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Friday's forecast:



Snow High: 29° Low: 21°

Check page 2 for the weekend weather outlook.

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#### **NEWS**

The piano, violin, and clarinet trio Strata performed on Tuesday as part of the Music at Noon Logan Wintergarden Series. Read about it on page 2.

Renowned geneticist and broadcaster Dr. David Suzuki spoke on Thursday as part of the Behrend Speaker Series. Read about his lecture on page 3.

The Student Government Association will soon hold elections for its officers. Students are encouraged to make their voices heard by casting their votes on election day. Read more on page 3.

CONTRACTOR STATE Jackie Cavicchio is an English major at Behrend who works as a hairdresser and a bartender. Read about her busy life on page 4.

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Giving something back

to the community

### Players teach soccer skills to disabled children

by Mike Bello sports editor

"Boink. Boink."

Several children simultaneously repeated the words of Behrend coach Dan Perritano as they moved the ball across the ground with their heads. One Behrend player chased a little boy around the court before the child became distracted by a basketball game next door.

At the other end of the gym, a shy girl in a Pokemon shirt laid on top of the jumbo ball, a soccer ball three times the normal size. Yet another child fell face-first on the ground and got up not crying, but with an even larger smile on his face than before.

But on this Wednesday evening in the Junker Center's main gym, everyone wore a smile from ear to ear.

That's because for the second year in a row, they took part in TOPSoccer, an outreach program designed to give disabled children the chance to be active through soccer. Perritano saw the program in action at a coach's convention in 2000, and decided it was a perfect way for the players to work with children and for disabled youths to lead an active lifestyle.



Diane Holtsford gives Andee Kuroda some advice on the art of the drop kick during the first night of Behrend's TOPSoccer program. March 13 marked the start of the second year of the program at Behrend.

back, using soccer, to the local community here," said Perritano. 'The local community supports Behrend; we're a public school. So it gives us the chance to give something back, to show how much fun soccer

"I love to see how they react and how they show their expressions of joy as you play with them," said senior Dan Falk. "Being blessed and gifted with the ability to be an active athlete, it is my pleasure to interact with these children through the sport night.

"It's a way for us to give something of soccer. My personal reward is know that I have made someone enjoy the little time we spend together."

> The children come from many different service organizations, from United Cerebral Palsy and Special Olympics, to the Barber Center and Shriners Hospital. Each participant pays \$7.50 for the entire eight-week program, and gets a T-shirt, a soccer ball with their name on it, as well as trophies and pizza. The most rewarding part for everyone is how happy the children are after each

PHOTOS BY JFFF HANKEY / BEHREND BEACON Andy Laver, background, and Eric Nyberg, front, congratulate their players after plays well done.

> "The kids, when they come back, are so excited to play," said Perritano. "They're like any other kid. They want to be active. They want to be moving and they want to be doing different skills. They want to play, and that's the most rewarding thing. That's the fun out of it, to see them coming back fired up to play."

"I think it's also good for the kids because they get to try out a sport but at the same time they also get to meet

#### **TOPSOCCER**

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# Senior **Class Gift** making progress

by Clint Lewis contributing writer

The Senior Class Gift proposal has made progress during the past few weeks. Many ideas, suggestions, and questions have sparked much student interest.

The gift that seems to have the most support is a Sept. 11 memorial to be located near the Junker Center. The memorial would consist of a flagpole waving a highly visible American flag in memory of the Sept. 11 victims, in particular the two Behrend alumni who lost their lives in the New York City attacks.

Seniors will be able to purchase a brick that would include their name and graduating year. These bricks would form the base of the memorial. The committee is in the process of lining up costs and organizing the selling of the bricks. More information will be mailed to all seniors shortly.

What do you think of this idea? The committee would like students' feedback. Students can email any questions, concerns, or suggestions to Clint Lewis at Child Consuced or Kevin Moore at kem 7/20284 244.

# **Sugar Ray performance spices up Behrend**



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Ardent fans (above) shout their adoration for Sugar Ray, who performed in the Junker Center on Tuesday. The band, headed up by Mark McGrath (left), performed before a crowd of 800. They were preceded by the Montreal-based punk band Simple Plan, who stayed after their set to interact with the crowd and listen to Sugar Ray perform.

Sugar Ray played their own hits as well as covers by artists including the Backstreet Boys, Aerosmith, John Lennon, Dr. Dre, and Limp Bizkit. The crowd, who remained standing throughout the concert, danced along with the music, and a few lucky audience members even got to sing on

For the full story on the concert, see Features, page 10.

## Dr. Zachary Irwin gets the chair after 25 years of service



PHOTO BY JEFF HANKEY/BEHREND BEACON

Dr. Zachary Irwin strikes a pensive pose as his colleagues discuss his contributions to the school. Irwin, a political science professor, was recognized on Monday for his 25 years as a member of the Behrend faculty. Interim Provost and Dean Dr. Jack Burke discussed Irwin's numerous accomplishments, including several publications, fellowships and awards, and his position as an Episcopalian deacon.

Dr. Dean Baldwin began his remarks by saying that Irwin's accomplishments in political science were not his most important contributions. Describing Irwin as a "genuinely good man," Baldwin kidded about his colorful clothing, his dining habits, and his tendency to shout over the phone.

Dr. John Gamble ruminated on the fact that he and Irwin had arrived at the same time and offered a few pointers for distinguishing the two of them. He commented that Irwin had been around so long that two of his major areas of study, the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia, no longer exist. After sharing several anecdotes illustrating Irwin's uniqueness, Gamble

concluded by saying that Irwin "knows more and cares more" than most. The dedications left Irwin "almost speechless," but he rose to thank God, his wife, and the dozens of friends who were present for the event. pausing to remember several deceased colleagues. He also took the opportunity to relate some of the best and worst advice he had heard or received, ranging from Garrison Keillor ("It's not about you") to his father ("Son, don't ever go to the Canadian Arctic" -- good advice because it was easy to keep) and former Provost and Dean Dr. John Lilley ("Don't retire as an associate professor.") The remarks were followed by a reception.