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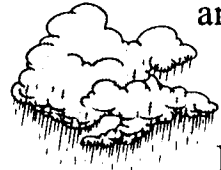
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PENNSSTATE
Erie
SPRING 2001

WEATHER

FRIDAY - Mixed snow and rain



High - 37
Low - 35

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Mr. George Looney
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DAVE MATHEWS
The long awaited DMB
album *Everyday* not living
up to expectations.

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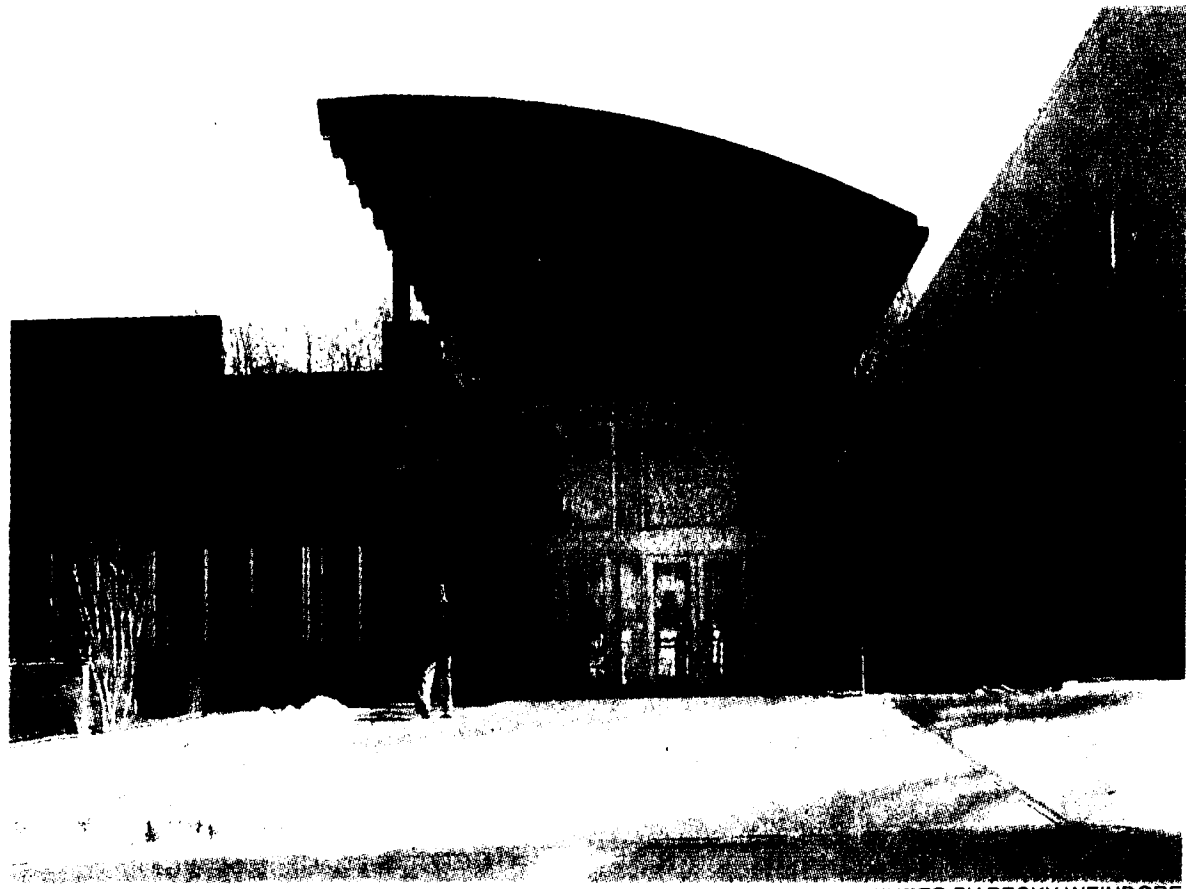
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"The ARC is a new world for everyone associated with the Penn State program."

Sports Information Director Paul Benim



A NEW ERA BEGINS: A student exits the ARC which opened its doors this past week.

Really, it's open!

by Jeff Miller
managing editor

The Athletics and Recreation Center (ARC) is now open after continuous setbacks in construction. Now fully operational, the ARC offers students, faculty, and alumni a wide range of recreational activities.

"The ARC is an exciting new world for everyone associated with the Penn State program," stated Paul Benim, sports information coordinator. Students and faculty are able to utilize the pool, weight room, gym, indoor track, aerobics room, and locker rooms. All new equipment is expected for the weight room within a few weeks. "From what I've seen, lots of students are taking advantage of the ARC. I encourage all students to check out the ARC and its facilities," said Benim.

There are many new additions to the gymnasium that were not available in Erie Hall, including two batting/

golf cages, long/triple jump pits, and a pole vault pit. If these facilities are too adventurous, then the three-lane walking and jogging track is available. To complete one mile, 9.6 laps are required.

The ARC is the new home to all of the athletic offices as well as the exercise and sports activity classes. The pool allows for new ESACT classes like lifeguarding and SCUBA training, and both of these classes allow students to become certified. With the ARC's completion varsity sports such as water polo, indoor track, and basketball can finally play their games in the new facilities.

To meet the needs of faculty and staff, the ARC offers private sessions. There is a private aerobics class and private pool hours to make the faculty feel more

ARC OPENS

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Cornel West defines democracy for Behrend



PHOTO BY LIZ HAYES
Cornel West's animated speech packed the Reed Commons.

by Liz Hayes
news editor

When Dr. Cornel West took the stage in the Reed Commons on February 28, he looked out at the filled-to-capacity crowd and stated, "I hope I say something that thoroughly unsettles you." And then he set out to do just that.

West, a university professor of Afro-American studies and philosophy of religion at Harvard University, presented his lecture, "Restoring Hope," as the last segment of the American Dream in the New

Millennium Speaker Series. His lecture was also part of "Working for What: Winners and Losers in the American Dream," the conference hosted by the Institute for the American Dream.

West discussed the effects race relations have had and are still having on American society. He defined race as a "legacy we are still wrestling with," and said that many are still uncomfortable with the knowledge that the American dream has been founded on the backs of African slaves.

He believes that America is the only country that feels it was founded in innocence. But he encouraged the audience to ask Native Americans, women, and blacks for their perspectives on the founding of the country, as the questioner would probably get a radically different answer.

Another central issue of West's speech involved the true meaning of democracy and the lack of it in

CORNEL WEST

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Shaggy accepts bid to perform at Behrend

by Jason Snyder
editor-in-chief

Behrend's Concert Committee announced this year's concert on Thursday as students poured into Bruno's for lunch between classes at 12:15.

After months of work, the head of the Concert Committee, Angela Majoris, announced Shaggy as this year's concert to be performed in the ARC.

Shaggy's album *Hotshot* is currently ranked the number one album on Billboard's Top 200 chart.

Bids were also passed out to the groups of Fuel, They Might Be Gi-

ants, and Our Lady Peace. Due to tour date conflicts, none of these groups were able to make the commitment.

The Concert Committee narrowed their choices to these four groups after meeting with an agent from the company "Concert Ideas."

After receiving a list of bands that fit Behrend's budget for the concert, the committee took into consideration the results of a survey which was taken this past fall.

The public relations and advertising chairman for the committee Ann

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ISIT.com expands to Behrend's Knowledge Park

by Liz Hayes
news editor

More employment and research opportunities for Behrend students are set to arrive on campus in July 2001: ISIT.com, an Erie-based dot-com company, will be moving into Knowledge Park.

At a press conference on Tuesday morning, a group of various ISIT.com,

Peter Kay, president and CEO of the Greater Erie Industrial Development Corporation (GEIDC); Ken Springirth, chairman of the Harborcreek Township Board of Supervisors; and several members of ISIT.com's team.

Publisher of ISIT.com Amy Baxter led the presentation of the company's services. ISIT.com, or Integrated Solutions for Information

resources and suppliers.

ISIT.com is involved in ten areas of technology: e-business, data collection, security, retail and hospitality, customer relationship, mass storage, manufacturing/distribution supply chain, warehouse management systems, imaging and content management, and enterprise wide solutions. They are planning on adding at least eight more technologies by the end of 2001.

ISIT.com will be joining Aalborg Industries and GE Transportation Systems' e-Business Division in the 200-acre park, which is a joint effort of Penn State Behrend and GEIDC. A new multi-tenant building is currently under construction in the park and ISIT.com is scheduled to lease 14,100 square feet of space on the first floor.

In a recent press release, Dean Lilley commented, "ISIT.com is an excellent fit for Knowledge Park. The company will benefit from close proximity to the college's information technology programs, including management information systems, computer engineering, and two new majors, software engineering and computer science, that will begin in the fall of 2001."

ISIT.com, like other Knowledge Park companies, will provide various

"The high-tech infrastructure of the park and convenient access to the expertise and creativity of faculty, staff, and students make Knowledge Park the perfect location for us."

- Ann Krugger, ISIT.com senior corporate recruiter

community, and Behrend officials gathered in Knowledge Center to make the announcement to the local media. Present at the conference were Ed Blaguszewski, manager of University Relations at Behrend; Provost and Dean Dr. John Lilley;

Technology, is an online resource center for other information technology (IT) companies. ISIT.com gives companies advice on how to set up and manage the IT portion of their businesses. They can then direct companies with IT needs to other

Growth at Knowledge Park

- GE Transportation Systems and Aalborg Industries - completed
- Knowledge Center - completed
- Center for Advanced Manufacturing - opening in April 2001
- Penn State Behrend Child Care Center - opening in fall 2001
- ISIT.com with business tenants - opening in summer 2001



opportunities for the Behrend community. Already the Career Development Center has been working with the company to recruit students. Baxter, in her presentation, assured the crowd that ISIT.com is not the typical dot-com where employees work on flex-time, wear-ripped jeans to the office, and have various piercings. Employees work a regular

schedule and are expected to dress for a business-causal setting.

Other opportunities for Behrend could include internships; class and senior research projects; faculty and staff consulting, research projects, technology transfer projects, and

ISIT.COM

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