

# Calendar of Events

**25** Thurs

- SPC Movie: "I Still Know What you did Last Summer" Reed 117 9:00pm
- Astronomy Open House: Otto Behrend 7:30pm
- Spring Play "The Visit", Studio Theatre- 8:00pm

**26** Fri

- SPC Movie: "I Still Know what you did Last Summer" Reed 117 10:00pm
- Spring Play: The Visit, Studio Theatre- 8:00pm
- Comedian John Bush Bruno's 8:30pm

**27** Sat

- SPC Movie: "I Still Know what you did Last Summer" Reed 117 10:00pm
- Spring Play: The Visit 8:00pm
- Shari Richards, Slinger- 8:30 Bruno's

**28** Sun

- Catholic Mass Reed Commons 8:00pm
- SPC Movie: "I Still Know what you did Last Summer" Reed 117 9:00pm
- Spring Play: The Visit Studio Theatre 2:30pm

**1** Mon

- Women's Film Series Reed 117 7:30pm
- Spring Musical Auditions Reed 119 3:30-5:00pm

**2** Tues

- Spring Musical Auditions Reed 119 5:30-7:00pm

**3** Wed

- S.U.E. meeting Reed 114 12pm
- Freedom Theater's-Traveling Black History Show Reed Commons 6pm

**4** Thurs

- Speaker Series: Dr. Jack Young Reed Union Building Lecture Hall 12pm

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

### CAREER DEVELOPMENT

The Career Development Center at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, will hold its first career fair for students in Business, Humanities, and Science on Thursday, Feb. 25 from noon to 5 p.m. in the Reed Union Building Commons. More than 900 companies and organizations were invited to attend the fair, and 50 companies have already confirmed their participation. This event will be of interest to freshmen and sophomores as well as junior and seniors, since employers will be seeking candidates for summer and intern positions as well as full time, permanent positions.

In addition to Penn State Behrend students, this event is open to students from other Erie College Career Cooperative schools: Allegheny College, Edinboro University, Gannon University, and Mercyhurst College.

For more information about this career fair, visit the Web site <http://www.pserie.psu.edu/career/bfair.htm> or call the Penn State Behrend Career Development Center at (814) 898-6164.

### PENN STATE ERIE OFFERS SUMMER PROGRAM IN ENGLAND

Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, is offering students an opportunity to travel to England this summer July 6 through August 12 for study at the University College of Northampton (Nene College). Located in the center of England, Nene College is just one hour from London, Oxford, Cambridge, and Birmingham. This summer course offerings are the first step in collaboration between Penn State Behrend and the

may register for any of the eleven 3 credit courses that are offered. Courses available include Elizabethan and Jacobean Literature, Romantic and Victorian Literature, Advanced Expository Writing, Creative Dramatics, Playwriting/Scriptwriting, Ecology of the United Kingdom, Biological Assessment of River Water Quality in the United Kingdom, Contemporary Social Problems and Policies, Principles of Sociology, The History of the English Country House, and Policies and Economics of the European Union.

In addition to four weeks of formal course work, field trips, and cultural activities, the summer program offers students a week of course related excursions to Scotland, Ireland, London's West End, or the Lake District. The program also includes bed, breakfast and full use of the college's facilities.

Cost of the program is \$2,000 for students taking 3 credits; \$2,500 for students taking six credits; and \$2,900 for students taking nine credits. Airfare is expected to cost an additional \$700. Participants will be expected to place a \$500 program deposit by Feb. 28.

Individuals interested in the Nene College program may contact Dr. Dean Baldwin, acting director of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at Penn State Behrend, at (814) 898-6152.

## Events

### ARE THERE OTHER PLANETS LIKE EARTH?

The Penn State Erie Open House Nights in Astronomy Series continues Thursday, Feb. 25 at 7:30 p.m. with Habitable Planets presented by Dr. Darren Williams, assistant professor of physics. Williams' lecture,

which is free and open to the public, will take place in Room 101 of the Otto Behrend Science Building.

Williams, an astrophysicist, was internationally recognized for his publication last fall in Nature, the world's most prestigious journal of science.

Williams' research suggests that the earth might have tilted more toward the sun 600 million years ago than it does today. In a previous paper published by Nature in 1997, he explored the possibility that there are prospects for life on moons around other stars and planets. In his lecture, Williams will consider the main factors that affect whether or not a planet is suitable for life, including distance from a star, presence of an atmosphere, and stability of orbit and spin. He will also discuss the habitability of Earth and its likely longevity.

Williams' lecture will be pictorial and conceptual and is suitable for ages 8 and up. Astronomical observing will take place following the lecture, weather permitting. For more information contact the Penn State Behrend School of Science at 898-6105.

### BEHREND CAMPUS MINISTRY TO HOLD 30-HOUR FAMINE

More than 40 students at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, will fast and accept donations to fight world hunger during a 30-hour famine beginning at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26 and continuing through 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27. Their goal this year is to raise even more than last year's total of \$1,960.

The 30-hour famine is a joint project of both Catholic and Protestant campus ministries at the College. High school students from local churches have also been invited to fast and to join in this fundraising effort, which is coordinated by Worldvision, a Christian relief and development organization with over 5,200 projects in 100 nations.

Participating students will ask faculty, staff, friends, and family to sponsor them as they go without food to identify with those who are hungry. The group will gather early Friday evening to take part in hunger awareness exercises and later will be entertained by Grace Notes, a Christian rock band from University Park. Saturday afternoon the fasting students will take part in service projects at HealthSouth Great Lakes Rehabilitation Hospital of Erie, St. Mary's Home, the Mercy Center for Women, and the Shriner's Hospital. Participants will break their fast Saturday evening at 7 p.m. with dinner donated to the event by Old Country Buffet, 7200 Peach Street.

For more information about the fast or to donate to fight world hunger, contact the Penn State Behrend Office of Campus Ministry at 898-6245 or 898-7139.

### CAN A WHOLE TOWN BE BOUGHT

The Studio Theatre at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, will lure its audience into a dark tale of mystery and corruption when it presents Maurice Valency's adaptation of The Visit, a play by Friedrich Duerrenmatt. Production is set to begin on Saturday, February 19 at 8pm and continue through February 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27 at 8pm and Sundays February 21 and 28 at 2:30pm.

Directed by Lecturer in Theatre Tony Elliot, The Visit is the story of an incredibly wealthy woman who returns to the town of her birth and childhood. The village is in economic ruin and the townspeople are sure she will come to their aid.

And she does offer to help, but she wants something in return: "Justice" for the crimes committed against her in the past. Her brand of "Justice" has an especially heavy cost for Anton Schill, the one the village trusts to ask her for help.

Students participating in the play include Angel Moreno, a senior business, liberal arts, and science major from New York City, who plays Clarie, the Wealthy visitor. Schill, her former lover, is played by Joe Getway, a senior English and creative writing major from Sharon. Getway is memorable as Bo in last year's comedy production, Only You.

Kobby, the Blind Man who has already suffered Clarie's form of justice, is played by Bond Davis of Carnegie, and the mayor, who has great plans for his own town, is played by Dr. L. Ken L. Saunders, assistant professor of mechanical engineering at Penn State Behrend.

Other cast members include, Mark Ahrens, Janna Magoc, David Sonney, Jack Kichura, Susan Rohde, Daryl Brumbaugh, Jackson Connor, Leo Hanley, Amy Vay, and Bethany Cummings.

Tickets for the production are \$3 for students and \$5 for general ad-

mission. To make reservations, please call the Studio Theatre box office at (814) 898-6016.

### AUDITIONS B.R.U.N.O.

The spring Musical is an original musical revue about the college experience. It is based on the popular musical theatre tunes. The auditions will be held on Monday March 1st at 3:30-5:00pm, and Tuesday March 2nd at 5:30-7:00pm. If you would like to try out go to Reed 119. Please bring sheet music and a prepared piece as well as your class and work schedule. If you have any questions you can contact Mr. Elliot at 6279.

### A PROVOST SPEAKER SERIES

Dr. Jack Young, a veteran of the research laboratory and the college classroom, will continue the Provosts Speaker Series at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, on Thursday, March 4 with "Higher Education at the Crossroads: Need for a New Institutional Model?" His lecture, which is free and open to the public, will begin at noon in the Reed Union Building Lecture Hall.

Young, an associate professor of mechanical engineering at Penn State Behrend, selected his topic on the basis of its importance, timeliness, and general interest to the community. He notes that legislators, parents, students, and employers are increasingly concerned about undergraduate education and are challenging its curricula, its

funding, and its outcomes. To meet this challenge he proposes a redefinition of higher education, bringing community colleges, mature students, new technologies, and higher enrollments into the equation.

In his presentation Young will review some of the major forces involved in this redefinition: the need for increased student accessibility to higher education; a changing student population; doctoral training, the impact of the business model, and public accountability.

Young is the winner of the 1998 Penn State Erie Council of Fellows Award for Excellence in Teaching. After receiving his doctorate in bioengineering from the University of Michigan in 1972, he went on to the University of Toronto to complete post-doctoral studies. Before coming to Penn State Behrend in 1988, Young worked for fourteen years at Steris (then known as American Sterilizer) as the assistant director and director of research. He continues to consult to remain current with the needs and developments of industry.

### DR. SEUSS READING DAY AT PENN STATE BEHREND

Penn State Behrend will take part in "Read Across America" with a public reading featuring works by Dr. Seuss on Tuesday, March 2, 1999 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Students in grades k-2 in all Erie area schools have been invited to join the Penn State Behrend Communications Club in the Commons of Reed Union Building for reading, face painting, snacks and singing. This is a free event and is open to the public. If you would like more information please call (814) 898-6660.



Dr. Jack Young

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