

BEHREND BRIEFS

First American Dream conference hosted by Behrend

The Institute on the American Dream at Behrend will be sponsoring its first conference, entitled "Working for What? Winners and Losers in the American Dream," from February 27 to March 1. The conference will take place in the form of workshops throughout Erie, in which participants will be encouraged to share their ideas about the concept of the American dream.

Six such workshops, ninety minutes in length, will be a part of the conference. Other events include two lectures and a dramatic presentation of *Working*, a play by Pulitzer Prize winner Studs Terkel, also the author of *Hard Times* and *The Good War*. All of these conference activities are free of charge and open to the public.

Lehman Creative Writing Awards deadline is Feb. 1

All Penn State undergraduates are eligible to enter the Katey Lehman Creative Writing Awards competition, which is sponsored by Penn State's College of Liberal Arts and the College of Communications. In order to compete, students must be in residence during the spring 2001 semester and have no less than sophomore standing.

These awards, which carry with them a prize of \$750, are made annually in the categories of fiction, nonfiction/journalism and poetry. Students who wish to apply may acquire forms in person or by mail from the Department of English, 103 Burrowes Building, University Park, PA 16802. These forms may also be found on-line at <http://www.psu.edu/dept/english/Programs/ugradhbk/kateyapp.html>.

Students should return manuscripts and forms together to the Department of English office by February 1. Winners will be announced by March 15.

Behrend math department represented at national conferences

The American Mathematical Society and the Mathematical Association of America held a joint meeting in New Orleans between January 10 and January 13. Among those in attendance were several members of Behrend's mathematics faculty, including Dr. Paul Becker, Dr. Joseph Poullet, Dr. Joseph Previte, Michelle Previte, Dr. Rich Stankewitz, and Paul Olson.

While in New Orleans, Olson attended a minicourse on undergraduate research. The group also took part in candidate interviews.

POLICE AND SAFETY REPORT

- 01/16/2001 15:30 A Bookstore employee reported a theft of a textbook.
- 01/17/2001 05:15 While unlocking the Reed Building, an officer encountered an intoxicated male standing outside. Joshua Mould was issued a citation for underage drinking. PSO Prothro found him in front of the Reed Building at 5:15 am while Prothro was opening the building.
- 01/19/2001 03:24 A student called to report that students had been knocking on his door and leaving. Upon arrival to the Ohio Hall the officer discovered that the RAs found the students. As a result, student affairs will handle the matter.
- 01/22/2001 15:45 We received a report of a female student who had been harassed by her ex-boyfriend.
- 01/22/2001 22:10 A complainant reported a male student that he suspected of transporting alcohol. He had failed to comply with the complainant's directives and ran from him.
- 01/23/2001 12:30 A student reported that his vehicle was vandalized in the Ohio Hall lower lot.
- 01/23/2001 17:45 A complainant reported witnessing a hit and run accident. A note was placed on the struck vehicle asking the owner to contact us. The owner of the struck vehicle did not pursue any action against the driver who left.

New Blue Bus under consideration

by Hillary Hawrank
staff writer

SGA is seeking the funding for a new Blue Bus from the Student Activity Fee as the present bus is suffering from mechanical difficulties. In previous years, the bus service to Wesleyville, upper Peach

Street, and the Millcreek Mall cost students \$1 each way. Last year, the Blue Bus became a means of free transportation for all Behrend students, both residents and commuters, when the Student Activity Fee provided funding.



PHOTO BY JEFF MILLER

The old Blue Bus, seen here in front of the Reed Union Building during its loop, is suffering from mechanical problems and may need to be replaced.

However, the Blue Bus is in need of costly mechanical repairs. A possible solution to this problem, proposed by SGA, is to get money from the Student Activity Fee for a new bus. In their attempt to gain funding for a new bus, SGA is in the process of researching the current service that the Blue Bus provides for Behrend students. The number of students who ride the bus and the locations that it transports students to and from are important issues in the request for funding of a new Blue Bus.

Stacey McCoy, manager of the RUB Information Desk, feels that the Blue Bus is not servicing enough Behrend students. Whether or not students are dissatisfied with the current routes and schedules are a problem that can only be solved by student input. McCoy, along with Chris Rizzo, director of Student Activities, is looking into conducting focus group sessions with both residents and commuters for feedback so the service can be improved in some areas. With more thought and involvement in this matter, the Blue Bus will be able to better accommodate students' needs. Students will also be able to voice their opinions on what kind of bus they would prefer, provided that a new one can be funded. Without the help of the student body at Behrend, the current Blue Bus schedule and routes will remain as they are. According to McCoy, "student involvement is key for the success of the continued Blue Bus operation." With the support of enough students, there is a greater chance of a new bus being funded for by the Student Activity Fee, as well as changes in the routes and schedule times. Hopefully in years to come the Blue Bus will continue to be a free service for all Behrend students. For any additional information, please contact the RUB Desk at X6242.

FOCAL POINT

WINTERY WHITE WONDERLAND



PHOTO BY NEIL MAKADIA

Over the stream and through the snow, to the Turnbull Barn we go. While the snow may be inconvenient at times, it does create a picturesque landscape for the Behrend community to enjoy. Of course, that community is usually too busy huddling into their snow gear and ducking to avoid snow in the eye.

BEHREND WEATHER OUTLOOK

SATURDAY



SNOW
Hi 31°
Lo 28°

SUNDAY



MOSTLY CLOUDY
Hi 33°
Lo 23°

MONDAY



MOSTLY CLOUDY
Hi 39°
Lo 24°

FROM FRONT PAGE

FUTURE PLANS

A new building of Knowledge Park, the Advanced Manufacturing Center, will no longer be vacant as of this February. It will be occupied by the Northwest Pennsylvania Technical Institute. This Center will facilitate the consolidation and coordination of post-secondary advanced technical training in the region. The Center includes

40,000 square feet of laboratory, classroom, and computer rooms.

The upcoming Eastside Access Highway will connect the Bayfront Highway to I-90, cutting through Behrend's current front entrance in the process. The current Registrar's Office lies in the path of the highway, so this spring and summer

Behrend will be renovating the lower level of Erie Hall to make room for the Registrar, ROTC, and Police and Safety, as well as the Bursar and the Division of Undergraduate Studies (DUS). The highway construction is set to begin this summer, but will not disrupt Behrend's front entrance until the spring of 2003.

BUSINESS BRIDGE

seminar, leadership training, and learning about social skills in the business environment. At lunch students learned dining etiquette. Process management and team building were the topics for early afternoon. The students were then introduced to the four business workshop sessions that would be taking place over the rest of Saturday and into early Sunday evening. A comedy show was held Saturday night, compliments of Dr. James Kurre, associate professor of economics, and his wife, but many students were exhausted from the busy day and retired early.

shirts that commemorated the seminar. These were provided by Gary Deangio at the Embroidery Shop, and were funded by Aephia.

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it was beneficial for many reasons. The trip was long, and it was hard getting through all of the activities planned for us, but the long hours were worth it. The faculty in charge did a great job setting up the weekend and everyone gained a lot from it."

"The business bridge idea originally came from The State University of Fredonia," in New York, commented Dr. Diane Parenti, assistant professor of management. "The school holds a similar seminar, but it was directed at seniors only. We wanted to modify it to include both freshmen and sophomores. The cooperation and involvement of everyone involved was wonderful." The entire effort and organization of this event was completely voluntary on the part of the Behrend business faculty, the MBA students, and alumni.



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At the end of the retreat on Sunday, the students received embroidered navy blue shirts that commemorated the seminar. These were provided by Gary Deangio at the Embroidery Shop, and were funded by Aephia. The business bridge was a successful endeavor, according to sophomore Sean Joyce. "I really enjoyed the trip. I think it was beneficial for many reasons. The trip was long, and it was hard getting through all of the activities planned for us, but the long hours were worth it. The faculty in charge did a great job setting up the weekend and everyone gained a lot from it."