

CORRECTION

In the "Spring Fever moves to the ARC; more events added" article that ran on the front page of the 4/6 issue of the *Beacon*, the times at which the three bands will perform were incorrectly listed. The correct times are as follows:

Grapevine: 8:30 - 9:30 p.m.; Distorted Penguins: 10:00 - 11:00 p.m.; Buzz Poets: 11:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.

BEHREND BRIEFS

Fortieth Annual Honors and Awards Convocation set for April 22

The Fortieth Annual Honors and Awards Convocation to occur at Penn State Behrend will take place in Erie Hall on Sunday, April 22, at 2:00 p.m.

This program celebrates the leadership, service, and academic efforts of members of Behrend's student body, staff, and faculty. All faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend.

Concluding lecture in Astronomy Series to honor Carl Sagan

"Target Earth, with a Tribute to Astronomer Carl Sagan," a lecture presented by Behrend astronomy professor Dr. Darren Williams, will conclude the Open House Nights in Astronomy Series for the 2000-2001 year.

Williams will explain why Earth is at risk of being struck by a comet or an asteroid. He will also discuss scientists' theories on whether or not an impact such as the collision that is thought to have ended the age of the dinosaurs is avoidable. While some believe that, with enough advance warning, we have sufficient technology to prevent worldwide devastation from a celestial object of such magnitude, other members of the scientific community are less confident.

This lecture has been dedicated to the memory of Carl Sagan and his lifelong interest in asteroids and comets and how they have affected the development of life on Earth.

The non-technical presentation, which is free and open to the public, will occur on April 19 in Room 101 of the Otto Behrend Science Building. The tribute to Sagan will begin at 7:00 p.m., followed by the "Target Earth" portion at 7:30 p.m.

Behrend welcomes instructional designer Carla Torgerson

Carla Torgerson, an instructional designer with a master's of education degree in educational psychology and instructional technology, will be aiding Behrend faculty members as they develop hypermedia and multimedia programs and educational materials.

Torgerson, an alumnus of the University of Alberta, has a temporary office in the Carriage House Annex South. She can be contacted at extension x7596.

POLICE AND SAFETY REPORT

04/03/01	01:00	Several alarms were activated on campus.
04/03/01	16:30	A complainant reported that a vehicle was parked in one of the tow-away spaces behind Niagara Hall. A state citation was issued. The owner arrived after the wrecker was called and paid for the service call.
04/03/01	18:30	A complainant reported that someone had keyed his car while it was parked in the southwest quadrant of the S Lot.
04/06/01	00:58	Officers were dispatched to the Hammertill Bldg. after P&S received a report of unruly students, one of whom was ill.
04/07/01	01:10	An RA called P&S to report that a student had been assaulted.
04/07/01	04:40	An RA called P&S to report that a group of students was making excessive noise. Upon the officer's arrival, the group had left and the officer could not hear any noise.
04/08/01	02:30	An RA called to report that a motorist had driven over the grass in the Perry Hall Lot. The driver has since been located.
04/08/01	02:30	An officer responding to another call found that the bottom doors to the StairTower had been damaged. Both windows in the north doors had been kicked in.
04/08/01	13:35	A complainant reported that his vehicle had been vandalized while parked on campus.
04/09/01	02:25	A staff member reported that a data projector was missing from Academic room 41. An officer was to ask the day shift to contact MISC to see if it was removed for a legitimate purpose.

FOCAL POINT

AND THE POINT WAS?

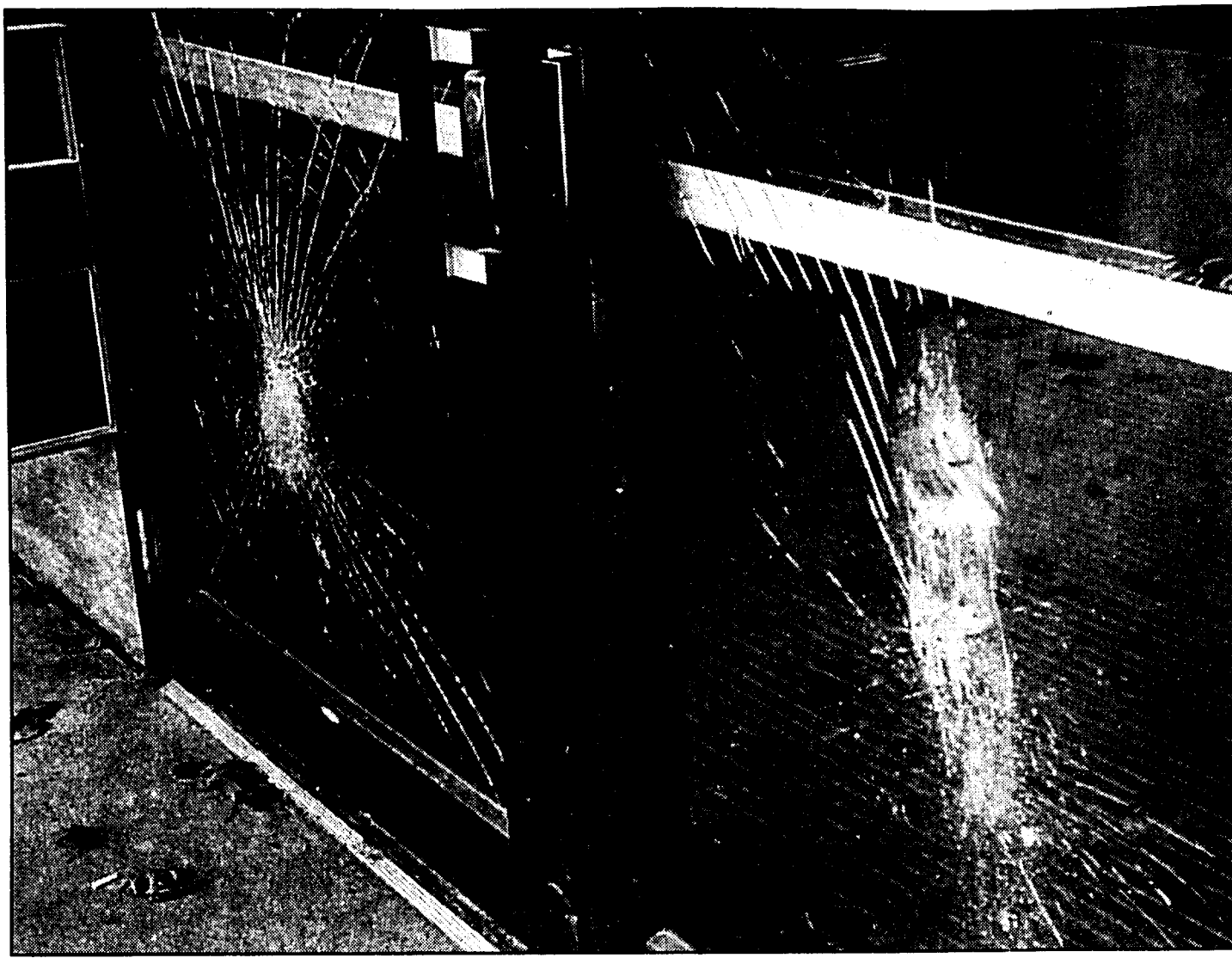
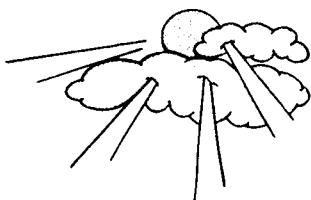


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Surely there was a motive behind this particular act of destruction. Possibly this was a protest against the new elevator — the elevator encourages laziness and will prohibit students from getting proper exercise. Yeah, that must be it. It certainly wouldn't be the thoughtless, pointless act of some drunken moron meandering pathetically around campus in the wee hours of night, trying unsuccessfully to find something to do. That would be way too stupid for someone on this campus to do . . .

WEEKEND WEATHER OUTLOOK

SATURDAY



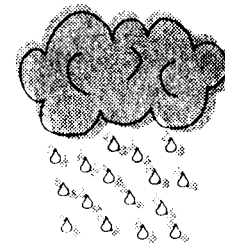
Partly Cloudy
Hi 57°
Lo 37°

SUNDAY



Mostly Cloudy
Hi 57°
Lo 42°

MONDAY



Showers
Hi 50°
Lo 42°

And the categories are

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Political Science Jeopardy, a competition between students about national and world politics, was held this year on April 10 in Science 114.

This is the second year for Political Science Jeopardy, which was originally organized for political science majors to test their knowledge of political subjects, including political structures, governmental organizations, and significant political figures around the world. Some of this year's categories were general, such as "Ancient Greek Political Theory," but more specific categories - such as "South Asia" - scattered the Jeopardy board.

Dr. Robert Speel, associate professor of Political Science, organized the event and Dr. Matt Davies, Dr. Zachary Irwin, and Dr. Celise Benassine served as judges for Jeopardy. The Political Science faculty also wrote the questions (or, in this case, the answers) to each of the categories.

"This was arranged for political science majors to participate in and test their knowledge of political science," said Dr. Speel. "But the event is open to all students to compete in."

"It is also an opportunity for students to show their own political science knowledge and have some fun at the same time," he said. "It's a fun way to test what you know about politics."

Political Science Jeopardy works similar to the game show *Jeopardy!* Nine contestants competed against each other in three semi-final, 10-minute rounds, with one round of single Jeopardy and a round of Double Jeopardy. Each contestant had 10 seconds to answer a question if he or she buzzed in on time. The winners of each semi-final round then

competed in another final round for prizes.

The winner of the final round was given a choice of 13 gift certificates, each worth \$25. Gift certificates were then awarded based on how many points the contestants earned in each round they participated in; the higher the point value, the better chance contestants had of getting the gift certificate they wanted.

The gift certificates were from local restaurants, such as the Olive Garden, Damon's, and Quaker Steak and Lube; an interchangeable gift certificate that was redeemable at either the campus bookstore or Barnes and Noble; and a gift certificate to any store in the Millcreek Mall.

At the end of the evening, political science major Stephen Webb was the winner and grand prize winner. Political science majors Jared Hawk and Troy Frederick also competed in the final round. "The annual Nobel Peace Prize is awarded by a committee chosen by the Parliament of this country" was the final jeopardy answer for the final round. None of the participants were able to guess "What is Norway?" as the correct question.

"I thought the contest went great this year," commented Dr. Speel at the end of the evening. "Everyone had a good time, we all learned a lot, and 13 students went home with \$25 gift certificates to local restaurants and stores."

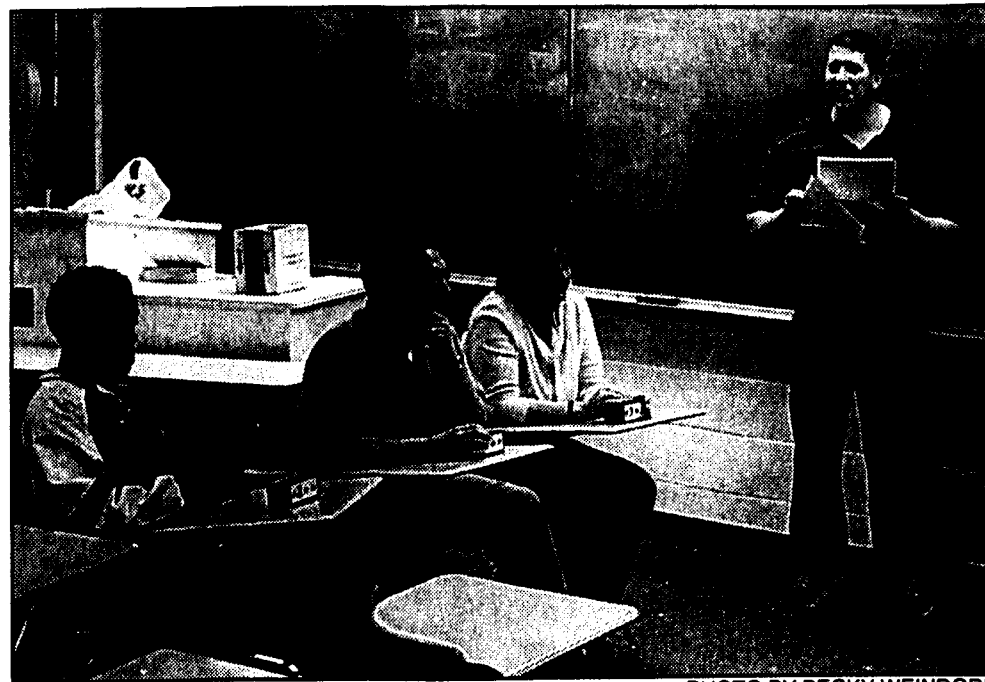


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Dr. Robert Speel (right) took Alec Trebek's place at the second annual Political Science Jeopardy on Tuesday. Seated (l-r) are Khalif Rhodes, Troy Frederick, and Deb Brady in the first round. Stephen Webb (not pictured), a political science major, won the overall contest.