

# CALENDAR

## Calendar of Events

**21** Fri

- LEB Movie: *For Love of the Game* — 10 p.m.
- IM Deadline: 3-Point Shootout.
- Bill and Dave from the Gathering Field — 8:30 p.m. in Bruno's

**22** Sat

- LEB Movie: *For Love of the Game* — 10 p.m.
- Comedian Vince Morris — 8:30 p.m. in Bruno's

**23** Sun

- LEB Movie: *For Love of the Game* — 9 p.m.
- Sunday Mass — Reed Commons, 8 p.m.

**24** Mon

- Watch WWF Raw

**25** Tues

- Call your parents

**26** Wed

- Women's and Men's Basketball vs. Lake Erie — 6 and 8 p.m.
- SGA Meeting — Reed 114, 5:20 p.m.

**27** Thurs

- Watch WWF Smackdown

**28** Fri

- Pick up the new issue of the Beacon

All submissions for the calendar should be made available to the Beacon by 5:00 p.m. 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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## Events

### BEHREND OPEN HOUSE IN SCIENCE LOOKS AT MAD COW AND OTHER DEGENERATIVE DISEASES

The School of Science at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, takes a turn away from its traditional astronomy topics with this month's Open House Night in Science, titled "Mad Cow Disease: The Study of Infectious Protein Particles (Prions)." Dr. James T. Warren Jr., assistant professor of biology at Penn State

Behrend, will present the lecture Thursday, January 27, at 7:30 p.m. in Otto Behrend Science Building 101. The School of Science series is free and open to the public.

The search for the cause of Mad Cow and similar spongy brain diseases that affect different species of animals, including humans, has a fascinating history. In the 1950s scientist Carlton Gajdusek first described a degenerative spongy brain disease that was suspected to be a slow viral infection resulting from cannibalism among tribes in New Guinea. Later work by another scientist, Stanley Prusiner, determined that the actual cause of these spongy brain diseases was infectious proteins, or prions.

Both Gajdusek and Prusiner have won Nobel Prizes in Medicine for their work in this field. Warren is a graduate of Allegheny College and received his doctorate from Clemson University. He conducted research on infectious proteins, or prions, during his postdoctoral studies at the University of Michigan department of neurology. His talk will review the history of the study of prions, explain how the action of prions is so unusual, and discuss the potential link between Mad Cow Disease and a new form of neurodegenerative disorder.

For more information about this Open House Night in Science lecture, contact the Penn State Behrend School of Science at 898-6105.

## Event of the Week

**Comedian Vince Morris  
Saturday, January 22nd  
at Bruno's**

HAVE A GOOD LAUGH AND BLOW OFF SOME STEAM!



ALL YOU CAN EAT  
WING-NITE  
EVERY TUESDAY 5-9PM  
SEE YOU AT THE LUBE  
PEACH & I 90

## What's Going on In Student Government?

\*Election! The SGA election will be February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> outside of Bruno's. The election will fill three open senate seats and elect a University Faculty Senate Representative. Look in next week's Beacon for information on the candidates.

\*Spirit Station Last week, Bruno's and SGA hosted a Spirit Station on the Bruno's stage. The Station went wonderfully: we gave away over 150 free prizes (including 40 free pizzas), popcorn and hot chocolate, and (hopefully) let a lot of people know about the basketball game that night. The winners of the three bigger prizes are as follows: Jay Davids & Daryl Dambaugh won PSU T-shirts and Tamara Bremner won the PSU stuffed animal lion. You can pick up your prizes at the RUB desk if you have not already picked them up!

\*Tell Us What You Want!!! Student Government *can* make changes on campus, but we need to know what you, the student body, want to see happen. What needs to change or improve at Behrend? What could make your college experience better? Call us with ideas (x6220), come by the office or accost a senator in the halls or at a meeting. The date of the SGA forum will be announced next week.

The SGA office is located in the Reed Building, next to the backroom, and meetings are held every Wednesday at 5:20PM in Reed 114. Drop by the office with any concerns, questions or ideas!!