

Calendar of Events

19 Thurs

Thanksgiving Dinner for 6 strangers
SPC Movie: "Dead Man on Campus" - 10p.m.

20 Fri

Basketball (W) - Penn State Behrend Tourn. - 6p.m./8p.m.
Bruno's: The Mad Man of Magic, Magician - 8:30p.m.
SPC Movie: "Dead Man on Campus" - 10p.m.

21 Sat

Basketball (M) - Hamot Classic - 6p.m./8p.m.
Basketball (W) - Penn State Behrend Tourn. - 1p.m./3p.m.
Bruno's: Hear No Evil, Band - 8:30p.m.
SPC Movie: "Dead Man on Campus" - 10p.m.

22 Sun

Basketball (M) - Hamot Classic - 1p.m./3p.m.
Catholic Mass - 8p.m. Reed Commons
SPC Movie: "Dead Man on Campus" - 9p.m.

23 Mon

Basketball (JV) vs. Allegheny - 7:30p.m.

24 Tues

25 Wed

Classes End - 12:05p.m.
Halls Close - 5p.m.
Thanksgiving Break

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Events

A Holiday Auction is Planned by the Protestant Campus Ministry at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College. They will host their annual Holiday Auction Tuesday, Dec. 1 in the Reed Union Building. Doors open for viewing at 6 p.m., and auctioneer Clark Johnson will open the bidding at 7 p.m. "We hold the auction each year to support the programs and activities of students involved in Protestant campus ministry," said Kelly Shroul, coordinator of Protestant Campus Ministry. Proceeds from the event support ministry services for students, including worship, devotionals, books, and visiting speakers. More than 80 items have been donated for the auction by a variety of Erie merchants including Conway and O'Malley, Stan's Garden Center, Hearthside Framing Gallery, Kraus Electric, Barad Lighting Company, Carpetworld, Merle Norman Cosmetics, Diamond Men's Store, and Barnes and Noble. YMCA memberships and tickets from the Erie Playhouse and the Erie Otters are up for bidding, as well as meals from Country Cookin', Spinner McGee's, and the Riverside Inn. This event is open to the public. For more information, please call Protestant Campus Ministry at 814/898-7139.

The Christmas Star at Penn State Erie will be seen on DEC. 3. What did the wise men actually see in the sky over Bethlehem two thousand years ago? Dr. Roger Knacke, director of the School of Science at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, will discuss theories of the star of Bethlehem on Thursday, Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Otto Behrend Science Building. His lecture, which is free and open to the public, continues the College's 1998-99 Open House Nights in Astronomy Series. Knacke is a NASA-funded scientist who has written exten-

sively in the fields of planetary science, interstellar matter, and star and planet formation. His presentation will consider whether the star of Bethlehem may have actually been a comet, a meteor, an exploding star, or a gathering of planets. Knacke will examine the star's description in the Bible and correlate it with astronomical evidence to suggest plausible explanations for what the star might have been. Computer simulations of the sky over Bethlehem at the time of the birth of Jesus will be included. The level of Knacke's lecture is suitable for both children and adults. Astronomical observing sponsored by the Penn State-Behrend Astronomy Club and the Society of Physics Students will follow the lecture, weather permitting. For more information about the program, please call the Penn State Erie School of Science at 898-6105.

Distinguished Author Tim O'Brien will read from his selected works at Penn State Erie The Behrend College, on Thursday, December 3 at 7:00p.m. in the Reed Lecture Hall. His appearance, which is free and open to the public, continues the Creative Writers Speakers Series. O'Brien's visit to Behrend coincides with the publication of his new novel, *Tomcat in Love*. A previous work, *In the Lake of the Woods*, was selected for honors by the *New York Times Book Review* and *Time* magazine, and received the 1995 Cooper Prize for Historical Fiction from the Society of American Historians. O'Brien had been praised for the "sheer brilliance" of his technique and called one of the best living American writers. The Creative Writers Series is sponsored by the Mary Behrend Cultural Fund and the Clarence Eugenie Baumann Smith Fund. For more information please call the Penn State Erie School of Humanities and Social Sciences at 814-898-6108.

NAACP Chairman Julian Bond will speak at Penn State Erie The

Behrend College on Wednesday December 2 at 7:30p.m. in the Reed Commons. Bond who has been an active participant in the movements for civil rights, economic justice, and peace since the 1960's, is currently a Distinguished Scholar in Residence at the American University in Washington D.C. and a member of the history faculty at the University of Virginia. Bond served four terms on the NAACP national board and in 1998 was elected its chairman. A collection of his essays has been published as *A Time to Speak, A Time to Act*. He is the author of *Black Candidates: Southern Campaign Experiences*, and has written for numerous periodical publications. All lectures are taped for broadcast on AM1450/WPSE, Penn State Erie radio. For more information about the Speakers Series, please call the Penn State Behrend switchboard at 814-898-6000

The Roundtable Society will sponsor Cold Turkey, a literature reading December 2 at 7 p.m. in the Studio Theatre. Refreshments will be provided.

Trigon will have an open meeting Tuesday December 2 at 5:15 p.m. in the Memorial Room of the Glenhill Farmhouse.

Notices

The political science program at Penn State Erie will again be offering a one-credit one-week course and trip to Washington DC over Spring Break, March 7-14, 1999. The course and trip will include meetings with members of Congress, representatives of foreign embassies, and federal agency officials, as well as tours

of government buildings and opportunities to see the sights of Washington. Dr. Robert Speel and Dr. Matt Davies will be accompanying students on the trip. Interested students can acquire a brochure containing information and details about the trip from any political science faculty member. Reservations for the trip are due by Friday, November 20.

Need a ride to and from the bus station or the airport? Sheets are now available at the RUB Desk for students to sign up for a ride with the Blue Bus on Wednesday, November 25 and Sunday, November 29 to go to the Greyhound Station or the Erie International Airport for Thanksgiving Break. The cost to go to the Greyhound Station is \$1.00, but to the Airport will cost \$7.00. When students sign up they must include their name, phone number, and time. All students must prepay and this fee is nonrefundable. Keep your white receipt and give to the driver when you board. Hope to see you then.

Flu shots through the Health and Wellness Office are currently being offered to any student. The cost of the injection is only \$10.00. Students can obtain the shot at any time, except Wednesday mornings, or Friday afternoons, and are welcomed on a walk-in or appointment basis. This injection fights the respiratory flu and combats fever, chills, headache, dry cough, and muscle aches. Restrictions may apply to individuals with particular allergies, or other medical conditions. To obtain further information on this injection, please contact the Health and Wellness Center at 898-6217.

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