

## WEEKEND WEATHER OUTLOOK

### SATURDAY



Partly Cloudy  
High: 57°  
Low: 35°

### SUNDAY



Partly Cloudy  
High: 53°  
Low: 33°

### MONDAY



Partly Cloudy  
High: 52°  
Low: 30°

## BEHREND BRIEFS

### Dinner for Six Strangers

The 14th annual Thanksgiving Dinner for Six Strangers will be held Thursday, Nov. 15. The free dinner, which will take place in the McGarvey Commons, is an opportunity for faculty, staff, and students to interact and enjoy a traditional meal together. Each table will be occupied by six randomly selected people in order to ensure everyone will meet someone new.

The dinner itself will begin at 6 p.m., preceded by a reception in the Reed Wintergarden at 5:30 p.m. To make a reservation, call the Office of Student Activities at x6171.

### Peter Leyden to speak

Behrend's Speaker Series continues on Monday by welcoming futurist Peter Leyden. Leyden, the co-author of "The Long Boom: A Vision for the Coming Age of Prosperity," has tailored his remarks to apply to the events of Sept. 11. He will discuss how the current world situation has formed a base for the next decade, when emerging opportunities and challenges will meet culture, politics, science, society, technology, and the global economy.

Leyden, who has written extensively about economics, technology, politics, and the future, has master's degrees in comparative politics and journalism and a B.A. in intellectual history. He has been involved in the publications The New York Times, Chicago Tribune, "Newsweek," and "Wired," and he currently serves as the knowledge developer at the strategic consulting firm Global Business Network.

### Dance honors coach Decker

On Saturday, the Athletics Department will sponsor the first Becky Decker Spirit Against Cancer Dance and Cheerleading Competition. The event, which will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Junker Center, was designed to honor Decker's memory. Decker, who was Behrend's dance and cheerleading coach, died of cancer earlier this year.

Invitations have been extended to local high schools and colleges, and the proceeds from the competition will benefit the American Cancer Society.

### Costume contest winners

On Oct. 31, the Athletics Department sponsored its first Halloween Costume contest. Each of the three participating college units won a cake for their efforts.

The prize for best office went to the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, whose staff dressed as members of the Oval Office. The award for best dressed was given to Student Affairs Director Ken Miller, who dressed as Dr. Dew-Man. Three Student Affairs staff assistants who dressed as Miller received special attention; other staff in Student Affairs dressed as Ronald McDonald and the Fry.

The prize for best theme was awarded to Admissions. The all-female office decked themselves out in suits and ties to fit the theme Testosterone Comes to the Second Floor of the Glenhill Farmhouse.

Stacey Pondo, the assistant to the Director of Athletics, said that this year was a lot of fun and looks forward to increased participation next year.

### Turning to books after Sept. 11

After the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, many people are turning to books for answers. Throughout the country, stores are struggling to keep up with the demand for titles such as the Penn State Press's "Terrorism in Context." At the suggestion of Penn State Press Director Sanford Thatcher, the Association of American University Presses (AAUP) has put together a list of Books for Understanding. The bibliography encompasses books which deal with such subjects as terrorism, Middle East policy and history, and disaster management.

"This is an excellent demonstration of how our industry can contribute to public understanding in a time of crisis," said Thatcher.

The following is a sampling of titles: "The Holy War Idea in Western and Islamic Traditions," "Use of Force," "Cops Across Borders," "Politics of Warfare," "Military Persuasion," "International Relations Theory," "The Arab Bureau," "State Sovereignty," "Revenge of God," and "Jewish Settler Violence." For a complete bibliography, visit <http://www.aaupnet.org/news/spotlight.html>.

## POLICE AND SAFETY REPORT

11/02/01	15:30	A student reported her vehicle was damaged in the S Lot. She found the driver's side mirror missing and wanted Police and Safety to be aware of it.
11/03/01	07:05	A complainant reported a vacuum missing from the Junker Center.
11/03/01	19:40	Officers were dispatched to the 200 building in the Apartment Quad for a fire alarm activation. Upon arrival, officers learned burnt food in a microwave oven triggered the alarm. No injuries were reported.
11/04/01	01:00	East County Police called to advise Police and Safety they received a call from Lawrence Hall from a male. He stated his roommate had threatened him and asked what could be done. The dispatcher advised him that an officer would be sent. He became upset and proceeded to slam the phone down.
11/05/01	17:45	A complainant reported she had received a harassing e-mail message.
11/07/01	17:30	An information report was filed on activity regarding a mercury spill in OB Chemistry Lab 107.

## FOCAL POINT

# IS MY BUZZER WORKING?

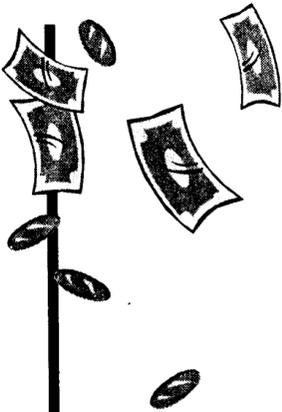


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Yes, that is the Beacon's editor-in-chief, Rob Wynne, banging his colorful buzzer off his head at Wednesday's Political Science Jeopardy. Maybe that's why he lost — he didn't know how to use it! Good thing Alex Trebek wasn't around to witness that sacrilege! Wynne, at least, reached the semifinals and earned a \$25 gift certificate to China Garden.

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