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GOING TO NEW YORK
Behrend students will be making a trip to New York in March to see the economic side of the Big Apple. Registration begins this week.

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ELLIS MARSALIS SPEAKS AND PERFORMS
A jazz legend highlights celebrations at Behrend's Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday celebration.



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REVENGE
The Behrend women top Frostburg State, 77-75 in a rematch of last year's AMCC Championship game that saw the Lions upset. Behrend remains unbeaten in conference play.

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PHOTO BY NEIL MAKADIA

BEEP, BEEP: Children at Behrend's Child Care Center will be moving up to Knowledge Park, which will be the new site for the center after months of heated discussion and searching for a donor. Provost and Dean John Lilley approved the rebuilding of the center this past week.

Child Care Center wins fight to stay open

by Rehab Elzeney
and Liz Hayes
staff writer
and news editor

Months of meetings have finally paid off for those fighting to keep the Child Care Center at Penn State Behrend. On Thursday, January 18, it was announced that the Center will be rebuilt in Knowledge Park as soon as feasibly possible.

The new \$1.1 million dollar center will be constructed by the Greater Erie Industrial Development Corporation (GEIDC) as soon as the Harborcreek Township Supervisors grant permission to build. The college is currently seeking the cooperation of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) in delaying demolition of the current center on Station Road. Should it become necessary, the college will find a temporary space on campus to facilitate

child care while the new center is under construction.

GEIDC, which has been a partner of Behrend's in the development of Knowledge Park, will lease the 8,500-foot child care center to the college. At some point Behrend hopes to buy the center from

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Provost, students discuss safety

by Jenny Zhang
staff writer

The smell of warm oven-baked pizza filled Perry Hall Lobby at 7 p.m. Tuesday night as approximately 60 Behrend students had their pizza-side chat with Provost and Dean John Lilley.

Accompanied by Chris Rizzo, Director of Student Activities, and Residence Life Coordinator Maria Madigan, the students took advantage of the first "Pizza with the Provost" of the new millenium by addressing the Provost with many concerns about the Behrend College community. They raised issues primarily dealing with residence hall vandalism, housing shortage and campus expansions, orientation programs, and campus diversity, hoping there will be follow-ups to their concerns from the university administration.

"This is one of my favorite programs; I love interacting with these young people," said Dr. Lilley about the meeting. "It is interesting to see different perspectives on issues they come up with I've always learned about different things from each of these conversations with them. To learn from each other is the essence of a higher education."

"Pizza with the Provost" used to be "Coffee with the Provost." It is a program that provides students with a face-to-face, direct connection with the Dean and Provost, and other administrative staff in an informal setting. "It gives students an opportunity to talk directly with the Provost and Dean; it is important for the administration to get feedback directly from the students, so they are alert to students' needs," said Rizzo. "Student input is vital to the college administration; in fact, some larger visions have been accomplished during the program, like the Musical Ensemble program which was possible because of great student effort."

Lilley opened the discussion by having the students introduce themselves. Questions and concerns came from the students one after another. Garrett Pennington, a resident in Perry, pointed out the problem with vandalism in the residence halls. "Perry residents are billed with vandalism charges when there is no evidence to prove the damages were done by the residents," said Pennington. "The Perry Hall Council has discussed this issue with the RA and the coordinator, but nothing has been done. The safety of

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MLK Jr. celebrated campus wide

by Chris Buchanan and Liz Hayes
staff writer and news editor

Behrend joined the rest of the country in the celebration of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Monday, January 15. As in former years, Behrend put together an array of events in honor of Dr. King.

The Eighth Annual Family Breakfast got the day under way bright and early. Traditionally, Dr. King celebrated his birthday by having his friends and family over for breakfast. Behrend has replicated this tradition in Bruno's again this year.

The main body of the celebration took place at 4:00 p.m. in the Reed Commons and was called "Celebrating a Movement through Music." This year's celebration was under the direction of Ms. Mila Cooper, director of educational equity programs.

Provost and Dean Dr. John Lilley gave the welcome to start the program, which was followed by the singing of the Black National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

The program was narrated by students Chris Buchanan, Melissa Davis, and Jacqueline Jackson, as well as Mr. Dan Schiesser, coordinator

of Residence Life. The narration explained the importance of music to the Civil Rights music, as well as how Americans were abused and treated during the Civil Rights movement. Mary Alice Brown, Penn State Behrend's Gospel Choir under the direction of student Shekia Brown, and the St. James A.M.E. Church Mass Choir accompanied the narration with song and rhythm. Also exhibited was a PowerPoint slide show controlled by Andrew Waters, which displayed various events during the Movement.

Toward the end of the program, students Asia Horton and Twynell Kimble performed a mime to the song "Still I Rise." The Behrend Concert Choir ended the event in leading the audience in the song "We Shall Overcome." The guest speaker Ellis Marsalis gave the closing remarks and encouraged everyone to keep the dream strong and continue to strive for equality.

Cooper said, "this program had a strong impact on students. I received several e-mails from students that didn't grow up around African-Americans, but explained to me how they

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PHOTO BY BECKY WEINDORF

Jacqueline Jackson and Chris Buchanan read the Martin Luther King Jr. speech displayed in the Reed Wintergarden.

Beacon available on the web

by Jeff Miller
managing editor

As of Monday, January 22, 2001, the Behrend Beacon will be available for students to view on the web. The url is www.clubs.psu.edu/beacononline/.

Deanna Symoski, Arts & Entertainment editor for the Beacon, will be the webmaster for the site, which will consist of current articles, features, contact information for the Beacon, and the Beacon archives.

Funding for the project was provided by the Student Activity Fee and the Beacon.

"We are working to keep the Beacon up to date in this growing technology age. This is a project we have been planning for awhile and I am glad to see it materializing," commented Jason Snyder, editor-in-chief.