

Calendar of Events

25 Thurs

- SPC Movie: "This Bug's Life" Reed 117- 10pm
- Astronomy Open House- 7:30pm Otto Behrend

26 Fri

- SPC Movie: "This Bug's Life" Reed 117- 10pm
- Bruno's: Steve Wolf and the Swing Band- 8:30
- IM Deadline: Swimming-4pm

27 Sat

- Softball vs. Frostburg (DH)- 2pm
- SPC Movie: "This Bug's Life" Reed 117- 10pm

28 Sun

- Catholic Mass Reed Commons 8:00pm
- SPC Movie: "This Bug's Life" Reed 117- 10pm

29 Mon

- Do not forget to call your mother

30 Tues

- Write a letter of complaint to Housing and Food Services

31 Wed

- Get involved - Write a letter to the editor

1 Thurs

- Softball vs. Pitt-Greensburg (DH)- 3pm
- SPC Movie: "A Civil Action" Reed 117- 9pm

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

BEHREND CELEBRATES NATIONAL HISTORY DAY MARCH 27

The public is invited to join students in grades 6-12 from schools throughout northwestern Pennsylvania as they present papers, exhibits, and performances for National History Day on Saturday, March 27 at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College. The event begins at 8 a.m. in the Reed Union Building and continues through 1 p.m. The theme this year is Science, Technology, Invention in History: Impact, Influence, Change.

National History Day is an exciting way for students to study and learn about historical issues, ideas, people, and events. This competitive event has two divisions: the junior division for grades 6-8 and the senior division for grades 9-12. Students may prepare an entry in one of seven categories: individual paper; individual or group exhibit; individual or group performance; individual or group media. Winners at the regional event then compete in state contest, and the top two winners in the state competition advance to the national competition, which is held in June at the University of Maryland.

Dr. John Powell, assistant professor of history and coordinator of the area National History Day celebration, encourages the public to visit Penn State Behrend to see outstanding historical performances, media presentations, and projects prepared by area students. Many local entries will qualify for the state competition. In addition to traditional topics, students frequently choose themes involving events, organizations, and businesses in northwestern Pennsylvania.

History Day is actively supported by Respicimus (the Penn State Behrend history club), the Penn State Behrend School of Humanities and Social Sciences, and Erie Yesterday. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, please call the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at (814) 898-6108.

BEHREND AND SIGMA XI HOST UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH CONFERENCE

Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, and the northwestern Pennsylvania chapter of Sigma Xi, the scientific research society, will host the eighth annual Undergraduate Student Research and Creative Accomplishment Conference on Saturday, March 27 from 8:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Presentations will take place in the Academic Building at Penn State Behrend, where posters will also be on display. The conference is free and open to the public. The following sessions are scheduled: Posters on display from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Biology oral presentations from 8:30 to 11:15 a.m. Business and history oral presenta-

tions from 8:45 to 11 a.m. Chemistry, engineering, math, and computer science oral presentations from 8:15 to 11 a.m. A luncheon for all participants will follow.

Research is a very important component of undergraduate education, stresses Dr. Robert Light, associate provost and associate dean. The conference is the fourth program to be established at the College that promotes student involvement in research. Other programs include the Penn State Behrend Undergraduate Student Research Grant, the council of fellows Undergraduate Student Research Award, and the Penn State Behrend Undergraduate Student Summer Research Fellowship.

The conference includes twenty-six presentations and eleven posters, giving students an opportunity to present their research findings in a public setting and to demonstrate how involvement in research activities can make a positive difference in the undergraduate experience, emphasizes Light. The conference continues to grow. This year, in addition to participants from all four schools at Penn State Behrend, the conference will include presentations by students from Edinboro University, Grove City College, and SUNY Fredonia.

Funding for the conference is provided by the College, by Sigma Xi, and by the Penn State Fund for Undergraduate Research. For more information about this event, please call Penn State Behrend at (814) 898-6000.

BLUE BUS CANCELLATIONS

Saturday, March 27, 1999
The bus is reserved all day for the spring shopping trip to Grove City and Sharon, Pa.

Sunday, March 28, 1999
The bus is reserved for the 11:00am, 12:20pm, 1:00pm, 2:20pm, 3:00pm and 4:20pm runs. (Cleveland Airport Request)

SPRING COMMENCEMENT

The Spring 1999 Commencement ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 15, at noon on the Reed Union Building lawn. In case of inclement weather, two ceremonies will be held. The first will begin at 12:00 noon and the second at 2:30pm, both in Erie Hall.

Seniors who intend to participate in the graduation ceremony must purchase a cap and gown from the bookstore. Prices are as follows: Baccalaureate-black (keeper) \$22.75, Associate- blue (Keeper) \$22.75, Graduate- black cap gown, hood (keeper)- \$46.00 and Graduate black cap, gown, hood (rental)- \$35.25.

The deadline to order caps and gowns is April 9. Beginning April 6, graduation announcements may be purchased on a walk-in basis from the Media and Instructional Support Center (MISC) in the Academic

Building. The cost is 35 cents for each announcement.

GROVE CITY TRIP

The blue bus is planning a shopping trip to the Grove City Outlet Mall and also to various attractions in nearby Sharon, PA on Saturday, March 27, 1999.

Tentative Itinerary
10:00am Depart Reed Building
11:30am Arrive at Grove City Outlet Mall
4:00pm Depart Grove City Outlet Mall
4:30pm Arrive in Sharon, Pa. Tour Daffin's Candies, Avenue of the Flags, Kraynak's Store and many more places, with Dinner at Quaker Steak and Lube.
10:00pm Approximate Return to Behrend

Remember, that as a group, we can make revisions to this itinerary. We ask that you sign up at the Rub Desk as soon as possible with your nonfundable downpayment of \$10.00 by March 20th. This trip usually sells out so sign up soon.

NSBE HOSTS FASHION SHOW AT BEHREND MARCH 25

The National Society of Black Engineers at Penn State Behrend will host its annual fashion show Thursday, March 25 at 7 p.m. in the Reed Union Building Commons. Tickets for the event are \$3 for students, \$5 for non-students. Channasa Taylor, a member and spokesperson for NSBE, said that forty students from NSBE and other organizations across campus will model fashions from a variety of designers and stores including Express, Lerner New

York, Rave, Footlocker, Hanover, Dots, and Wilsons. The fashion scene will focus on military styles, casino styles, casual/sportswear, winter, swimsuits, Lady in Red, and for the futuristic finale, lots of gold.

The National Society of Black Engineers is a non-profit, student managed organization with more than 10,000 members in 300 chapters nationwide. The purpose of the Penn State Behrend chapter is to encourage minority students to major in engineering and to provide services for those students that will help them excel academically and succeed professionally.

Appetizers will be served when guests arrive. To reserve priority seating or for more information about the fashion show, please call the Penn State Behrend Office of Student Activities at 898-6171.

Events

STEVE WOLF AND SWING SPEAK AT BEHREND MARCH 26

The Office of Student Activities at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, will present a performance by Steve Wolf and Swing Speak on Friday, March 26 at 8:30 p.m. The group, which offers a rich mix of jazz and other musical styles, will perform at Bruno's in the Reed Union Building. Their performance is free and open to the public. After years of backing a legion of top lo-

cal and national performers, four of Washington's finest side men have come together to form Swing Speak. In this era of techno pop and hype, they make music the old fashioned way: with a strong melodic content and deft musical skill. Not content to be typecast, this revivalist group has influences covering the full range of the American jazz repertoire, along with a touch of Latin and rhythm & blues. The success of this formula is evident in their exciting performances, and the band is quickly gaining a loyal following.

Steve Wolf was named by Goldmine Magazine as one of the best bass players on the East Coast. His band includes keyboard player Tim Ford, drummer Barry Hart, and saxophonist Bruce Swain. Performance credits for the members include notables such as The Tommy Dorsey Band, The Four Aces, Wynton Marsalis, and Chuck Berry.

The Swing Speak CD release "Well Spoken" was honored with the Washington Area Music Association Award for "Best Traditional Jazz Recording" at the 1997 Awards. The group was also nominated for "Best Traditional Jazz Group" the same year.

For more information about this event, please call the Penn State Behrend Office of Student Activities at 898-6171.

OPEN HOUSE NIGHT IN ASTRONOMY

In the sixth of the 1998/99 Penn State Open House Nights in Astronomy series, Dr. Roger

Knacke will present a lecture on the role of neutrinos in the universe.

Neutrinos are among the smallest and lightest of the fundamental particles that make up matter in the universe. They are so ephemeral that the Earth is almost completely transparent to them. Despite this, neutrinos are critical to several energetic processes in the universe. The sun emits neutrinos, but for many years some neutrinos have seemed to be missing, as scientists have puzzled over neutrino counts smaller than theories predict. In 1987, a star in a nearby galaxy became a "supernova," exploding with terrifying violence that sent out an intense pulse of neutrinos were generated in the Big Bang beginning of the universe, and may still fill the universe today.

Some of the mysteries about neutrinos seem to be on the verge of resolution with the announcement in 1998 that neutrinos possess the chameleon-like ability to change among three different types. Scientists are testing these ideas with huge new astronomical neutrino "observations" in deep mines, the Pacific Ocean, and the Antarctic ice caps.

This lecture is free and open to the public. It will be held on Thursday, March 25, 1999 at The Otto Behrend Science 101, starting at 7:30pm.

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Steve Wolf and Swing Speak