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WEATHER

Friday's forecast:
Sunny



High: 40°
Low: 33°

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SEAGRANT AWARD
The Pennsylvania Sea Grant Program has been awarded the Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence. See page 2.
BRUNO'S VIOLATIONS
Read about how Bruno's dealt with six safety violations from the Health Inspector on page 3.

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BASKETBALL RECORD
Erin Phillips has shown her school spirit by breaking the record for the most career points in women's basketball. Read more about how she achieved that goal in her profile in Sports.



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Another Lake-Effect Sunset



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Whatever you may think of Erie in general, you've got to admit that Presque Isle provides some pretty stunning sunsets. Check out the forecast on page 2 to see whether this weekend may have some more sunsets like this one in store.

King celebrated with breakfast, dance, and candlelight

by Erin McCarty
news editor

On Monday morning, dozens of students, faculty and staff gathered in Brunois to start Martin Luther King day with a traditional breakfast. Each year on his birthday, King celebrated with a breakfast attended by family and friends, and Behrend's event strove to attain that same sense of closeness. Those in attendance proceeded to the tables where they could indulge in a breakfast buffet.

After everyone was seated, they were treated to a brief program consisting of several students reading reflections in their native tongues. Some of the speakers made additional comments, and Jenny Zhang provided a particularly apt anecdote indicating that the difference between Heaven and Hell is that in Heaven, people help one another. The breakfast lasted from 7:15 to 8 a.m.

At 4 p.m., everyone on campus was encouraged to head to Erie Hall for a presentation which included readings by students and performances by "Y.A.R.D." and "Urban Dance Collective," two dance ensembles from the Cleveland School of the Arts. Interim Provost and Dean Dr. Jack Burke introduced the event, whose theme was "Celebrating King's Legacy Through the Arts," and thanked everyone for coming in

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Erin Phillips breaks basketball record

by Mike Bello
sports editor

It was a simple layup, one that Erin Phillips has made numerous times during her career here at Behrend. Although the actual shot may have been unspectacular, what it meant was not. With an assist by Christine Charnock at 15:54 of the second half, Erin Phillips became the all-time leader in points scored for women's basketball against Pitt-Greensburg on Wednesday. Phillips surpassed the old mark of 1,409 held by Michele Madison, a record that has stood for more than 10 years.

"There was nothing going through my mind at the time," said Phillips about the record-setting play. "I had no idea when it happened. It was a tough game so I was focused on winning it."

Phillips, whose career point total now stands at 1,415, isn't done yet though. With seven games remaining, Phillips just needs 51 points to break the all-time record for most points scored at Behrend, 1,466, held by Rick Demski.

"It's a huge accomplishment (Madison's record), but for it to be as enjoyable as it should be, it [needed] to come along with a big win," said Kate Costanzo. "Then we'll have all the more reason to celebrate."

The Lions did exactly that after Costanzo hit a 3-pointer with 22 seconds left to lift Behrend to a 56-52 win over Greensburg (3-3, 5-11). Phillips, not to be outdone, added two key free throws with seven seconds left to make sure the Bobcats did not win the game on their final play.

PHILLIPS

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Provost candidates Kasvinsky and Gleason visit



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Provost candidates Dr. Peter Kasvinsky (left) and Dr. Sandra Gleason (right) visited Behrend this week. Kasvinsky spoke in an open forum in the Smith Chapel on Monday, and Gleason spoke on Wednesday. The last two candidates, Dr. W. Hubert Keen and Dr. Kendall Blanchard, will present their opens forums on Feb. 5 and Feb. 12.

by Erin McCarty
news editor

The search for a new Provost has been narrowed to four candidates, and this week two of those candidates spent a day and a half at Behrend discussing various issues with faculty, staff, and students. Most of these discussions occurred in the format of small meetings with designated individuals, but both candidates spent an hour in a public forum, introducing themselves and addressing concerns and questions raised by those in attendance.

Dr. Peter Kasvinsky spoke on Monday at 2:15 p.m. in the Smith Chapel. Currently the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies at

Youngstown State University, where he is also a full professor, Kasvinsky has served in several administrative capacities. The most recent of these were his roles as Assistant Vice President for Graduate Studies and Research at Bloomsburg University and Director of Research Development and Graduate Studies at Marshall University. Throughout his career, he has taught various classes relating to biochemistry, and he served as a Captain in the Medical Service Corps of the U.S. Army.

Kasvinsky began his presentation by assessing Behrend as a very attractive campus, saying that the snow-covered dorms reminded him of the University of Alberta, where he taught for several years. He noted



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that he had received good reports of Behrend from many colleagues and said that his working knowledge of the state system of higher education would be an asset if he assumed the role of Provost.

"I like to look before I leap," Kasvinsky said, describing how he would fit into the role of Behrend's leader. He expressed an intention to work with faculty and administrators and observe the current state of the college before making any hasty decisions. He did, however, list several attributes that he felt were essential for a Provost, including fiscal integrity, broad educational and administrative experience, and a willingness to act as an advocate for the campus.

"Excellence is a benchmark of

Behrend," said Kasvinsky. He called Behrend unique in the Penn State system, carrying a strong research tradition and a student-oriented education. After this overview, he took several questions from the assembly.

He described a liberal arts background as necessary, saying that all employers look for graduates who can communicate well, and said that knowing a foreign language is very important in certain areas. When discussing effective methods of internationalization, he said that

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