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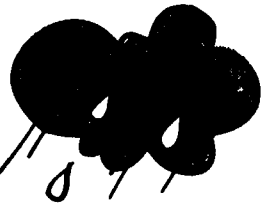
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## WEATHER

Friday's forecast:  
Rain



High: 48°  
Low: 20°

Check page 2 for the weekend weather outlook.

## INSIDE

### NEWS

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Winter sniffles got you down? See page 2 to find out how the Health and Wellness Center can help. DR. DAVIES  
Read about the career and travels of Dr. Matthew Davies on page 3.

### SPORTS

BASKETBALL TEAM LOSES IN OVERTIME

The Behrend men's basketball team lost Wednesday to Pitt-Bradford, which is first in the league. Read about it on page 11.



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## Local sixth-graders get a taste of Behrend life with College for Kids Day

by Kevin Fallon  
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Attending college does not seem like a reality for many young children, especially ones who come from a low-income home. But one event at Behrend is giving college dreams to many children.

Sixth graders from Diehl Elementary visited Behrend on Tuesday for College For Kids Day. The purpose of the event is to introduce children to a college environment.

"We want to help them to realize that anyone can go to college if they really want to," said Brendon Raraigh, a volunteer for the event. "I hope that...it gives them a desire to do well through high school and go to college."

Students participated in several activities during the day. The children designed a newspaper, learned about cells, wired electric circuits, and designed a product to advertise.



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This Diehl student was one of many thrilled to spend the day at Behrend for College for Kids Day on Tuesday.

"We planned four different activities for the kids which hopefully gave (the children) a taste of several different avenues they could pursue in college," said Raraigh.

The day ended with the students attending the Music at Noon series. "It's good for students to get some hands-on experience," said Becky Powierza, a sixth grade teacher at Diehl. "They experience a new learning environment and see what is expected of them when they go to college."

"It gives them an idea of what college is like as well as increased hopes of going to college."

And giving kids encouragement was one of the main messages of the day.

"I encourage their hopes of going to college quite a bit," said Powierza.

Many of the students expressed plans to go to college some day.

"I want to go to college," said sixth grader Marcel Jordan. "I want to learn Spanish."

"I want to go to college to learn more about life," said Domonique Tate. "It will just help me learn more."

Organizers were pleased with the

day's events.

"By participating in an activity like this you really can make a difference to the kids," said Raraigh. "If we

convinced one of the kids who visited to work hard and go to college it was all worth it."

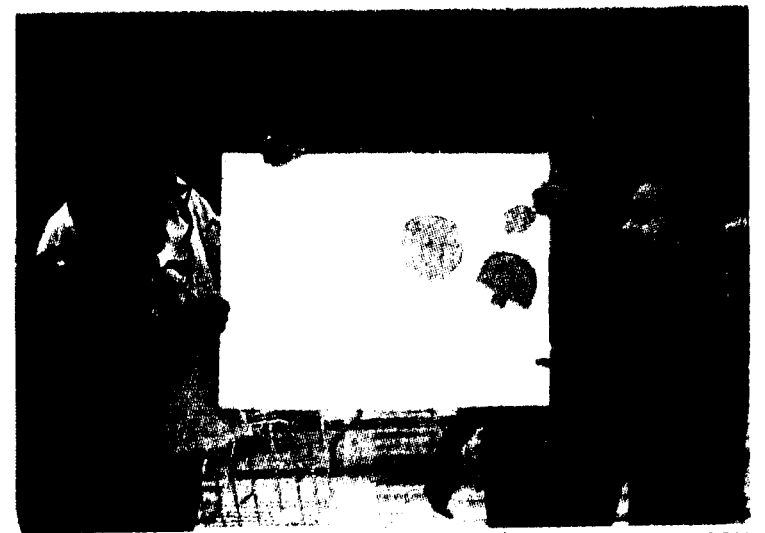


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Sixth-grade students display a poster they created during College for Kids Day. The event was designed to introduce kids to the college environment. It consisted of four activities and ended with the Triangulo performance, part of the Music at Noon series.

## Triangulo brings Latin flavor to Music at Noon

by Lori DeFabio  
staff writer

Now in its 12th season, the Logan Wintergarden Series presented Triangulo on Tuesday. The Logan Wintergarden Series is brought to Behrend through the Harry A. Logan Jr. Foundation. The purpose of the foundation is to support the fine and performing arts to enrich the lives of all.

Triangulo was the fourth of six performances in this season's Logan Wintergarden Series. Triangulo consists of Marco Granados on flute, Gustavo Tavares on cello, and Pablo Zinger on piano. They entertained the Behrend crowd with Latin American themed music.

Kelly Dabrowski, an eighth semester MIS student, attended the concert because her Spanish professor wanted the class to hear Latin American music. Kelly felt that the Latin American music presented with the flute, cello, and piano was quite different than other Latin American music she had heard before. "I am glad that Behrend has programs like this. It helps people become more culturally informative."

Students at the performance as a requirement for a class were not the only ones in attendance. An elementary school class listened to the performance, as well as a large number of older adults. The foundation's purpose is strongly evident in these performances with the wide array of ages in the spectators. Behrend students were not the only people with the chance to enhance their cultural knowledge by attending performing arts programs as was seen in the substantial number of people from off campus in addition to Behrend students, staff, and faculty.

The series will have two more performances this semester: Strata Trio on March 19, and the Amherst Saxophone Quartet on April 1.



Triangulo, the fourth out of six participants in the Logan Wintergarden Series' Music at Noon, performed on Tuesday. The trio is made up of cellist Gustavo Tavares, flutist Marco Granados, and pianist Pablo Zinger.

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## Muck runs amuck at Behrend



PHOTO BY REBECCA WEINDORF / BEHREND BEACON

Waste treatment to the rescue! This week, Behrend's sewage system clogged up, leaving restrooms across campus out of order. Luckily, the professionals showed up before the scene got too grisly. Sleet beats sludge any day!

## Leave your mark, or even a bench on campus with a Senior Class Gift

by Clint Lewis  
contributing writer

Have you ever wondered how you can contribute to your alma mater even after you're gone? Well, Behrend has figured it out for you. This year Penn State Behrend will begin a Senior Class Gift, a tradition followed by some of the best colleges in the world.

Beginning in spring 2002, graduates will have the option of taking part in a gift that will be donated by the senior class to the college. This gift will give you

the pleasure of knowing that you did something to improve the college, even after you've graduated. Some gifts at other schools have included trees and benches, along walkways, scholarship funds, and even the tower clock in Old Main at University Park.

So, what is your Senior Class Gift going to be? That is up to you to decide. Committees from each senior class will work to brainstorm ideas, fundraise, and communicate to the rest of their class what's going on in their committee. There will be a meeting on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

in Reed 117 for all students interested in being on their Senior Class Gift Committee. This is not just for seniors. The earlier committees can be formed from each class, the sooner they can get to work. The more time your Senior Class Gift Committee has to plan, the greater the gift will be, organizers say.

This is a great way to get involved on campus. You will have the chance to work with and get to know fellow classmates and have a lot of fun along the way. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, feel free to contact Clint Lewis at cnl107@psu.edu.