

Calendar of Events

22^{Thurs}

- SPC Movie: "Patch Adams" Reed 117- 9pm

23^{Fri}

- SPC Movie: "Patch Adams" Reed 117-10pm
- Spring Fever

24^{Sat}

- SPC Movie: "Patch Adams" Reed 117- 10pm
- Behrend LA 283 Reception and Reading- Erie Book Store, 137 E 13th St., 1-4pm
- Baldwin Wallace Invitational Track and Field Meet

25^{Sun}

- Catholic Mass: Reed Commons 8:00pm
- SPC Movie: "Patch Adams" Reed 117- 9pm

26^{Mon}

27^{Tues}

28^{Wed}

- S.U.E. meeting Reed 114 12pm

29^{Thurs}

- SPC Movie: "You Got Mail" Reed 117- 9pm
- Softball vs. Grove City (DH)-3pm

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.

The Beacon cannot guarantee publication of events due to space constraints. The Beacon also reserves the right to edit any material submitted for publication. The calendar is intended for Behrend notices and events.

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 was 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 3if you plan to attend.

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.

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).

REGIONAL UNDERGRADUATES EARN RESEARCH AWARDS

Students and faculty from SUNY Fredonia, Grove City College, Mercyhurst College, Edinboro University, and Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, were honored recently by the Northwestern Pennsylvania Chapter of Sigma Xi, the national scientific research society.

Recipients received the awards at a luncheon following the eighth annual Undergraduate Student Research and Creative Accomplishment Conference, sponsored by Sigma Xi and Penn State Behrend on March 27. More than 50 students and their faculty sponsors offered posters and oral presentations resulting from several semesters of research.

Dr. Russell Sexton, president of the Northwestern Pennsylvania Chapter of Sigma Xi and director of the microbiology and chemistry program at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM), welcomed the students and faculty. He noted Sigma X is focus on fostering collaborative research among its members, becoming politically aware and active, and insuring state support of research initiatives. Vicki Snyder, a representative of Congressman Phil English, read a letter from English congratulating the honorees and reminding the group that undergraduate research is an investment in our future that enhances both our local and global communities. English is a member of the National Science Policy Study, which is working to guide and develop the nation's long-term science model.

Dr. Philip Hultgren, chair of Sigma X is awards committee and a member of the LECOM faculty, presented institutional and student awards. In the poster category, two

posters by Penn State Behrend students tied for first place: Eric Fink, biology, and Shannon Lenze, Banchi Dessalegn, and Andrea Furman, psychology. Runners-up for the poster awards were: Shital Patel and Chad Stolz, chemistry, Penn State Behrend; Ryan Waltos and Janice Mentz, chemistry, SUNY Fredonia, and Charlene Wick, biology, Grove City College.

In the oral presentations category, in the division of chemistry, engineering, physics, mathematics and computer science, Robert Dolak, Jonathan Midgette, and Jason Ruhlman of Penn State Behrend were the winners. Runners-up in this category were Megan McLean and Brian Chapados, SUNY Fredonia, and Matt Behan, Penn State Behrend.

Oral presentation winner in the division of business and history was Allyson J. Cuccia, Penn State Behrend. Runners-up in this category were Christopher Cairns and Kim Thurston, Matt Roche, Joe Angelo, and John Linville of Penn State Behrend. Oral presentation winner in the division of biology was J.K. Patel of Penn State Behrend. Runners-up were John Magenau IV and Kevin Wellejus, both of Penn State Behrend.

Sigma Xi presented faculty mentoring awards to Dr. Mary Chisholm, associate professor of chemistry at Penn State Behrend, Dr. Craig W. Steele, assistant professor of biology at Edinboro University, and Dr. Melissa Barranger-Mathys, assistant professor of chemistry at of Mercyhurst College.

The Faculty Research Award, given to the person who, in the opinion of Sigma X, has demonstrated the greatest encouragement and support of student and scientific research, went to Dr. Michael Campbell, assistant professor of biology at Penn State Behrend. In accepting the award, Campbell thanked the students who work for him now and have worked for him in the past. "It is they who deserve this award," he said.

WINNERS FROM HEALTH FEST '99

- Camping equipment rental for entire week donated by Eastern Mountain Sports- Juliet Diabene
- CD stereo box donated by Sears- Emily Jack
- Classic Dartboard by Erie Sports Store- Jennifer Sloka
- 3 hour sessions with personal trainer donated by Fit for Life- Jennifer Teasdale
- One-Month membership donated by the Hamot Wellness Center- Jonathan Ng
- \$40 gift certificate donated by the St. Vincent Complimentary care center- Jennifer Enas
- Sun tea jar with surprises donated by Bath and Body Works- Marci Ball
- One half hour massage donated by the Mind-Body Wellness Center- Jacqueline Jackson
- "Listen to your Pain" book donated by the Penn state Behrend Bookstore- Joanna Blaser
- First aid kit donated by the Penn State Behrend Health and Wellness

Center - Erin Hersman
- Mug donated by the Penn State Behrend Health and Wellness Center- Nick Capozzoli
- Stress balls donated by Penn State Behrend Residence Life- Cecilia Casado, Nancy Richardson, Michelle Lazor, Bernadette Baumeister, Channasa Taylor
MATH OPTIONS '99 SET FOR MAY 11

Seventh and eighth grade girls from schools throughout northwestern Pennsylvania have been invited to Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, to participate in Math Options Career Awareness Day on Tuesday, May 11 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Math Options is a program designed to encourage and increase the participation of girls and young women in mathematics, science, and technology careers.

Girls from as far away as Couderdport were invited through their schools to participate. Approximately 225 young women and their teachers are expected to attend.

Events of the day take place in Erie Hall, where registration will begin approximately 8:15 a.m. Girls will gather first for a tower-building contest coordinated by Jonathan Hall, instructor of physics at Penn State Behrend.

At 9:15 a.m. a keynote panel will begin the day with encouraging words for girls interested in math and science careers. Speakers include Dr. Judi Wakhungu, director of the Women in Science and Engineering Institute at University Park; Ms. Peggy Dreher, General Manager of Business Sourcing and Support Operations, GE

Transportation Systems; and P.J. Palumbo, D.V.M., veterinarian and caretaker of the baby leopards at the Eric Zoo.

Throughout the day girls will take part in hands-on workshops such as Traveling through Fiberoptics, Bones and Ankles and Growth, and Juice Do It. Their teachers will attend professional development workshops taught by Dr. Dawn Blasko, assistant professor of psychology, Dr. Peg Thoms, assistant professor of management, and Dr. Wakhungu.

"We are grateful to once again to have the co-sponsorship of the Northwest Pennsylvania Health Education Center, the Elfyn Society of GE, Erie Engineering Societies Council, Northwest Pennsylvania Industrial Resource Center, the School-to-Work programs in Erie and Crawford Counties, and the Manufacture's Association of Northwest Pennsylvania," said Peggy McCarthy, area representative for Continuing and Distance Education and Coordinator of Math Options. These organizations play an important role in the success of the program.

McCarthy also noted that the Math Options program has grown this year to include a 3-day summer camp at Penn State Behrend for girls ages 11-15 who want more hands-on opportunities to learn about career options in mathematics and science. The camp, scheduled for July 14-16, is co-sponsored by the Penn Lakes Girl Scout Council.

For more information about Math Options career Awareness Day or

Math Options summer camp, please call the Penn State Behrend Office of Continuing and Distance Education at (814) 898-6103.

BLUE BUS

Saturday, April 24, 1999

The Bus is reserved all day for A White-Water Rafting trip.

Events

LA 283 STUDENTS TO PRESENT WORK AT ERIE BOOK STORE RECEPTION

On Saturday April 24, students from Behrend's History and Practice of the Small Press Course (LA 283) will participate in a reception and reading at the Erie Book Store, 137 East 13th St., from 1pm to 4 pm. LA 283 is a class that combines literary history with instruction in desktop and electronic publishing. Students from the class each created, developed and published a unique book or magazine. Some students have put together publications based on their own creative writing. Others have written local or family histories. Some have written essays on topics ranging from sports to vampires, to pets and music.

At the reception, students will present their publications and read from their work. Copies of all books and magazines will be on sale in the Erie Book Store. Refreshments will be provided. All are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Jim O'Loughlin at 898-6073, jbo2@psu.edu. Sponsored by the Mary Behrend Cultural Fund.



Students in Chemistry, engineering, physics, mathematics, and computer science took home awards for poster and oral presentations at the recent Eighth Annual Undergraduate Students Research and Creative Accomplishment Conference, which was co-sponsored by Penn State Behrend and Sigma Xi, the national research society. From left to right, Matt Behan, Jason Ruhlman, Ryan Waltos, Brian Chapados, John Midgette, Shital Patel, and Rob Dolak.