

Behrend Spring Commencement 2000

275 students to receive undergraduate degrees this spring

by Michael Frawley
managing editor

Behrend will hand out diplomas to numerous graduating students at the Spring 2000 Commencement Ceremony which will be held on Saturday, May 13, 2000. The ceremony will be held outdoors on the Reed lawn or in Erie Hall at noon if there is inclement weather, with 275 people receiving their diplomas for associate, baccalaureate, or graduate

degrees. This brings the total number of degrees that were awarded by Behrend for this school year to 468. Faculty and staff participating in the ceremony will assemble in full academic regalia in the Erie Hall classroom at 11:30 a.m. to prepare for the 12 noon ceremony. Various awards will be given to students who graduate with superior grade point averages. Schreyer Scholars is a Penn State University-wide Honors program. Students

who have completed the requirements of the program, including an Honors thesis or comprehensive examination, receive an Honors degree. Scholars graduating with an Honors degree receive a bronze medal designed by John A. Cook, professor of art at Penn State and noted medalist, and Honors degrees during the ceremony. Students will also be recognized as Evan Pugh Scholars and for graduating with Scholastic Distinction. Evan Pugh Scholars are students who were in the

upper 0.5 percent of their respective classes at the end of the spring semester. The award is named for Evan Pugh, Penn State's first president. Scholastic Distinction is awarded to those students who have completed the required number of credits at the University and who are in the top 12 percent of the graduating class of their college. Scholastic Distinction is broken up into three categories: highest distinction, which is the top 2%; high distinction which is the next

4%; and distinction which is the following 6%. Provost and Dean John Lilley will be playing his usual part in the ceremony by giving the opening remarks, and by handing out the degrees to the graduating students. The commencement address will be given by Dr. Ursula Davis, associate professor of communications. Mark B. Louis, the president of the Penn State Behrend Alumni Society, will welcome all of the graduates into the

Alumni Society. A reception to honor students for their achievement and their families and guests will be held after Commencement in the Reed Commons. Anyone interested in attending the Spring Commencement Ceremonies should contact the registrar's office to get tickets



Seniors have mixed feelings about leaving Behrend

by Libbie Johnson and
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Spring Commencement is fast approaching, and as a result, Behrend will be losing a group of 275 graduates who have added much to our campus over the years. Various students have looked back upon their years at Behrend in different ways, and when they leave, these graduates will take with them different memories of their time here. Some will be moving on to new careers, attending graduate school somewhere, or just taking some time off after four grueling years at Behrend. But all of them will be taking something away from Behrend.

Sean Mascoll, who is graduating on May 13 with a degree in

Communications and Media Studies, is looking forward to getting started with his career in the entertainment field as soon as he finishes his internship this summer. Mascoll said, "I am happy about leaving college as a whole. I will dearly miss my family here at Behrend, but the time has come for me to make a positive impact on other people's lives." Mascoll was involved in many organizations on campus and feels that this was very important. "I will miss JRC (Joint Residence Council) and other clubs and organizations. Behrend has a host of dedicated students who want to make this campus better. I will miss not being in a situation where I can help people." Danielle Marshall, who is graduating with a degree in Political Science, plans to spend her summer

working in an internship and at a temp agency. She plans to attend law school, but is undecided about which one.



Although she is excited about graduating, she will miss Behrend. "A big part of me is grieving inside. I



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Graduating seniors (clockwise from upperleft): Lynn Pierson, Danielle Marshall, and Sean Mascoll

will miss all the people that helped me get through the past four years." One of Marshall's funniest memories of Behrend happened in Dobbins. "I was a freshman and my friends and I were eating. We, of course, were having a good time laughing and joking around. I was playing around acting out this scene from the show, *In Living Color*. I hit my drinking glass with a knife and the glass broke and splattered everywhere on the table. Everyone was laughing so hard." Jermaine Kennard will be graduating with a degree in Management. He may get a job in Delaware or North Carolina. He is happy to graduate, but will miss the Behrend campus and his friends. One of Kennard's fondest memories of Behrend is when he sang Jewel in Bruno's with his friend, Homer.

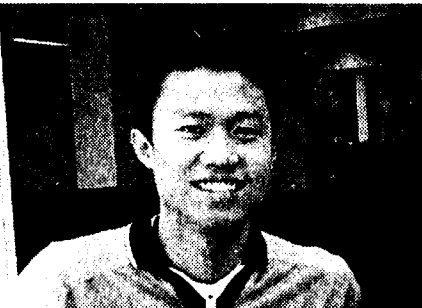
Kennard has some advice to current Behrend students. "Try to become involved with at least one organization of some type. It will truly enhance your college experience." Lynn Pierson, who is a Social and Behavioral Sciences major, is planning to find a job soon after graduation and attend graduate school. While she is sad to be leaving Behrend, there are some things that she will not miss: "I will never have to drive around looking for a parking spot again!" But like many other graduating seniors, she will miss all of the friends that she has made here at Behrend: "they made college bearable." While these and other graduates will soon be leaving Behrend to pursue other goals and dreams, all of them will remember their time here.

Question of the Week

WHAT ARE YOUR MOST EXCITING PLANS FOR THE SUMMER?

"I'm going home."

-Eugene Tan, 02, Logistics



"My daughter is graduating from Penn State this summer."

-Diana Wolfgong, Staff Assistant



"I'm going to Florida for two weeks - I'll be going on a cruise to the Bahamas and visiting my girlfriend's mom and my cousins."

-Matt Buser, 08, COMM

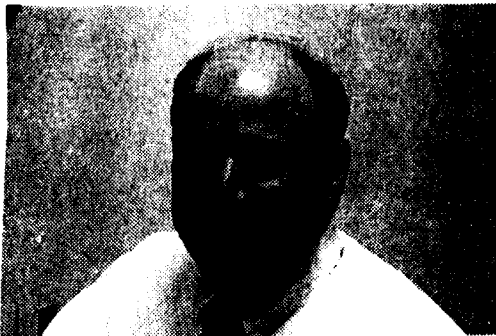


"I'm going to Italy, the beach and Jimmy Buffett."

-Christine Charnock, 04, DUS

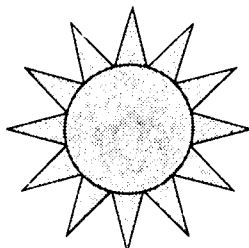
"My wife and I are going to have our third baby this summer."

-Ken Miller, Dean of Student Affairs



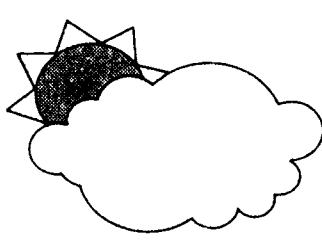
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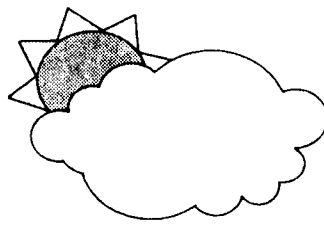
FRIDAY

SUNNY; HIGH 60, LOW 55.



SATURDAY

PARTLY CLOUDY; HIGH 58, LOW 44.



SUNDAY

PARTLY CLOUDY AND WARMER; HIGH 64, LOW 45.

Police And Safety

R E P O R T:

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| 4/18/00 | 04:15 | A complainant reported a suspicious person in the office suite of Benson. |
| 4/18/00 | 23:50 | Students in Perry Hall reported obscene phone calls. |
| 4/19/00 | 16:30 | A complainant reported receiving obscene phone calls. |
| 4/20/00 | 06:50 | A staff member reported a theft from her truck. |
| 4/24/00 | 01:50 | A student called and reported that a couch sitting in the quad was on fire. The fire was extinguished by 2:17. The Brookside VFD also responded to the incident. |

