

**BEHREND BRIEFS**

**Appointees named for REDC building committee**

Penn State University Provost and Vice President Rodney A. Erickson has appointed a number of people to serve on the Research and Economic Development Center (REDC) Programming committee, which will develop a building statement to identify program objectives, a plan for construction and design, and other issues related to the project.

Senior Associate Provost and Dean Dr. Jack Burke, Associate Engineering Professor Robert E. Farrell, School of Business Director Dr. John M. Magenau, Management Professor Dr. Jeffrey K. Pinto, Operations Director John Ream, and School of Engineering and Engineering Technology Director Dr. Robert J. Simoneau have been chosen as committee members; Bruce Rohrbach, David Rusnak, and David Zehngut will be representing University Park.

**ARC nearing completion**

The Athletic and Recreation Center (ARC) will soon be open for general use by Behrend students, staff, and faculty. It is currently being used by the Dance Team for practices, and the pool has been put to use by water-polo players and swimmers. The gym floor now features court lines as well as a four-toed lion's paw. The track is ready, and the gym walls have been equipped with pads. The ARC is slated to open for general use in mid-March.

**Penn State Behrend defeats Penn State Erie?**

At the February 2 meeting of the Provost's Advisory Council (PAC), Athletics Director Brian Streeter relayed an odd listing appearing in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*. After a basketball game that Behrend played against Penn State Altoona, the Pittsburgh paper reported that Penn State Erie had been defeated by Penn State Behrend.

**Beacon looking for volunteers**

On Sunday, April 29, 2001, the *Beacon* will participate in the *March of Dimes, WalkAmerica*. The group will join many organizations from other campuses in representing their respective colleges in an effort to raise money to save prematurely born babies.

Thus far, the *Beacon* is the only Behrend group to sign up for the event. However, the *Beacon* is looking for other organizations to join in the walk. Editor-in-chief Jason Snyder said, "this would be a great way for all Behrend organizations to come together and represent Behrend." He added, "student organizations generally do fund-raising events on their own. This cause is one we can all take part in as a unified campus."

Read this week's staff editorial on page 8A for more details on the *March of Dimes, WalkAmerica* and how Behrend organizations can get involved.

**Tickets going on sale for *Babes in Arms***

Behrend's spring musical *Babes in Arms* opens March 21 in the ARC. The play will run through March 24, with shows at 8:00 p.m. and will conclude on March 25, at 2:30 p.m. Tickets go on sale Friday, March 2, at the R.U.B. Desk.

For more information, call the Studio Theatre at x6279.

**POLICE AND SAFETY REPORT**

- 02/13/2001 16:30 Student came to police and safety to report that someone had broken the driver's side mirror off her car that was parked in the Jordan Road lot between 2/9 and 2/10.
- 02/14/2001 06:30 Report that a janitor's vehicle was hit by another car and it was still parked in the lot.
- 02/16/2001 01:30 RA reported that someone threw something and broke a resident's window.
- 02/16/2001 09:25 Staff member reported smelling natural gas from a room in the Nick Bldg. As a precaution, that building was evacuated. It was later determined that it was not natural gas, but a similar odor caused by a culture left in a lab.
- 02/16/2001 15:15 Student came to police and safety to report that another student has been sending harassing e-mail.
- 02/16/2001 05:00 Discovered 3 vehicles parked in Maintenance lot after 0300 hours. All 3 were issued citations. One owner returned to the vehicle before being towed, however the others were towed by Martin's Towing Service.
- 02/16/2001 04:00 Discovered a damaged vehicle parked at the Cooper Road entrance to the gorge. Found that the damage was caused from hitting the guard rail on the hill of Cooper Road.
- 02/16/2001 11:15 Staff member reported that the emergency key for the elevator was noticed missing earlier today.
- 02/17/2001 01:50 While on patrol discovered on individual carrying a beer, checked ID and was of age. Person was given a warning of the open container policy.
- 02/17/2001 09:05 Student called and complained about his vehicle being towed. He was advised that a sign is posted at the M&O lot. He also wanted to know if this office was going to transport him to Tim's. He was advised that it was his own responsibility.
- 02/17/2001 18:15 Student called to report hearing a tree crack along M/O Drive, near the entrance to Ohio Hall lot. Officer called the Director of Maintenance at his home. He stated that it was dangerous to have the tree cut at night. Caution tape was put up instead.

**CORRECTION**



Last week, the *Beacon* incorrectly ran the names of the men pictured in this photo. On the left is Assistant Professor of Physics Dr. Darren Williams. On the right, looking into the telescope, is student Bruce Tepke.

**FOCAL POINT**



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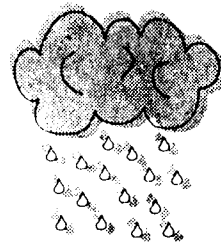
Here's how to get there: from the campus entrance, make a left onto Station Road. About half a mile later, make a left onto Cooper Road, which will turn into East 38th Street. Follow E. 38th. When E. 38th ends at the light, turn left onto Glenwood Park Avenue and then make a right at the first light back onto West 38th Street. Follow W. 38th to Cherry Street and make a left. Follow Cherry until West Gore Street. Make a right and follow W. Gore several blocks to Clinton. Looking for Bush and Cheney? We suggest looking around Pennsylvania Avenue.

**SATURDAY**



Mostly Cloudy  
High 35°  
Lo 20°

**SUNDAY**



Rain  
High 48°  
Lo 33°

**MONDAY**



Snow  
High 35°  
Lo 31°

**Behrend's CORE assisting Erie service organizations**

by Libbie Johnson  
staff writer

The U.S. has a high pregnancy rate—five times the rate of the next developed country, England, and 20 times the rate of Japan. CORE was founded with the mission to help agencies reduce teen pregnancy in Erie County.

The Center for Organizational Research and Evaluation (CORE) is a Penn State Behrend-based, research services center designed to

Prevention (ECNAPP), The Erie School District, Florence Crittendon, and the Women's Care Center.

According to Kallgren, teens who get pregnant and their children are at risk for malnutrition, diseases, death, lower I.Q., lower school performance, and poverty.

Eric Corty, associate professor of clinical psychology and faculty affiliate of CORE, said, "CORE's focus is on teenage pregnancy prevention, but it is not a teenage pregnancy

director. He became interested in the project after seeing a newspaper ad. "Being a concerned father, I thought this would be an avenue for me to make a contribution to improve relationships with fathers and their children."

Mizikowski said his goals for the Long Distance Dads programs were, "... first to be able to have an impact on this program as it is transported across this state and nation, and secondarily, to increase the chances of outcomes evaluation ..."

Kallgren founded CORE in October 1998 with funding from Susan H. Hagen, a member of the Penn State Erie Council of Fellows. The goals of CORE are to enhance community agencies' productivity, identify and transfer "best practices" in service delivery to local agencies, and to assist agencies in securing funding. CORE has helped generate more than \$373,000 in Erie County.

Kallgren would like to see CORE expand. "To be able in Erie County to provide these services ... is enormously satisfying. And I think it's the right way right now to go about with social change. ... you name the social issue, the social problem, we have agencies who are addressing it. Which ones are the ones that are most effective? We don't know. That's a pretty serious omission and I think that omission is our mission to fill."

Kim Skarupski, CORE's director of research, organizes and develops the evaluation strategies for the agencies that contact CORE. Her goals include bringing in bigger grants.

CORE currently has only four full-time staff members in addition to faculty affiliates and student workers. CORE has many opportunities available for students. Skarupski encourages students to take advantage of these positions. She said, "we can utilize any student who has any interest in doing some kind of social service type program evaluation or has a topic interest on teen pregnancy prevention, homelessness, crime, drug and alcohol, or other areas." Those interested can contact Kallgren or Skarupski or send their resumes to Center for Organization Research & Evaluation (CORE), Penn State Behrend, Station Road, Erie, Pa., 16563-1501.



PHOTO BY NEIL MAKADIA

The Center for Organizational Research and Evaluation held an Open House on Tuesday, February 20, to display its new residence on Jordan Road.

provide high quality evaluation and assistance to social service programs in northwestern Pennsylvania, focusing mainly on those dealing with the prevention of teen pregnancy.

CORE works with organizations such as the Erie Housing Authority and the JFK Center, but the main focus is the prevention of teen pregnancy. Dr. Carl Kallgren, associate professor of psychology, is the director of administration and outreach for CORE. Kallgren said that CORE works with 37 agencies dealing with teen pregnancy, including Erie County Network for Adolescent Pregnancy

prevention program. Rather, it is an evaluation model — its mission is to help programs evaluate their services so that they, the programs, can learn whether what they are doing is effective and can then — on the basis of real data — make changes to improve their services."

Kallgren said that instead of developing new services, "CORE works with those service providers and [evaluate] what they're doing that's working and what's not."

One project is Long Distance Dads, a parenting program for fathers incarcerated at Albion Prison. Mark Mizikowski is the project