and is a member of the board of governors of the Society of American Law Teachers.

Schneider received her law degree from New York University Law School, where she was the Arthur Garfield Hays Civil Liberties Fellow in 1973. She clerked for U.S. District Judge Contance Baker Motley of the Southern District of New York in 1973, and was

staff attorney at the Center for Constitutional Rights in New York City.

Schneider's presentation is free and open to the public. Her appearance is made possible by the Penn State-Behrend Division of Humanities and Social Sciences and the Equal Opportunity Planning Committee.

For additional information contact the Penn State-Behrend Division of Humanities of Social Sciences at 898-6108.

## Local...

### 800-pound man gets freedom

**Erie-** Tom Parmenter, an 800-pound Erie resident, will be able to leave his house for the first time in nearly two years. He needs to leave his home in order to receive medical treatment for the weight related ailments he suffers from.

Since Parmenter lives in a small one story home, he was unable to fit through the original doors of his house. New double doors are being installed by volunteer carpenters, so firefighters can move him to Saint Vincent Health Center where he can receive the treatment that he needs.

"I'm anxious to get out of here, and looking forward to it." Although Parmenter is aware that his move will probably draw a crowd, he says that he is prepared.

## State...

### Lawmakers put a leash on 'puppy mills'

**Harrisburg-** Last Tuesday, lawmakers overwhelmingly passed a bill to assure that consumers take home healthy puppies.

Under the new law, puppy sellers will have to guarantee an animal's good health. Buyers would be able to seek financial recourse if the dog suffers any pre-existing infectious or congenital disorders.

This bill was put into place in order to crack down on breeding standards, and puppy mills where dogs are treated inhumanely.

## National...

### A glass of grape juice a day might keep the doctor away

**California, Anaheim-** A recent study, led by Dr. John D. Folts of the University of Wisconsin Medical School, has shown that an 8 or 10 ounce glass of the purple variety of grape juice may help in preventing heart attacks. These types of grapes have an effect on platelets, making them less likely to form clots that can lead to heart attacks.

Researchers compared the effects of both grape and orange juices and came to the conclusion that grape juice is better for the heart. Folts was also among the first to show that aspirin slows blood clotting.

### Is there new hope for AIDS patients

**California, San Francisco-** It has been a year since the FDA approved Crixivan, one of the drugs known as protease inhibitors, for AIDS treatment. This drug has been known to bring terminally ill people back to life.

Although there is hope that this drug may cause remission or even be a cure, it is very expensive and comes with many warnings and side effects. No one is even certain of how long the drug remains effective.

## International...

### Zaire orders a cease-fire

**Zaire, Kisangani-** Zaire's leader announced a unilateral cease-fire this past Tuesday, to allow the thousands of people who fled the fighting to return home.

Government soldiers and Serb mercenaries fled the city after a five hour battle Saturday. Rebel fighters are now heading to Lubumbashi in their campaign to overthrow President Mobutu Sese Seko.

Still, Gillespie said, Phi Delta Theta's national council made the decision with relatively little input from its chapter members. "I don't know how much input we had in this decision," he said. Representatives from chapters around the country were not invited to give feedback prior to the adoption of the regulation, Gillespie said, although they were aware the measure was being considered.

Chapters may receive incentives in order to encourage compliance with the regulation at an even earlier date. These could include funding to improve educational programs and chapter houses, but Gillespie said it is still too soon to predict whether the University's chapter will take part in this incentive program.

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**BEHREND:** Tom Bridwell, poet, editor, publisher, and the guiding force of the company he founded, Saltworks Press, will read his poetry in the Studio Theatre at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, on Tuesday, March 25, at 7 p.m.

The public is invited to attend, free of charge.

Bridwell has supported his writing as a master carpenter who has personally built two dozen passive solar and/or photovoltaic homes across the nation, from Colorado to

Martha's Vineyard.

Known for letterpress printing, bookbinding, and papermaking, Saltworks Press the National Endowment for the Arts for letterpress printing.

Bridwell attended Jacksonville University from 1964 to 1968 and taught at Florida State for a year, where he established the technical production department at FSU's school of music.

He served as stage manager has published over 70 books of poetry since 1973, including works by Nathaniel Tarn, Ted Enslin, Neil Baldwin, Janet Rodney, and Edward Gory.

Pulitzer Prize nominee Dr. Diana Hume George, professor of English and women's studies at Penn State-Behrend, had her first book of poetry published by Saltworks.

The organization has received eight fellowships from for the Cape playhouse on Cape Cod from 1965 to 1975, and was production manager for the Opera Company of Boston in 1974.

Bridwell's books include *The Anatomic Works; Anacoluthon; Anabasis (prose trilogy); Humours Run Deep; Moonlight, Snow, Dream; Rafting Quivet Creek; Muck and Peat; Out of Sorts; A Summer in Hell; and 54 Views of Lone Cone.*

He currently resides in Utah. Bridwell's presentation is part of the Creative Writers Speakers Series at Penn State-Behrend. It is sponsored by the Penn State-Behrend Division of Humanities and Social Sciences and the Equal Opportunity Planning Committee.



## Weekend weather with Joey Stevens

**Thursday:** A few morning flurries. Cloudy with a possible break for sun. High 42 degrees.

**Thursday night:** Becoming mostly cloudy. Low 32 degrees.

**Friday:** Variably cloudy and windy. Possible showers in the late day or night. High 52 degrees.

**Saturday:** Mostly cloudy with showers of rain and possibly snow. Then turning windy and colder. High 44 degrees.

**Sunday:** Brisk and cold with clouds and some sun. We could see some morning flurries. High 34 degrees.

# Frats to go dry

By STACEY CONFER  
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Why ask why? Phi Delta Theta is going dry. The national council of Phi Delta Theta mandated that alcoholic beverages be prohibited in chapter houses beginning in July 2000 -- a decision which will affect 180 fraternities around the world, including Penn State's

chapter. The decision will affect chapters positively, said Brian Gillespie, president of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, 240 N. Burrowes Road.

Because many organizations have strayed from the principles on which the international fraternity was founded, recruitment numbers have been decreasing, he said.

"We hope we will get a new breed of guys," Gillespie said, adding that he hopes the measure will help recruit students who possess qualities such as high academic performance and leadership -- qualities the organization intended to attract at its inception.

"If someone is looking to join a fraternity for the parties and alcohol, then that's not what we're about," fraternity member Rick McKissock (senior-earth sciences and secondary education) said.

In addition to helping attract a diverse membership, Treasurer Scott Engle said, the move will help lessen insurance costs for the fraternity's national organization.

"Right now, it's easier to insure a toxic waste dump than a fraternity," Engle said.

The policy has also received attention and support from University President Graham Spanier. "I think this is a move that is being contemplated by many fraternities across the country and I am very supportive of those actions," Spanier said.

In addition to Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Nu fraternity, 340 N. Burrowes Road, will adopt a similar policy, said Gordon Savage, Interfraternity Council president.

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