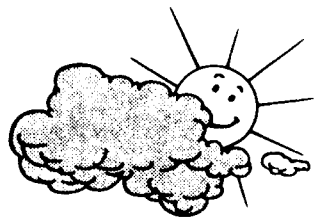


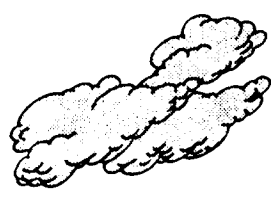
WEEKEND WEATHER OUTLOOK

SATURDAY



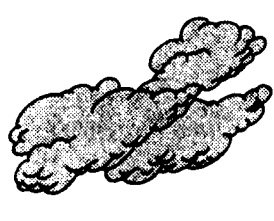
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High: 55°
Low: 28°

SUNDAY



Cloudy
High: 35°
Low: 20°

MONDAY



Mostly Cloudy
High: 31°
Low: 24°

BEHREND BRIEFS

Apply for tuition scholarship

Penn State students are invited to apply for the Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship Program. The foundation will award scholarships to students in the summer of 2002 for use during the 2002-2003 academic year. To be considered for the award, students must seek faculty nomination. Awards will fund up to \$30,000 or a year's tuition and fees. To be eligible for a scholarship, students must have achieved sophomore or junior standing at the time of nomination. Students must also have a high level of achievement as demonstrated by superior grades, academically rigorous courses and participation in challenging extracurricular activities. Deadline is March 11.

Students complete GE project

Three students in Robert Nelson's junior-level systems analysis class at Penn State Erie received high praise from officials at the Erie General Electric Federal Credit Union for a project they completed in the fall semester. "The work done by these students surpassed our expectations," said Jason Dietz, project specialist at the credit union. "Their efforts have been a great asset to our information technology department. They presented tools that we can use to help us run more efficiently and effectively."

Online applications increase

In another testament to the growing pervasiveness of the Web in all levels of education, online applications to Penn State for the next academic year have more than doubled to nearly 17,000 since this time last year, according to Geoffrey Harford, senior director of admissions services and evaluations. Penn State began offering Web applications in 1997. In that first year, nearly 750 students applied online using an electronic form that is otherwise identical to the paper one in terms of content and fee. With Internet usage on the rise among high school students, and their perceptions of how "wired" a university is often being counted among their reasons for choosing a college, Penn State frequently promotes the convenience of the Web application to guidance counselors and parents.

Nominations sought for women

To honor the many accomplishments of women across the University, the Commission for Women, now celebrating its 20th anniversary, wants to recognize women who have achieved and excelled at Penn State and in their communities. The women selected will be honored at the commission's banquet, March 19 at The Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel, University Park. Nomination forms are due Feb. 18 and available on the Web at <http://www.lions.psu.edu/cfw/> or by calling the Commission office at (814) 865-1683.

POLICE AND SAFETY REPORT

- 2/1/02 23:55 A complaint was reported that two individuals were smoking marijuana in a parking lot. When the officer arrived, he was unable to locate the subjects. The complainant stated they had gone into a building and she had lost sight of them.
- 2/4/02 14:30 A complainant reported harrasing phone calls.
- 2/4/02 15:00 A complainant reported damage to his car.
- 2/5/02 16:00 A complainant reported receiving a call about a possible one car motor vehicle accident on college drive.

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Benedictine Sisters of Erie February 17, 2002

Time: 9 a.m.
Place: Mount St. Benedict Monastery
6101 East Lake Road, Erie, PA 16511
Guests are invited to 9 a.m. Morning Praise and Community Liturgy at 10 a.m. followed by a presentation/tour and Sunday dinner

For more information or to make a reservation call Sr. Mary Ellen Plumb -- 899-0614 Ext. 511 or e-mail: msbforma@erie.net

FOCAL POINT

Beholding the merrymakers in the square below



PHOTO BY BEN KUNDMAN / BEHREND BEACON

What revelry is afoot below that has attracted so much attention? It's the fifth annual Safer Sex Cabaret, held in the Reed Commons Thursday evening. The event attracted many students, who enjoyed the unconventional demonstrations and got free kits to take home.

FROM FRONT PAGE

PROVOST

baccalaureate education depends upon general education because these courses increase a student's adaptability and enrich their lives.

Keen's experience in this area is extensive as he spent several years developing a general education program at Cortland College. The process involved whittling down a long list of available courses and grouping the less specialized courses according to category and theme. It was introduced to students gradually over a three-year period, starting with a core group of 50 and eventually extended to the whole student body.

"There is not a much more important experience for a student than studying abroad," Keen said when asked about internationalization. He called the Other Cultures requirement a step towards cultivating a greater international program at Behrend and said students must be able to make academic advancement in some area of international study. The most effective component is sending students overseas and bringing other students to Behrend from abroad, then following these experiences up by forming student groups wherein students can share what they learned.

"It is very important to involve all of the groups in a serious way," said Keen of his management approach. This involvement

means listening to representatives of these groups in addition to addressing them. He said the goal would be to form as full a consensus as possible after careful deliberation. Ultimately, though, it would be up to the senior administration to make the final decision within a reasonable amount of time.

Keen was asked to respond to an article from "Newsday" which indicated that he had halted the transfer of lands between Old Westbury and a private organization which had been well underway when he took his role as the campus' Interim President. Keen said that he was unaware of the transfer when he arrived on campus but that he opposed it when he learned about it. His reaction stemmed from the belief that such a transfer would not be in compliance with the college's mission. He expressed overall satisfaction with the work he accomplished at Old Westbury within the confines of the college but said he was less satisfied with what he accomplished with external parties.

"Cultivating relationships with the community is a long-term process," Keen said, calling fundraising a central concern of the college. Within the college, he indicated that building stronger recruitment and retention programs for students would be of

value. He then spoke of the need to keep up on the trends among student populations, including career orientation and greater receptiveness to visual information.

Keen also discussed non-tenured faculty, saying that many of them gain positive experience by remaining untenured. The danger he perceived was that some of these faculty might be more concerned about reaching the next level in their career than in doing their job wholeheartedly. His solution to reducing this risk was to assist non-tenured faculty in any way possible.

"A good natural environment is part of a nice-feeling campus," Keen said, discussing the need to preserve Behrend's natural beauty while promoting development. He said that would need to be a consideration in any development at Behrend.

The forum ended with a discussion of the importance of out-of-class programs. Keen considered these especially vital for residential students but important for commuters, as well. Extra-curricular activities allow students to see faculty in a different setting and enrich their academic environment.

The final provost candidate will present his open forum at 3 p.m. on Tuesday.

Behrend Reads: No faking these creative works

by Heather Fleming
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The annual "Behrend Reads" event that took place on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Smith Chapel was a creative success. Every year faculty members from the Humanities and Social Sciences department get together to read their works in progress or their already completed works.

The crowded worship space held almost 100 people who turned up for this event. The speakers who read their creative works included nine Behrend faculty members: Dr. Brad Comann; Ruth Pflueger; Dr. Sean Thomas Dougherty; Dr. Gregory Fowler; Dr. Diana Hume George; John Kerwin; George Looney; Dr. Archie Loss; and Dr. Chet Wolford. These talented writers elicited many emotions from the large audience.

There were a wide variety of genres and writing styles read. Comann, lecturer in English, read a prose piece about the significance of Converse shoes during the days he played basketball. Pflueger, who recently earned her M.B.A. and works in the Learning Resource Center, read a selection from her in-progress science fiction novel about a futuristic population where people

could only die by an accident; they were, by nature, immortal.

Dougherty, faculty member of the English department, used rhythm and a recurring motif of smoke and jazz music to read his poem, which he described as "a long complex love poem for my wife." He also read a poem he composed two days before the reading. Looney also read an extended poem from one of his published works, creating vivid imagery and performing his writing with enthusiasm and vigor.

Most of the pieces read were either satire or creative non-fiction humor. Fowler read an excerpt from his 190-page novel-in-progress about the life of an interracial couple and their two sons, who grow up together as brothers throughout their school days.

George read from her satire called "Coming Clean: The Truth About Sex," which drew many laughs from the audience members due to its explicit and witty content.

"This particular piece of writing is formatted after John Gray's 'Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus,'" Dr. George said. The particular section she chose was from the "She Said" section of the story and discussed the funny (and often disastrous) results of women and their struggles with the infamous faking of an orgasm.

Kerwin, professor of communications, read an interesting, creative non-fiction piece about teaching Shakespeare to prison inmates and receiving their responses. The narrator of the story challenged inmates to interpret Shakespeare scenes and apply them to their own lives in prison, often with humorous but insightful results.

Loss read from his novel that is being circulated by his agent among several publishers. The humorous story was about a boy band and was warmly received by the listeners.

To end the one hour and forty-five minute long event, Wolford read a comical piece he wrote titled, "Dying for a Hip Replacement."

"This is my first attempt at humor," Wolford said before he read his selection. The piece, which went into great detail about his stay at the hospital when he underwent surgery for his hip replacement and physical therapy, elicited laughs from the audience several times during his reading.

"Behrend Reads" was part of the Smith Creative Writing Series and sponsored by the Eugene Smith Scholarship and the Creative Writing Department at Behrend.

The next upcoming event for this series will be the Rosa Shand Fiction reading on April 4 at 7 p.m. in the Reed Union Building Lecture Hall.