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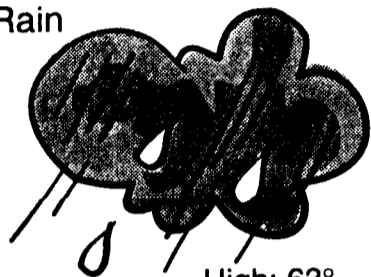
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WEATHER

Friday's forecast:
Rain



High: 63°
Low: 50°

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Help the Beacon staff raise money for the Twin Towers Orphans Fund. Buy a raffle ticket for a chance to go on a date with one of the staff members.

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Don't understand what happened on Thursday's episode because you missed the season premiere? A recap is provided for you on the A&E page.



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Turn, turn First Behrend grad named Alumni Fellow

by Liz Hayes
news editor

A quarter-century after he left Penn State Behrend, Michael J. Woods returned to the College Tuesday to receive the highest honor Behrend bestows. A member of the class of 1976, Woods is the 2001 recipient of the Alumni Fellow Award.

"It seems to me the Fellows are getting younger every year," said Penn State President Dr. Graham Spanier during his introductory remarks. "Or maybe I'm just getting older."

Though not the youngest person to receive this annual award, Woods is certainly younger than some of the more recent Fellows: the 2000 Fellow, Donald Blair, graduated from Penn State in 1952; George Sample, the 1999 recipient, graduated in 1946; and the 1998 awardee, Mark Loevner, graduated in 1954.

Spanier and Dr. Jack Burke, interim provost and dean of the College, presented the award to Woods in the Reed Wintergarden Tuesday evening. Also present were Woods' parents and wife, Tracy Kimes Woods, and several members of the Penn State Behrend Alumni Society. Former Fellows Sample, Loevner, Robert Metzgar, Robert Mehalso, and Ted Junker were also in the audience, as was Irv Kochel, a former director of the College.

After remarks from Burke and Spanier, Woods stepped up to the podium to share some of his memories of Behrend and thoughts on how his Penn State education shaped his future. Woods described himself as a "rudderless high school dropout from the 60s" when he arrived at Behrend, a part-time student taking limited evening classes.

After testing the waters for a while, Woods slowly became more involved in college life. Woods would become

the president of the Student Government Association his senior year. He was also awarded the Thomas H. Turnbull Award for his contribution to community service.

After deciding he didn't really want to go to University Park, he asked, "Can I hang out here for awhile and get a degree?" Luckily for him, Behrend had just started granting baccalaureate degrees. Woods, with his four-year degree in psychology, is the first Alumni Fellow to have

"Not only is the Alumni Fellow Award a statement of admiration for these graduates, but it is also an invitation for them to return to Penn State and share their experiences."

-Dr. Graham Spanier,
Penn State University President

graduated from Behrend. All other Fellows attended Behrend but received degrees from other campuses, usually from University Park.

During his remarks, Woods thanked his parents for "encouraging me to do ... something!" And do something he did.

Woods established his own company, Telesource Services, LLC, in 1986. Telesource remanufactures, repairs, and resells digital communications equipment, cellular phones, and laptop computers. The company includes three divisions: voice networks, data networks, and

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PHOTO BY LIZ HAYES

To everything there is a season... The leaves are turning, the clouds will roll in, and the white stuff will fly before you know it. We recommend soaking up the colors while they are here, because the only color you will see for the next seven months is dirty white.

Spanier answers student questions Gumbel boosts patriotic spirit

by Liz Hayes
news editor

At a time when patriotic sentiment is in high demand, Greg Gumbel delivered his share to an enthusiastic audience in the newly named McGarvey Commons Thursday night. Gumbel was the first speaker in Penn State Behrend's 2001-02 series "Creating the Global Future."

The content of Gumbel's speech, "Making the Effort," revolved around his more than 25 years as a sportscaster. He is the host of the Emmy-winning show "The NFL Today" and has hosted or called play-by-play for the NFL, NBA, Major League Baseball, and several college sports. He also covered the 1992, 1994, and 1996 Olympic Games, a Super Bowl, and a World Series.

Gumbel began by commenting on his connection with New York City. He grew up all over the nation. He was born in New Orleans, raised in Chicago, went to college in Illinois, and now lives in Orlando, Fla. But Gumbel lived in New York City for several years. Therefore, when he learned of the recent attacks, he said it struck him harder than if he had been just a casual observer.

"Let me tell you about New York," Gumbel said upon learning several members of the audience had never

visited the Big Apple. Gumbel began telling the story of two strangers meeting in Central Park while walking their dogs. They two men wanted to eat lunch together in a restaurant, but needed to do something with their dogs. They decided to lie to the maitre d' and tell

him the dogs were seeing-eye dogs. The man with the German Shepard had no problem, but the man with the Chihuahua was received skeptically. Upon questioning, the man said, "You mean they gave me a Chihuahua?"

"That is New York City," Gumbel said.

Gumbel then went on to describe his problems with people confusing him with his brother, Bryant Gumbel, host of CBS'

"The Early Show." He also told numerous anecdotes encountered during his years in sports.

He stressed the importance of receiving an education and, as examples, liberally referred to faux pas committed by those in the sports world to demonstrate his point. "I'm

not saying athletes are dumb," Gumbel said. "Not all of them are..."

Several plays-on-words Gumbel referred to included athletes who wished to stay "flexual" and "injury-

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PHOTO BY ROB WYNNE

Speaker Series lecturer Greg Gumbel held a question and answer session with students in the MCC Suite before his speech on Wednesday.

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