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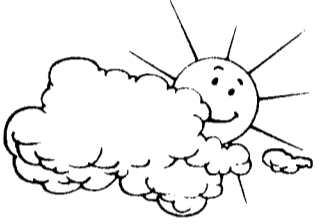
~The Beacon will be going on hiatus for the next month during Winter Break. The next issue of the paper will appear in January.~



FALL 2001

WEATHER

Friday's forecast:
Partly sunny



High: 46 °
Low: 40 °

Check page 2a for the weekend weather outlook.

INSIDE

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BEHIND THE BUDPOT
We had to do it — we had to get one more BUDPOT reference in the *Beacon* before our comrade's finale. But do you really want to know what these guys are thinking?

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'TIS THE SEASON FOR HEALTHY LIVING

This week's Healthy Living page provides some useful tips to making the best of the winter months.

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SEMESTER OF SPORTS
Rehash the semester in sports as we recap who won, who lost, and who played the game.

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The road less traveled



PHOTO BY LIZ HAYES

For now, at least. The A90 phase of the East Side Access Highway construction that left campus a bit muddy at times this semester is just about complete. With the uncharacteristically mild weather Erie has experienced in the past months, construction crews have been able to keep on track. In April the A91 phase will begin, which will include paving the portions of the roadbed that were graded this fall, as well as renovation of the campus entrance. For up to date information on the highways, check out the ESAH's Web site, www.esah.net/reca90a.html.

New United Way record set

by Daniel J. Stasiewski
staff writer

The United Way will receive more money than ever before from Penn State Behrend as a direct result of the 2001 United Way Campaign. At the end of the month-long campaign, faculty, staff, and students raised a record \$40,347. This year's total contribution is an increase of more than \$2,000 over last year's campaign.

Behrend students contributed to the 2001 campaign through the Behrend Go Lions contest. Student organizations decorated replicas of the Nittany Lion sculpture located at University Park. The replicas were displayed around campus and students donated money for a chance to vote for a student organization's Lion. The Go Lions contest alone raised \$230 in student contributions. Student contributions were all designated to the Sept. 11 Fund.

"We're pleased," said Catherine Hanhauser, who was recently named to the United Way Community Investment Committee, "considering how the economy after Sept. 11 affected the donations locally." Although there was an outpouring of donations immediately following the tragedy, the recessed economy has

UNITED WAY

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Cheaters learn the hard way

by Kevin Fallon
staff writer

Finals are upon us and the workload has come down hard on many students.

Students can either waish their time with their nose in a book; or they can take the easy way out ... by cheating.

But think again. Cheating may seem like the way to an easy A, but several students this semester are

grade in the class.

"It's sad because the students knew what the penalties were and knew that I enforce the policy," said Christofferson.

The six students who will fail the course cut and pasted large amounts of information from the Internet directly to their papers. Some of the students copied the same information from the same Web site.

"Plagiarism is a big problem because of the Internet. Students think it's easier to get away with it. They don't realize that someone who grades hundreds of papers a year can spot a plagiarized paper," said Christofferson. "There are certain flags that go off when I read a copied paper."

"There are ways to find out if a paper is plagiarized," Christofferson said. "But I will not reveal my secrets."

Christofferson talks about plagiarism to all of his classes at the beginning of every semester.

"The problem is significant enough that we talked about it in class at the beginning of the semester and the students had to read about the policy on plagiarism," Christofferson said.

Christofferson said plagiarism is more serious than many students realize because, in addition to being dishonest, it undermines the educational system.

"Students that play by the rules get a raw deal because if a plagiarized paper written by a professional

CHEATERS

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Anticipating new look for Perry



PHOTO BY LIZ HAYES

Tentative construction plans call for an addition to the front of Perry Hall which will bring the first floor of Perry to the same level as the second floor of the Reed Union Building. These new plans will not only create space for 150 more students in Perry, but will also allow for greater handicap accessibility on campus.

Architects selected to design Perry Hall renovations

by Erinn Hansen
staff writer

Approved by the Penn State Board of Trustees, the firm of Noelker and Hull Associates, Inc. of Chambersburg, PA, has been hired as design architect for the construction and renovations of Perry Hall at Behrend.

"Noelker and Hull designed the

Larry and Kathryn Smith Chapel and the Juanita Smith Carillon here at Behrend, as well as Cedar Hall, one of the residence halls at the Altoona Campus," said John Ream, director of operations at Behrend.

"They have vision, stability, and a proven track record of successful projects," added Randy Geering, Behrend's newly hired manager of Housing and Food Services.

Currently, co-ed Perry Hall houses 200 students, mostly underclassmen, in two-bed rooms. It is one of Behrend's eight residence halls, aside from the nine student apartment buildings. Penn State Behrend houses more than 1,500 students on campus.

PERRY RENOVATIONS

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