

Calendar of Events

15 Thurs

- SPC Movie: "Stepmom" Reed 117- 9pm
- Baseball vs. Grove City (DH)-3pm
- Dr. Yervant Terzian: Otto Behrend Science building- 7:30

16 Fri

- SPC Movie: "Stepmom" Reed 117- 10pm
- Comedian: Loose Screws, Brunos 8:30pm
- Rec Deadline- White-Water Rafting

17 Sat

- SPC Movie: "Stepmom" Reed 117- 10pm
- Euchre Tournament Finals
- Softball vs. Bethany (DH)-2pm
- Track and Field Slippery Rock Invitational

18 Sun

- Catholic Mass: Reed Commons 8:00pm
- SPC Movie: "Stepmom" Reed 117- 9pm
- Baseball vs. Pitt-Bradford (DH)-1pm
- Softball vs. LaRoche (DH)-2pm

19 Mon

- "Let's all go to the mall," says photo editor Andrea Zaffino

20 Tues

- Softball vs. Fredonia (DH)-3pm

21 Wed

- Tennis (M) vs. Fredonia- 3pm

22 Thurs

- SPC Movie: "Patch Adams" 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

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. Please call the Provosts Office at 898-6160 by May 31 if you plan to attend.

SPRING MUSICAL REVUE-B.R.U.N.O.S

Matchbox players is proud to present B.R.U.N.O.S., an original musical revue about college life at Behrend. The show was created, written, and produced by members of Matchbox players, Behrend's theatre club. B.R.U.N.O.S. will be performed in the studio Theatre on April 15, 16, 17, and 18 at 8:00pm and April 18 at 4:00pm. Reserved seating is limited and reservations will be taken beginning April 5. Call the Studio Theatre at 898-6016 for reservations. General Admission is \$3.00, and each performance is FREE to all Penn State students with ID. Come out and laugh...right this way, a good time's waiting!

BEHREND FREE ENTERPRISE TEAM BRINGS HOME TWO TROPHIES

For the first time, six students from Penn State Behrend Erie, The Behrend College, took part in the Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) competition Tuesday, April 6 in Cleveland. Under the direction of Dr. Jeffrey W. Traylor, assistant professor of management, the team brought home trophies for Rookie of the Year and second runner-up in League A. During the award ceremony Traylor received a plaque recognizing his service as a Sam Walton Free Enterprise Fellow.

Students participating included Beth Shickler of Harborcreek, Matt Inderlied of Fairview, Jillanne Torrance of Erie, Lance Dunn of Wattsburg, Bryan Docherty of Glenshaw, and John Hoderny of Erie. Each student was required to complete 50 hours of a community outreach business activity such as market

analysis, profitability assessment, marketing assessment, or marketing potential. Fifteen business owners and executives judged the students on their documented results, their presentation skills, the number of people impacted by their outreach, and several other criteria.

"This was an awesome opportunity," said Traylor. "We competed with students from Ohio, Michigan, New York, and Pennsylvania, and came out very well. We're already looking forward to next year."

Those interested in joining or becoming involved in SIFE can learn more about the program at the following web address: www.personal.psu.edu/faculty/jw/jwt5/sife.htm.

IEEE STUDENT PAPER AND HARDWARE CONTEST AT BEHREND APRIL 16-17

The 1999 IEEE Region Two Student Paper and Hardware Competition will take place at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, on Friday and Saturday, April 16 and 17. The competition is sponsored by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, the Erie Engineering Societies Council, and the local chapter of IEEE. More than 75 students and faculty from colleges and universities throughout Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia are scheduled to participate.

This year nine student groups will present papers and nine will present robots for the competition. Teams of students work all semester on their projects. Dr. Thomas Hemminger, associate professor of electrical engineering at Penn State Behrend and faculty host for this event, noted that "the number of robots in the competition has increased from five last year to nine." He also noted that students from Gannon University will participate in the paper competition.

In addition to the contests, IEEE will conduct its leadership conference for training of new student leaders during the weekend.

The event will begin with a welcoming dinner in the Reed Commons Friday at 6 p.m. Saturday morning those in attendance will hear a keynote speaker from NASA, then participate in the leadership conference. The robot competition will take place in Roche Hall beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

WINTERGREEN GORGE CLEANUP PROJECT IS APRIL 17

GE Transportation Systems, Maintenance and Operations, and the Penn State Behrend Eco Action volunteers will team up to clean the Wintergreen Gorge on Saturday, April 17. Additional volunteers from the Penn State Behrend community are welcome to take part in the days

activities. Volunteers will meet at 8:30 a.m. in the parking lot behind the Fasenmeyer Building at the west end of the campus. Three teams are planned: Big Junk and Clearing (hard work!) This team will focus on the Cooper Road entrance to the Gorge, moving trees, scrap metal and brush. Wear hard-soled shoes and long sleeves. Gloves, shovels and other equipment will be provided.

Trash and Litter (not too hard!) This team will clear trash and litter starting from three locations in the Gorge. Wear shoes that will handle the steep climb and long pants. Vine Trimming (adventurous!) This team will begin at Cooper Road, inspecting wild grapevines and trimming those that pose a threat to foliage.

When work is completed at 12:30 p.m. there will be a free lunch at the parking lot behind the Fasenmeyer building. Also, GETS will provide each volunteer with a golf shirt to mark their participation.

For more information or to volunteer, please call Randy Perino at 875-6962 or send him e-mail at randall.perino@trans.ge.com.

FOUNDER OF ANSYS TO SPEAK AT BEHREND SENIOR PROJECTS DAY

Dr. John Swanson, founder and chief technologist of ANSYS, Inc. will be the keynote speaker at Senior Projects 99, to be held Saturday, May 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Engineering Complex at Penn State Erie, the Behrend College. At this event, graduating seniors in the engineering programs present research and industrial projects they have completed during the year.

"Many of the senior projects presented provide solutions to real-world engineering problems," said David Roth, associate professor of engineering and faculty sponsor for the day. "We invite representatives of industry to bring their challenging problems to our students, who work to develop practical solutions." Roth noted that senior projects day often draws many product design and manufacturing representatives from local and regional companies, who come to meet the graduates and recruit potential employees. "Although," he said, "by senior projects day, many of these students have already accepted jobs in industry," we are particularly pleased to have Dr. Swanson with us for Senior Projects Day, said Dr. Richard Progelhof, director of the School of Engineering and Engineering Technology. Swanson, who will speak in Roche Hall at 12:45 p.m., is internationally recognized as an innovator in the application of finite-element methods to engineering. He founded his company in 1970 to develop, support, and market the ANSYS program, a finite-element software code widely used in the computer-aided engineering industry. For additional information about Senior Projects 99, please call the Penn State Behrend School of Engineering and Engineering Technology at (814) 898-6153.

BLUE BUS INFORMATION

Saturday, April 17, 1999
There will be no 10:20 or 11:00 runs.
Saturday, April 24, 1999
The Bus is reserved all day for a White-Water Rafting Trip.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH IN NIAGARA HALL

Niagara Hall Students, and RAs, celebrated Women's History Month, in March, by putting together two informative bulletin boards.

The first, a joint effort of RA Niki Bruniani, and resident Jackie Nieves, is on display in the west side hallway of Niagara Hall Lobby. The other was on display on Niagara's second (women's) floor.

HALL COUNCIL ORGANIZES EGG HUNT IN NIAGARA HALL

Niagara Hall Council got students involved in the spirit of the season, by organizing an egg hunt for the residents. The activity rewarded students with candy filled plastic eggs, and offered a welcome break from studies, on Thursday, April 1, 1999. Niagara Hall Council officers, and RA staff, were really pleased with the results of their efforts.

BENACCI FAMILY ENDOWS SCHOLARSHIP

Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, has received a \$500,000 gift from the Joseph Benacci family to create the Joseph A. and Berit I. Benacci Family Scholarship. "We made the decision when everyone was gathered around the table last Thanksgiving," said Joe Benacci, CEO of T.W.L. Corp., a trucking and warehousing company with interests in real estate, transportation, and distribution. "Our family has been so blessed. We're at a point now where it's time to give back to the community, and I've always had a soft spot in my heart for Behrend." Benacci began his academic career at Penn State Behrend in the early fifties, before it was possible to receive a four-year degree at the College. He continued his studies at University Park, but was unable to complete his degree due to the untimely death of his father. "Joe has developed a remarkably successful business," said Dr. John Lilley, provost and dean. "Given his own experience, it is particularly inspiring for his family to help make education possible for others."

A member of the Erie Conference on Community Development, Benacci is also on the Penn State Behrend Alumni Society Board and serves on the board of directors of the Penn State Behrend Council of Fellows. Berit has been involved with both the Erie Philharmonic and

the Hamot Aid Society, and served on Behrend's anniversary committee. Dr. Christopher Reber, associate provost for Advancement and University Relations at Penn State Behrend, said the gift will make an important impact in the lives of students. "Many of our students work between twenty and forty hours a week to support their education, he said. The Benacci's gift will make a real difference in students lives, and, because it is an endowment, the College will be able to offer this resource on an ongoing basis," he said. The Benacci's son, Ray, a 1987 graduate of Penn State with a degree in business logistics, serves as president of the family's corporation. "We have more than 100 employees," he said, "and those employees have families. I feel a sense of responsibility to them." It is one of the reasons he and his brothers and sisters agreed to support the Joseph A. and Berit I. Benacci Family Scholarship, which will give first consideration to employees of the corporation and their relatives.

The Benaccis made the gift as a family. Their children include Joseph, a plastic surgeon at Pitt County Memorial Hospital, a part of East Carolina University in Greenville, N.C.; Kristina Hannum, who received her Ph.D. in higher education from the University of Florida at Gainesville; Ray, president of T.W.L. Corp.; Jennifer, a 1997 graduate of the University of Northern Arizona in education; and Karl, who plans to attend Penn State Behrend in the fall. "They were very receptive to the idea," said Joe. "We've tried to teach them that if you have strong beliefs, you need to make things happen."

The family informed employees of T.W.L. Corp. about the scholarship before it was announced publicly and plans to promote its availability on a regular basis. "We want everyone to feel encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity for higher education," said Kristina Hannum. "Even if they haven't thought about it in the past."

LEARN TO PLAY GOLF

Continuing and Distance Education and the Athletics department is offering a course on how to play golf. This course will be instructed by Dave Niland and Rob Wittman. The cost is \$75 dollars and all class sections will be held from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Enrollment is limited, so to register, please call the Office of Continuing and Distance Education at 898-6103. The following are days in which the course is offered. May 3 through May 24 (Mondays and Wednesdays) or May 4 through May 25 (Tuesdays and Thursdays) or June 1 through June 22 (Tuesdays and Thursdays) or June 2 through June 23 (Mondays and Wednesdays).

"Golf is an excellent lifetime activity and a refreshing way to enjoy the outdoors as well as conduct any social or business activity."

Events

CORNELL ASTRONOMER TO SPEAK AT BEHREND

Dr. Yervant Terzian, astronomer and director of the New York State Pew Cluster of Colleges and Universities for the improvement of undergraduate science education, will present The Magnificent Universe on Thursday, April 15 at 7:30 p.m. at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College. His lecture, which is free and open to the public, will take place in the Otto Behrend Science Building.

Terzian has been associated with the Arecibo Observatory since 1965. His areas of study include the physics of the interstellar medium, HII regions, the evolution of late type stars, binary galaxies, colliding galaxies, and the physics of planetary nebulae. With students and collaborators he has used the Arecibo radio telescope, the Palomar five-meter telescope, the International Ultraviolet Space Explorer, and others. His current work uses the Hubble Space Telescope to study the detailed structure of planetary nebulae.

Terzian's lecture will explore the universe from a historical perspective, including modern cosmological theories developed using the scientific method. His presentation includes astronomical slides taken with the world's largest telescopes and with cameras from spacecraft.

Terzian's lecture concludes the 1998-99 Penn State Behrend Open House Nights in Astronomy Series. Astronomical observing will follow the lecture, weather permitting. For more information, please call the School of Science at (814) 898-6105.

PAJAMA PARTY BLOWOUT

On Saturday, April 17, The National Society of Black Engineers will hold a pajama party in the Gazebo at Dobbins. Admission is \$3 with college ID and \$5 w/o. The party starts at 10pm and lasts until 2am. Dress to impress - sleepwear is a must.

Penn State Behrend Night
At the Ball Park
Erie Seawolves vs.
Akron Aeros
Who: All Behrend Employees and Family
When: Friday, June 11th
Where: Jerry Uht Park
Time: 7:00pm
Cost: \$11.00 per person
(includes reserved seat, hot dog, soda and snack.)
Deadline for reservations is Thursday, April 22nd. Please make payment to Penn State Behrend Athletic department.