

Calendar of Events

29^{Thurs}

- SPC Movie: "You've Got Mail"
Reed 117- 9 pm

30^{Fri}

- SPC Movie: "You've Got Mail"
Reed 117- 10 pm
- Softball vs. Grove City (DH)- 3 pm

1^{Sat}

- SPC Movie: "You've Got Mail"
Reed 117- 10 pm
- 24 hour quiet Hours Begin- 8 pm
- Classes End
- Finals Blowout

2^{Sun}

- Catholic Mass: Reed Commons
8:00 pm
- SPC Movie: "You've Got Mail"
Reed 117- 9 pm
- Study Day

3^{Mon}

- Final Exams Begin

4^{Tues}

- Final Exams

5^{Wed}

- Final Exams

6^{Thurs}

- Final Exams

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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 2:30 pm, both in Eric Hall. 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 Provost's Office at 898-6160 by May 3 if 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 Behrend. 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).

MATH OPTIONS '99 SET FOR MAY 11

Seventh and eighth grade girls from schools throughout northwestern Pennsylvania have been invited to Behrend, 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 Coudersport 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 Eric 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 Erie 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 Manufacturers 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.

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 Xi focuses 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 Xi 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 Mercyhurst College.

The Faculty Research Award, given to the person who, in the opinion of Sigma Xi, 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.

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the act of getting a great education, enjoying summer activities, saving money, saving time, getting caught up, getting a head start, having a great time

Three Summer Sessions

1

Registration: May 24
Classes begin: May 25
Last day: June 11

2

Registration: June 14
Classes begin: June 15
Last day: July 16

3

Registration: July 19
Classes begin: July 20
Last day: August 19

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