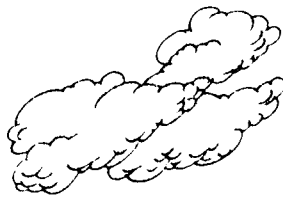


WEEKEND WEATHER OUTLOOK

SATURDAY



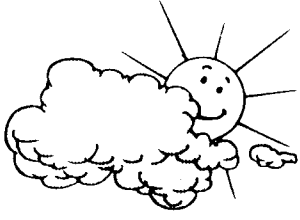
Mostly Cloudy
High: 47°
Low: 35°

SUNDAY



Snow
High: 40°
Low: 30°

MONDAY



Partly Cloudy
High: 45°
Low: 28°

BEHREND BRIEFS

United Way record set

Behrend faculty, staff, and students set a record once again in this year's United Way campaign. A total of \$40,347 -- six percent more than last year -- was donated during the month-long campaign. Out of the money collected this year, \$1,645 will be placed in the Sept. 11 Fund.

"I am proud to see that members of the Behrend community continue to be generous in helping those in need through the United Way," Interim Provost and Dean Dr. Jack Burke said. "This record contribution demonstrates that our faculty, staff, and students are involved with and concerned about Erie County."

Burke also attributed the campaign's success to the work of United Way co-chairs Dr. Peg Thoms, Rande Joy, Brandi Hovis, and Paul Newlin, office supporter Peggy Shupenko, and United Way campaign coordinator Catherine Hanhauser. Hanhauser will also help determine how the money is spent, as she has been named a member of the United Way Community Investment Committee.

Behrend 'Feeds the Need'

Executive Director of the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwestern Pennsylvania Karen Seggi recently commended Behrend students, staff, and faculty for their participation in "Feed the Need." Since the first annual food drive in 1989, Behrend has contributed \$166,627 worth of food to the Second Harvest Food Bank.

Seggi noted a recent survey which showed that emergency food was distributed to 81,000 people in the food bank's 11-county service area. Of those recipients, 31,160 were children.

"I congratulate the student organizations at Penn State Behrend who have accomplished so much over the years," Seggi told the assembly. "With the need in northwestern Pennsylvania so great, your yearly food drive means so much."

Student parents receive grant

The U.S. Department of Education has awarded Penn State \$280,000 a year for the next four years in order to assist student parents with paying for child care.

The Higher Education Amendments of 1998 authorized the federal "Child Care Access Means Parents in School" program, which strives to improve student parents' access to child care.

"These grants can help parents complete school and make their career goals possible and their futures more promising," said U.S. Education Secretary Rod Paige.

In 1992, Penn State's Work / Life Programs Office in the Office of Human Resources put a child care subsidy program into practice in order to help Penn State parents. The expanded program will extend to all of the Penn State locations.

Those who are eligible may use the funds to help pay for child care at approved centers. The funds may also apply to before-and-after school care, summer child care, sick and emergency care, and care during mid-terms and finals.

"We are thrilled to receive this grant from the Department of Education and look forward to the contributions this program will make to the Penn State Community," said Linda E. Pierce, Coordinator of the Work / Life Programs Office.

Application forms can be obtained at <http://www.ohr.psu.edu/worklife/subsidies.htm>.

POLICE AND SAFETY REPORT

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| 11/16/01 | 09:50 | A suspicious object was found along the fire trail in the Wintergreen Gorge. |
| 11/16/01 | 20:53 | A P&S officer observed the driver of a vehicle in the Reed Lot attempting to drive off with one of the traffic cones. He stopped the vehicle and arrested the driver via a non-traffic citation. |
| 11/16/01 | 22:30 | A large fight was reported in the Apartment Quad. |
| 11/17/01 | 00:20 | A group of disorderly students was observed. Further investigation resulted in two students being issued citations for underage drinking. |
| 11/17/01 | 11:36 | A complainant reported damage to her vehicle which was parked in S Lot. The damage was apparently caused by someone kicking the gas tank cover. |
| 11/18/01 | 20:30 | A complainant reported his vehicle had been vandalized over the weekend. |
| 11/19/01 | 17:00 | A student reported having received a harassing phone call. |
| 11/26/01 | 15:45 | A complainant reported her license plate was missing from her car after it was parked in Jordan Road Lot. |
| 11/26/01 | 21:30 | A complainant reported that the data projector was missing from Hammermill 143. |
| 11/27/01 | 17:10 | An officer was dispatched to Almy Hall for an alarm. The officer learned a student using a toaster set off the alarm. The Director of Housing also responded. |
| 11/28/01 | 15:30 | An officer was advised someone is sending messages to a campus organization repeatedly. |

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FOCAL POINT

WE ARE PENN STATE!

Isn't this a great display of school spirit? A whole group of dedicated Penn State students reading the *Beacon*, watching the game, and getting decked out in Blue and White to show their spirit. Of course, maybe they don't have the best spirit -- it's kind of hard to see what's going on with the game when there's a piece of newsprint in front of your face! But, it might be just like going to class; sometimes showing up is enough!



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Business professors' CFA designation benefits students

by Kevin Fallon
staff writer

It's always good when Behrend professors excel in their field. It is even better when their students benefit from that success. This is the case with two professors in the finance department of the School of Business.

Dr. Tim Smaby, associate professor of finance, and Dr. Brian Boscaljon, assistant professor of finance, have both earned the Chartered Financial Analyst designation. As a result, each year Behrend senior finance majors will have an opportunity to participate in the Student CFA Scholarship Program. Students selected to take part in the program will receive a scholarship from the Association for Investment Management and Research.

"The CFA designation is recognized as a hallmark of integrity and excellence in the global investment community," Boscaljon said.

Both professors said this program will help finance students. "Under the CFA Student Scholarship Program, a professor who holds a CFA Charter can sponsor up to five seniors or graduate students each year for the Level 1 CFA exam following graduation. The

scholarship program allows us to introduce outstanding finance students to the investment profession and provide direct mentoring during their exam preparation," said Smaby.

"For the students, it opens up a lot of opportunities for them because employers recognize this designation. Also a CFA designation is like obtaining a MBA in finance because it represents that you have this body of knowledge that jobs require. The material is very challenging so employers know that you meet a certain standard of measurement if you have this designation," Boscaljon said.

According to Boscaljon, students will be selected for the program based on classroom performance and a practice test, as well as their determination.

"The material is very challenging for an undergrad student. It is not just how well you've done in school, it's also how bad you want [the scholarship]," said Boscaljon.

The designation has also helped both professors in their own teaching. "As CFA charter holders, we will be in a better position to pursue the School of Business missions of providing high-quality instruction with an applied orientation and conducting high quality research emphasizing issues relevant

to business practice," Smaby said.

Boscaljon covers much of the material covered on the CFA exam in his Finance 460 class. "What it has allowed me to do is share more practical examples and emphasize how practitioners think about things. Also I can keep up to date with new material. There are a lot of innovations and changes happening every day in finance. The world changes and this is a vehicle that helps people keep focus. I think it really helps students see how things work in real life and how what they are learning will be applied in the real world," Boscaljon said.

Both Smaby and Boscaljon had to pass three six-hour exams over a period of three years. Exams covered investment ethics, securities analysis, financial accounting, quantitative analysis, economics, and portfolio management. Each of the exams typically requires 250 hours in study time.

"There is so much information that it's hard to do it on top of a job," said Boscaljon.

Both professors prefer to keep the focus on the students. "It feels real good to be able to help students in this way," Boscaljon said. "This program gives students an edge up and will distinguish them from someone else."

FROM FRONT PAGE

FISHER AWARD

held in New York City from Nov. 11 to 16. Fisher has been a contributing member of ASME for more than 30 years and was elected an ASME fellow in 1996. In a recent interview, Fisher shared his views about the ASME organization.

Fisher has been a member of ASME International since he attended Gannon University and joined the student section of ASME in 1968 as a junior. During his senior year, Fisher became vice chair of his chapter and attended the regional student conference, where he met students from other schools who were also in the field of mechanical engineering. Through his interaction with other mechanical engineering students, he was able to compare his educational experiences with those of his peers. He was also able to attend several factory tours that would not have been available had he not been a member. These networking opportunities eventually led to a job interview with one of the companies that he toured.

After graduation, Fisher began work at AT&T, where he was given the task of returning to school and completing a master's degree at Purdue University. Upon completion of his advanced degree, Fisher moved to Columbus, Ohio, where he began work at Bell Laboratories conducting

research on thin film microelectronics for use in telephone processing equipment.

After two years with Bell Labs, Fisher moved to Erie and began work at American Sterilizer as an entry level Engineer. Throughout his 17 years at American Sterilizer, Fisher participated in pioneering research and the design of surgical lighting and specialty optics for the medical industry. Fisher has 10 design patents to his credit.

During his years in industry, Fisher remained active in ASME. He stayed active at a national level within the society on a volunteer basis. Fisher values the opportunities to interact with professionals and obtain input from experts on various aspects of projects that he worked on.

"You just don't get those kind of opportunities unless you are in a technical society like ASME," said Fisher.

Now, as head of the MET department as well as a member of the ASME Board of Engineering Education, Technical Accreditation Committee, and Mechanical Engineering Technology Department Heads Committee, Fisher encourages students enrolled in the MET and ME programs to join their ASME student sections as freshmen. Students will be able to gain a fellowship with

their peers as well as interact with upperclassmen and learn from their experience in the academic environment.

As upperclassmen, students should think about taking a leadership position within the student section. This will afford the chance to attend the regional conferences and meet students from other universities, much as he did as a student 30 years ago. ASME offers more benefits now than ever before, ranging from job searches on the web, life insurance policies, and credit cards for members, in addition to the opportunity to demonstrate leadership skills.

The MET student section of ASME is planning several trips in the near future, including an Erie Otters game, bowling to relieve stress during finals, and a field service training session with General Electric representatives. Also, this January, the ASME student fees will be reduced to \$10 for new members, just in time for the spring semester.

To find out more about the organization, contact Dave Johnson, Faculty Advisor to the MET student section, at dhl1@psu.edu or Nick Capozzoli, Public Relations Chair, at nxc149@psu.edu.