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Season for the Ages

Lions dream season ends in Elite Eight

The Behrend men's basketball team completed their most successful season in school history with an appearance in the NCAA Division III Basketball Tournament.

The Lions ended the tradition of Erie Hall with a win over Alvernia in the first round, then went on to shock the #1 seed Rochester Institute of Technology, 80-65.

Behrend continued their dream season with a win over Cortland State to advance to the Elite Eight.

Salem State stopped the Lions one game short of the Final Four with a 75-69 victory, despite a gutsy effort by the Behrend players.

The miracle run of the Lions made their 1999-2000 season, a "season for the ages."



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Complete NCAA Division III Tournament coverage in this issue's Sports Section.

Theuret gets traditional chair for 25 years of service at Behrend



PHOTO BY KEVIN BRUNER

Dr. John Lilley honors Mrs. Carol Theuret with Behrend's traditional chair for her 25 years of service at Behrend.

by Becky Weindorf
associate editor

This past Wednesday, March 15, Mrs. Carol Theuret, an administrative specialist in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences Office, was honored in the Reed Wintergarden for her twenty-five years of service to Penn State Erie, The Behrend College.

With her parents, her brother and his family, and her 10 grandchildren in the audience, Provost and Dean Dr. John Lilley introduced her and her family to those in attendance. Speakers for the presentation included Dr. Dean Baldwin, assistant school director of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, and Dr. Archie Loss, professor of English and American studies.

Dr. Clare Porac, director of the School of H&SS, presented Theuret with a gold Penn

State pendant representing her twenty-five years of service, and Theuret was also given a plaque with recognition of her service to the University. Theuret also gave a short speech near the end of the presentation, and a reception with refreshments was served afterwards.

University tradition offers either a rocking chair or captain chair for the honoree upon his or her 25-year anniversary; Theuret chose a rocking chair. She sat in the rocking chair during the speeches and the several presentations commemorating her work at Behrend.

Theuret graduated from Seneca High School, married and had four children before working. Her two youngest children were in kindergarten before she decided to begin working.

Before coming to Behrend, however, she

worked for about a year at Robinson-Connor Insurance Company, where Carole Morey was her supervisor (before Morey also came to Behrend). Theuret points out that things were very different when she began working here. Theuret started working at Behrend in December of 1974, after the position opened up after one of the three secretaries left. Loretta May, now administrative specialist in the School of Engineering and Engineering Technologies, contacted Theuret and she accepted the job.

"In the early years, there were no computers at Behrend," Theuret said with a smile. "Everything was type-written and there was only one copier on the whole campus! It was located in Glenhill - everyone would have to walk over there to get anything copied. We still used ditto and things back then - I'll bet many people don't know what those are anymore," she said with a laugh.

She also says that she hasn't been with the School of H&SS for all of her years here.

"When I was first employed, I worked in the secretarial pool in the Science Building for about a year. I then went to the Dean of Faculty office in fall of '76; in the summer of '77, I took the secretarial position in H&SS. Before 1976, though, there was no division of schools and everyone knew the faculty; there were only about 90 professors on campus.

"When the schools divided, the division of the [H&SS] school was Arts and Humanities and we were in Turnbull and the Carriage House before coming to Academic around 1993," she said. "Arts and Humanities merged with Social Sciences in '86, and that's how we became the School of Humanities and Social Sciences."

It seems the Theuret family has spread to Behrend, too. Two of Theuret's daughters work at Behrend; Melanie works as a staff assistant in the Health & Wellness Center, and Michelle is a staff assistant in the Computer Center.

Students take advantage of Behrend's Spring Break trips

Washington D.C., Spain and Florida highlight students' Spring Breaks

by Jason Snyder
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While many Behrend students and faculty enjoyed a week of relaxation during Spring Break, 11 students took advantage of the Political Science Department's trip to Washington, D.C. to get a firsthand look at American politics and the historical aspect of our nation's capital. Dr. Robert Speel and Dr. Matt Davies, both assistant professors of political science, planned a week of tours and meetings with some of the offices and sites of Washington, D.C., as well as giving students free time to take advantage of events not on the itinerary.

"The point of the trip is for Behrend students to see, in person, some aspects of how politics in Washington

work on a day-to-day basis," said Speel, who has planned the trip the past three years.

The trip included a six-night stay in the Virginian Suites and a six-day educational trek through the nation's capital. Planned activities spanned from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., including tours, meetings with political leaders, and talks with the members of various governmental departments who work behind the scenes in D.C.

Monday's activities featured tours of the Supreme Court, the Library of Congress, the Senate Gallery, and the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, which featured many gifts given to the center by foreign countries. After the daytime activities had

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The United States Capitol in Washington D.C. Students toured the building and learned about many historical facts. They also sat on the House of Representatives floor which is located on the south (left) side of the Capitol.

PHOTO BY KATIE GALLEY

NEXT WEEK

Check out what Behrend students did over break in our Special Spring Break Supplement. Students are welcome to send the Beacon their Spring Break experiences. Submissions should be sent to behrcoll5@aol.com by Tuesday at 5:00 p.m.

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