

Local...

Faculty to receive awards

BEHREND-Three members of the Behrend community will receive the Outstanding Contribution Award from Penn State's Commission for the Prevention of Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Abuse.

Ken Miller, associate dean of Student Affairs, Linda Lombardi, residence life coordinator, and Rosalyn Fornari, women's basketball coach and interim athletic director, will each be honored at a ceremony and reception to be held Wednesday, April 16 from 3-4:30 p.m. in the Penn State Room of the Nittany Lion Inn.

Technology key for inner-city kids

ERIE- Local residents of some of Erie's poorest inner city neighborhoods may be able to access the "information super highway," even though many do not have computers.

Representatives from the Booker T. Washington Center recently went door to door asking residents of Erie how the center could better the community. The number one request was for more access to the latest technology and the Internet.

In response, the Booker T. Washington Center is making plans to establish a computer training center that would provide Internet access, learning opportunities and help for entrepreneurs.

"If they don't have access to technology, I think they will get lost in the shuffle. If this technology isn't offered to the community, we'll have an even wider gap economically and educationally," said Dorothy Lockett, executive director of the Center. This new building is expected to cost \$800,000.

National...

Columbia returns early

CAPE CANAVERAL, FLORIDA - Space shuttle Columbia returned to earth 12 days early, due to a dangerously defective generator. NASA had detected a problem with the fuel cell 12 hours before Friday's liftoff, but had decided that the brief jumps in voltage were no reason to delay the flight.

The 235,500 pound shuttle was brought in for a landing by Commander James Halsell Jr., using only two-thirds power.

"We think the team did the right thing, got the vehicle back safely and ready to turn for another mission," Halsell said.

The crew was supposed to complete \$100 million worth of experiments involving fire, metal, crystal and plants.

Kennedy Space Center Director, Roy Bridges Jr. said that Columbia may return to orbit with the same crew in July.

This was only the third time in the 16 years of space shuttle flight that NASA brought astronauts back early because of equipment failure.

Weekend Weather with Joey Stevens

Thursday- Mostly sunny but cold. High near 40 degrees.

Thursday night- Increasing clouds, not as cold. Low 29 degrees.

Friday- Cloudy with wet snow changing to rain. High 44 degrees.

Saturday- Cloudy and windy with some showers. High near 50 degrees.

Sunday- Mostly cloudy. Windy with rain or snow possible. High 42 degrees.

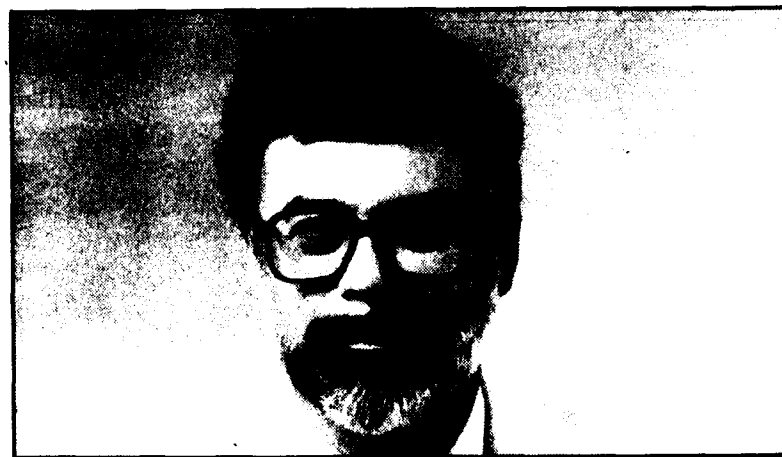
Challenging Darwin

BEHREND- Dr. Michael J. Behe, associate professor of biochemistry at Lehigh University will meet Dr. Niles Eldredge, curator of the American Museum of Natural History, Monday, April 14 at Penn State Erie. The Behrend College, for a debate that examines both creation and evolution in light of new discoveries about the molecular basis of life. Their presentation, which concludes the College's 1996-97 Speaker Series, will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Reed Union Building Commons. It is free and open to the public.

Behe, who received his doctorate in biochemistry from the University of Pennsylvania, has published numerous scientific papers and is the author of Darwin's Black Box.

The Biochemical Challenge to Evolution. His research has been funded by the National Institutes of Health, and he has received the national Institutes of Health Research Career Development Award. He is currently a member of the molecular biochemistry review panel of the National Science Foundation.

**CREATION VS. EVOLUTION
MONDAY, APRIL 14
7:30 P.M.
REED COMMONS**



In this corner: Dr. Niles Eldredge supports evolution theories.

Eldredge, author of The Fossil Factory: A General Theory of Extinction and Evolution and Darwin Revisited, has been a member of the curatorial staff of the American Museum of Natural History since 1969. In his professional life he seeks to develop a better fit between what is known about the process of life and how evolution actually works. His most recent efforts have focused on the mass extinctions of the geological past and its relation to today's ecological crisis.

After the debate will be astronomical observation weather permitting. An interpreter for audience members who are deaf and hard-of-hearing is provided by Penn State Equal Opportunity Planning Committee. The award-winning

Speaker Series is partially funded by the John Nesbit Rees and Sarah Henne Rees Foundation and PNC Corporation. It is sponsored by the Penn State-Behrend Office of Student Affairs. For more information, please call 898-6111.



The challenger: Dr. Michael J. Behe challenges Darwin's theories of evolution.

Linda Gregg...

Poetry reading

BEHREND- Nationally acclaimed poet Linda Gregg will read from her poetry at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, tonight at 7 p.m. in the Lecture Hall of the Reed Union Building.

Her performance, which is free and open to the public, is the final presentation of the College's 1996-97 Creative Writers Speakers Series.

Gregg is the recipient of numerous awards including a National Endowment for the Arts award, the Pushcart Prize, and a Guggenheim Fellowship. Her work has been published in the New Yorker, the Paris Review, American Poetry Review, Partisan Review, and other major literary reviews. Poets and Writers notes that she has "created one of the most fiercely individual and serious-minded voices in contemporary poetry."

Gregg lives in Marin County, California. She received both her bachelor's and master's degrees from San Francisco State University and has taught at the University of Iowa, the University of Houston, and at numerous writers' conferences and workshops.



Award-winning poet: Linda Gregg's performance is tonight at 7 p.m.

She is the author of Too Bright to See; Alma; Sacraments of Desire; and Chosen by the Lion.

Gregg's presentation is sponsored by the Division of Humanities and Social Sciences and the Clarence A. And Eugenie Baumann Smith Fund.

Police Log

4-02-97: A student reported a hit and run traffic accident involving his vehicle which was parked in the "D" lot.

4-03-97: Police and Safety officers responded to a complaint of several non-students in Erie Hall. Four persons were escorted from the building.

4-05-97: Police and Safety officers found a traffic sign which had been taken from another location on campus. The sign was found on Aquarius Drive.

4-06-97: The stop sign at the intersection of Banks Boulevard and Stadium Drive was pulled from the ground and taken.

4-07-97: A student in Porcupine Hall reported receiving several harassing telephone calls.

4-08-97: One of the "NO PARKING FIRE LANE" signs, located near Perry Hall was taken.

4-08-97: A resident of one of the College's rental properties along Jordan Road reported that someone had broken one of the windows to their garage.

4-09-97: An unidentified caller reported a traffic accident along Stadium Drive. Police and Safety officers found skid marks and debris, but found no accident.

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