

Calendar of Events

28 Thurs

- SPC Movie: "Practical Magic" Reed 117 10:00pm
- Alpha Phi Omega Reed 117 4:00pm
- Astronomy Open House Otto Behrend 7:30pm

29 Fri

- Tiny Glover Bruno's 8:30pm
- SPC Movie: "Practical Magic" Reed 117 10:00pm
- IM Deadline: Ping Pong 4:00pm

30 Sat

- Basketball (JV) vs. Mercyhurst N.E.- 2:00pm
- SPC Movie: "Practical Magic" Reed 117 10:00pm
- Basketball (W&M) vs. LaRoche- 6:00-8:00pm

31 Sun

- Catholic Mass Reed Commons 8:00pm
- SPC Movie: "Practical Magic" Reed 117 9:00pm

1 Mon

- IM Ping Pong begins
- Kappa Delta Rho Rush Dates Backroom Pool 9:00pm

2 Tues

3 Wed

- Basketball (W&M) vs. Lake Erie- 6:00-8:00 pm

4 Thurs

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

Please send via inter-office mail to the Beacon Calendar Editor, drop it off at the Beacon office, or send it to BEHRCOLL3@aol.com.

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Notices

APPLICATIONS SOUGHT FOR LEHMAN CREATIVE WRITING AWARDS. DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 1, 1999.

University Park, Pa. -- Penn State's College of Liberal Arts and the College of Communications are calling for entries in the 1999 Katie Lehman Creative Writing Award Contest. The competition is open to all Penn State undergraduates, regardless of curriculum or campus, who have at least sophomore standing and who will be in residence during the spring 1999 semester. Winners will be announced by March 15.

The Katie Lehman Creative Writing Awards are made annually in poetry, fiction and nonfiction/journalism. The prize in all three categories is \$750. Application forms are obtainable by mail or in person from the Department of English, 103 Burrows Building, University Park, PA 16802 or on line at <http://www.psu.edu/dep/English/Programs/ugradhbk/kateyapp.html>. Forms and manuscripts should be returned together to that office.

Entrants may submit no more than four poems, one short story or one nonfiction/journalism article in each category. Each submission must be made in a plain manila envelope with the application attached to the outside. All manuscripts must be typed and double-spaced, and the applicant's name should not appear anywhere on the manuscript, which will be assigned a number and judged anonymously by a panel of nationally-known writers and scholars.

A 1942 graduate of Penn State, Katey Lehman was an Honors student in English and Journalism, a reporter for the Daily Collegian and, along with her husband Ross, a columnist for the Centre Daily Times for 26 years.

The awards are made possible by an endowment from Katey's sister, Mary Jean Popp Smeal, and her brother-in-law, Frank P. Smeal.

STUDY IN ENGLAND OPPORTUNITY OFFERED BY NENE COLLEGE.

At the moment, 11 courses have been approved for PSU credit. There is one additional course, "The Policies and Economics of the European Union," that will be offered, 3 meetings for students interested in this program have been scheduled. Students interested may attend any one of these:

1. Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 12:15 p.m. in Reed 113
2. Wednesday, Feb. 3 at Noon in Reed 113

3. Wednesday, Feb. 3 at 4:00 p.m. in Reed 113.

At these meetings, information, applications, and course descriptions will be distributed, plus questions answered.

PENN STATE ERIE FRATERNITIES CHOOSE ALCOHOL MODERATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The Interfraternity Council (IFC) at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, has taken an active step to address the issue of drinking on college campuses. Last semester the council voted unanimously to require all fraternities to participate in the Moderation Management program offered by the Office of Student Affairs at Penn State Erie.

"We're trying to set an example for the rest of our campus and for other campuses, too," said Paul Moore, president of IFC. "Nobody told us to, we just decided to take the initiative." If people realize that we are taking our time and making an effort to accomplish this, they'll see fraternities in a different way."

We're pleased with the leadership shown by these young men, said Ken Miller, Interim Dean of Student Affairs. They are taking a positive step to address an issue that affects the entire student body.

The Moderation Management program offered to the IFC by Penn State Erie involves four weekly sessions that are facilitated by Susan Daley, staff psychologist in the Colleges counseling office. The sessions, based on a book called Moderate Drinking by Audrey Kishline (1994, Three Rivers Press), cover nine steps that force participants to examine how drinking has affected their lives.

In addition to an understanding of blood alcohol concentration and the effects of blood alcohol on personal health, the program teaches guidelines and limits for moderate drinking. For example, a moderate drinker is someone who usually has friends who are moderate or non-drinkers, who usually does not drink for more than an hour or two on any particular occasion, and who has ways to relax and enjoy life that do not include alcohol. Moderation Management limits include: never driving while impaired by the effects of alcohol, not drinking every day, and not drinking in situations that would endanger yourself and others.

Participants in the program must agree to a period of abstinence as part of the sessions. Not drinking forces those who drink to get a clear head, so that they can recognize their own level of tolerance (or intolerance) to alcohol. During abstinence participants engage in activities that don't require alcohol, thereby reinforcing positive lifestyle changes.

Neil Scarboro, a junior management information systems major from Broadway and a brother of Zeta Beta Tau, indicated that the abstinence period, which his fraternity did for one week at the beginning of the

program, has not been a big deal. "We have a lot of activities that involve no alcohol at all," he said. "We participate in events like Christmas caroling at the Veterans Administration Hospital and doing our annual fund raising walk to Pittsburgh for a local charity. He noted that the fraternity polices its own ranks and confronts members before drinking becomes a problem."

Matt Agnoli, a junior psychology major from Montville, N.J. and a member of Kappa Delta Rho, felt that participation in the moderation management was definitely beneficial. "I really saw a lot of positive results from the Moderation Management program. I was challenged, and so were some others," he said. "KDR abstained during the month of November, and during that time we had an alcohol-free brothers retreat, where we discussed issues within and relating to the fraternity. Moderation management training gave us a way to reach out and help others who may have problems with drinking."

"In the past I've taught the Moderation Management program one-on-one to students who have been referred through the College's judicial system," said Daley, "but this is the first time I've been approached by an interested group. The fraternities want to own this issue and respond positively to the problem."

According to Daley, in recent years Americans have adopted the disease model of treatment for persons with drinking problems. Moderation Management takes a different approach, treating excessive alcohol use not as a disease, but as learned behavior. And like a bad habit, if drinking behavior is learned, it can also be unlearned.

Managing alcohol consumption is no longer a one size fits all problem, either, says Daley. People are looking for alcohol management problems that suit their individual situation.

BEHREND BUSINESS FACULTY LEARN FROM HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL PROFESSOR.

Dr. Samuel W. Kennedy, faculty development coordinator for the Harvard Medical School, was in Erie recently to conduct a workshop for faculty in the School of Business at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College. His presentation, which was focused on problem-based learning, was part of the ongoing faculty development program that supports the School of Business plan for accreditation by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). The Schreyer Institute assisted the School of Business in organizing the program.

In addition to serving as faculty development coordinator in the Harvard Medical School, Kennedy is curriculum coordinator for courses in pharmacology and anatomy. He lectures in cell biology and human anatomy and in 1993 was awarded

the Harvard Medical School Faculty Prize for Excellence in Teaching.

Kennedy's workshop explored the central elements of problem solving and provided strategies for using those elements in the process of formal, classroom education. Problem-based learning is an educational strategy that involves a sequential process, noted Kennedy. The problem comes first, then students follow a list of specific actions that move toward a resolution. Those actions include brainstorming, penn state Erie/Kennedy add hypothesizing, discussion, elaboration, analysis, summarizing, and reaching conclusions.

Problem-based learning also offers a team-oriented approach to the classroom. The teacher serves as coach, and students work together to acquire information and to develop interpersonal communication and team-building skills.

"In business, as in medicine, our students struggle with real-life problems," said Dr. John Magenau, director of the School of Business. "Dr. Kennedy did an excellent job of demonstrating to our faculty how the problem-based learning used in medical schools can be an effective teaching strategy in business education."

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE.

The 1999-2000 academic and leadership scholarship is now available in the Financial Aid Office.

Applications must be returned to the Behrend Financial Aid Office by Friday, February 12, 1999.

Events

DISCOVER WINTER AT PRESQUE ISLE

Penn State Behrend students are invited to participate in the upcoming Discover Winter at Presque Isle event, which is set for Saturday, Feb. 6 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Presque Isle. The Healthy Lifestyles Committee, a collaboration of students and administrators from the four area colleges, is sponsoring the event in conjunction with the Presque Isle Partnership.

Discover Winter at Presque Isle events will be located near the cabins at Water Works on Presque Isle. Activities planned include hayrides, ice skating, cross-country skiing, storytelling, a scavenger hunt, and snow sculpting. Food will be available, including the ingredients for simores, and a snowman will be available for photo opportunities. The Mercyhurst Lakers will provide an ice hockey demonstration, the Coast Guard will provide a safety information, and a guest speaker will discuss safety in the winter weather.

Penn State Behrend students interested in volunteering to help with these activities may call Kris Motta, assistant director of student activities, at 6171 for more information. Transportation to and from Presque Isle will be provided.

BEHREND OPEN HOUSE SERIES CONTINUES.

Scientists and artists alike will be fascinated when the 1998-99 Open House Nights in Astronomy/Science Series at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, continues Thursday, January 28 at 7:30 p.m. with a colorful and aesthetically pleasing presentation of the patterns formed by cellular automata (CA). Ronald McCarty, instructor in computer science and coordinator of Computer Science at Penn State Behrend, will present the program.

Cellular automata (CA) are dynamic systems composed of cells interacting according to a set of rules. Each cell interacts only with cells in its immediate neighborhood, yet when studied, surprisingly beautiful patterns of complex behavior often emerge.

Among many other uses, CAs can be employed by ecologists to model the behavior of forest fires, by engineers to study the flow of air around wings, by meteorologists to simulate the development of weather patterns, and by hobbyists just for the fun of it.

McCarty has collected a gallery of awesome automata, which he will present in his talk, exploring issues such as the meaning of life, the search for the Gardens of Eden, and the consequences of viruses and mutation. The audience will watch brain scans, study blueprints, and enjoy trellises and rose gardens McCarty will share with the audience the Worldwide Web sites that permit downloading of CAs.

Open House Nights in Astronomy/Science, which take place in the Otto Behrend Science Lecture Hall, are free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Penn State Erie School of Science at 898-6105.

MICROPHONE NIGHT

There will be an open MICROPHONE Night at Bruno's. Poets are needed to recite poems. Please contact Shimira Williams at ext. 6098 for more information. A sign up sheet is in the Student Activities Office for all who are interested and being involved. This event takes place on Friday 12, 1999, at 7:00pm.



Dr. Samuel W. Kennedy, faculty development coordinator for the Harvard Medical School

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