

MARCH



Weekly Events

Friday, March 17: **St. Patrick's Day**
Green Eggs and Ham Breakfast at Almy Hall sponsored by Residence Life.



Sunday, March 19:
Ohio and Almy Cookout hosted by Residence Life.

Monday, March 20:
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. - *Back to the Future* in the Apartment Quad.

Tuesday, March 21: **International Day for the Elimination of Racism**

Penn State Erie, The Behrend College will be joining the world community to celebrate the INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.

RA staff will join hands with some student organizations to solicit pledges against racism. There will be a table set-up outside of Bruno's in the RUB, from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, where students, faculty and staff could stop by and sign a petition to help end racism.

The pledge will read: "I pledge my commitment to ending racism. Beginning with the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, March 21, I am proud to join my fellow citizens around the world in this shared pursuit."

7:00 p.m. - *Post Coitum* shown in Reed Union Building Lecture Hall.



A Closer Look

WOMEN'S FILM SERIES AT BEHREND GETS OFF TO A STEAMY START

The 2000 Women's Film Series at Penn State Erie. The Behrend College, takes the audience around the globe, from France to Brazil to Iran. Each film is unique to its culture, yet similar to the central theme of women, their trials, and their tribulations.

Post Coitum, the premier film of the series, will be shown Tuesday, March 21, at 7 p.m. in the Reed Union Building Lecture Hall. Actress-director Brigitte Rouan of France plays a successful Parisian editor, wife, and mother whose life skids out of control when she begins an affair with a handsome engineer half her age. The emotional nakedness of the heroine and the presentation of a woman as the subject rather than the object of desire are meant to provoke the audience.

The series continues on Tuesday, March 28, with the film *Mrs. Dalloway*, an adaptation of Virginia Woolf's much-admired novel. Director Marleen Gorris (creator of the Oscar-winning Dutch film *Antonia's Line*) cast Vanessa Redgrave to play the part of a society woman who traded love for security and a life in the public eye. Now Clarissa Dalloway reminisces with the audience about what could have been.

The final film takes the audience on a surreal journey to Iran on Tuesday, April 11. *Gabbeh*, directed by Mohsen Makhmalbaf, tells the timeless fable of *Gabbeh*, a beautiful young woman who relates her tale to a memory-haunted old man. A member of a nomadic desert tribe, she fell in love with a dashing horseman and eloped. The self-assertion of the woman drives the story, but it is the patriarchy of the tribe that dictates its "truth."

The film is as simple and traditional as a fairy tale, yet multi-layered and modernist. Makhmalbaf has stated that the Iranian National Cinema stems more directly from the tradition of poetic storytelling than from previous films. U.S. film critics place the film on their top-ten film list.

All films will take place at the Reed Union Building Lecture Hall at 7 p.m. and are free and open to the public. The Women's Film Series is sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs. For more information, call (814) 898-6171.

Home Games

1:00 p.m. — Behrend Baseball vs. John Carroll

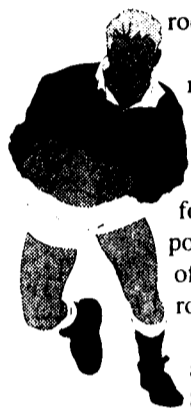
3:00 p.m. — Behrend Men's Tennis vs. Thiel

Wednesday, March 22:

Summer Shape Up in Ohio Hall, hosted by Residence Life.

9:00 p.m. - Behrend Rugby Informational Meeting in the Erie Hall classroom.

The Behrend Rugby Club will hold an informational meeting on Wednesday, March 22nd at 9:00 p.m. in the Erie Hall classroom. All students are welcome to attend.



Rugby is a fast-paced, physical sport consisting of two 40-minute halves of non-stop action. The sport has similarities to soccer and football, but is an experience like no other. There are no forward passes, few play stoppages, and even fewer substitutions. In rugby, there are positions available for players of all sizes and speeds, so anyone can find a position in which to excel. For a basic introduction to the sport of rugby, surf to http://www.hcs.harvard.edu/~radrugby/rookie_primer.html.

If you have any questions about this meeting, contact Bill at 456-2949 or by e-mail at rugby@ieee.org or Tom at 860-8400 or tmh185@psu.edu.

Thursday, March 23:

7:30 p.m. - Astronomy Open House: Black Holes at the Science Building

A Closer Look

BEHREND ASTRONOMY SERIES EXPLORES BLACK HOLES

Dr. Darren Williams, assistant professor of physics, will present "Black Holes" on Thursday, March 23, at 7:30 p.m. at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College. His presentation, which completes the 1999-2000 Astronomy Open House Series, will take place in Room 101 of the Otto Behrend Science Building. The evening will include a brief preview of children's astronomy classes to be offered this summer during Penn State Behrend's College for Kids program, which begins June 12.

From a human perspective, black holes are the most peculiar objects in the universe. With unfathomable densities, black holes are able to prevent light and matter from escaping their gravitational influences. Black holes are by themselves invisible to outside observers, since any light that a black hole emits is drawn back onto itself. The only way a black hole is able to communicate its existence to the rest of the universe is through its gravitational influence on nearby objects and through signs of extreme warping of space and time in its vicinity.

Although the existence of black holes was postulated and verified on paper by Newton, Laplace, Einstein and others in study spanning four centuries, it has only within the last decade become possible to detect black holes, or regions of space which possibly contain black holes, through direct observation. Recent data obtained by the space-based Hubble (sensitive to visible light) and Chandra (x-ray) observatories have helped discover, with unparalleled certainty, the presence of black holes within both the Milky Way and distant galaxies.

Williams is an astrophysicist whose research at Penn State Behrend focuses on climactic and dynamic factors affecting planetary life. He was recently awarded a major grant in the National Science Foundation's "Life in Extreme Environments" program to continue theoretical modeling of planetary climates and spin-orbit dynamics. A graduate of Penn State's doctoral program in astronomy and astrophysics, Williams' work was published recently in *Nature*, an international scientific journal.

Williams has been enlisted to teach "The Universe in a Classroom," a first-time astronomy offering of College for Kids, June 12-16. The class is limited to students 10 and older. To register or to learn more about College for Kids, call the program office at (814) 898-6212 or view the Web site at www.pserie.psu.edu/affairs/cfk.htm.

Williams' presentation on March 23 is free and open to the public. It is intended for a non-technical audience ages 8 and up. Astronomical observing will follow the lecture, weather permitting.

For additional information about the Astronomy Open House Series, please call the Penn State Behrend School of Science at (814) 898-6105.

Friday, March 24:

4:00 p.m. - Intramural Deadline for Modified Softball and Whitewater Rafting @ OhioPyle.

Mark Your Calendars



JANE BRYANT QUINN WILL DISCUSS PERSONAL FINANCE AT BEHREND

Personal finance expert Jane Bryant Quinn will present "The Economy and Your Money.com" at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, on Tuesday, April 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the Reed Union Building Commons. Her lecture concludes the College's 1999-2000 Speaker Series.

Quinn is the author of the best-selling *Making the Most of Your Money*, a comprehensive guide to personal financial planning. She is an award-winning Newsweek columnist, writing on both personal and national economic issues, and millions read her regular columns in *The Washington Post*, *New York Daily News*, and *Woman's Day*.

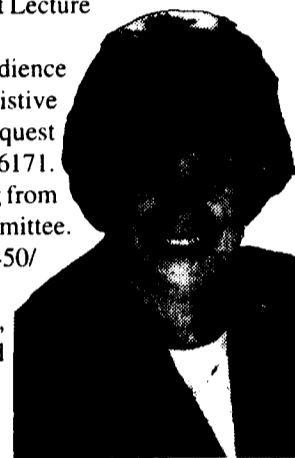
Quinn also is an Emmy Award-winning television news reporter. She appears twice weekly on ABC's "Home Show" and is a frequent guest on "Good Morning America" and "Nightline." Previously she hosted her own program, "Take Charge!" on PBS, and was a featured correspondent on the "CBS Morning News" and then on the "CBS Evening News with Dan Rather."

In addition to winning an Emmy, Quinn received the John Hancock Award for excellence in business and financial journalism. She is a three-time winner of the national Press Club Award for Consumer Journalism.

All Speaker Series presentations are free and open to the public. The series is sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs and is partially funded by the John Nesbit Rees and Sarah Henne Rees Foundation. It has twice won the National Association for Campus Activities' Best Lecture Series Award.

An interpreter for deaf and hard-of-hearing audience members will be visible at each lecture, and assistive listening devices are available upon advance request from the Office of Student Activities at (814) 898-6171. These services are made possible through funding from Penn State's Equal Opportunity Planning Committee. All lectures are also taped for broadcast on AM1450/WPSE, Penn State Erie radio.

For more information about the Speaker Series, please call the Penn State Behrend switchboard at (814) 898-6000.



WOMEN'S FILM SERIES PRESENTS *MRS. DALLOWAY*

The 2nd feature in Penn State Behrend's Women's Film Series, released in 1998 is *Mrs. Dalloway*. It will be shown in Reed Union Building at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, in Room 117 on March 28th, at 7:00 p.m. It will be free and open to the public.

Mrs. Dalloway, directed by Marleen Gorris and starring Vanessa Redgrave, is based upon Virginia Woolf's 1925 novel by the same name. The film depicts a mature woman facing the consequences of the decisions she made in her youth. Redgrave's character, Clarissa, represents the importance of making and accepting the decisions in life that everyone faces.

For more information, contact the Penn State Behrend Office of Student Activities at (814) 898-6171.

All Behrend Organizations are invited to advertise their events on the *Beacon's* Calendar of Events page. Send us your meeting times and scheduled events to get the word out. Have information to the *Beacon* by Monday at 5:00 p.m. for that week's publication.



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