

# Calendar of Events

**3 Thurs**

Astronomy Open House - 7:30p.m. @ Otto Behrend  
Creative Writers Speakers Series - 7p.m. @ Reed 117  
SPC Movie: "Studio 54" - 10p.m.

**4 Fri**

Basketball (W) - P.S. Behrend Winter Classic - 6p.m./8p.m.  
Bruno's: Karaoke - 8:30p.m.  
Hanging of the Greens - 7p.m.  
Mini Concert: S.W.A.M.M.P. Band - 8p.m.  
SPC Movie: "Studio 54" - 10p.m.

**5 Sat**

Basketball (M) - P.S. Behrend Winter Classic - 1p.m./3p.m.  
Euchre Tournament Finals  
Nintendo Tournament Finals  
SPC Movie: "Studio 54" - 10p.m.

**6 Sun**

Kwanzaa Celebration and Dinner - 7p.m. Dobbins Gazebo  
Catholic Mass - 8p.m. Reed Commons  
SPC Movie: "Studio 54" - 9p.m.

**7 Mon**

**8 Tues**

**9 Wed**

**10 Thurs**

All submissions for the calendar should be made available to the Beacon by 5:00pm on the Monday before publication.

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## Events

**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 extensively 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.

**Friday and Saturday, DECEMBER 4TH AND 5TH, will be "SPIRIT DAYS"** when the Women's Basketball Team will be hosting the Winter Classic Tournament with games at 6 and 8 p.m. Friday, and 1 and 3 p.m. Saturday. Everyone wearing their SPIRIT DAY T-Shirt will receive a free Pepsi at the games.

## Notices

**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.

**Auditions for the Studio Theatre's spring production, The Visit**, a dark tale of mystery and corruption, will be held Monday, Dec. 7 from 7-9 p.m. and Tuesday, Dec. 8 from 5-7 p.m. in the Studio Theatre at Penn State Erie. There are roles for up to 15 actors of all ages. Materials for reading will be provided at auditions. Production dates are Feb. 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 21 and 28 at 2:30 p.m. Rehearsals will begin as soon as the new semester starts (January 12). Please have a copy of your spring schedule available at auditions. For more information call Director Tony Elliot at 898-6279.

**There will be a Kwanza Celebration and dinner on Sunday December 6th at 7p.m. in the Dobbins Gazebo.** This is the fifth annual celebration and all are welcome.



**FRIDAYS 8 P.M.  
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