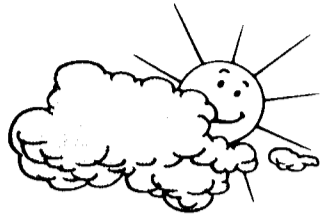


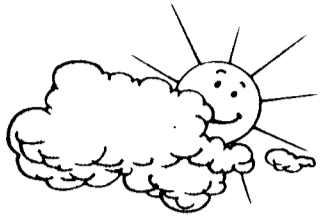
WEEKEND WEATHER OUTLOOK

SATURDAY



Partly Cloudy
High: 47°
Low: 32°

SUNDAY



Partly Cloudy
High: 51°
Low: 30°

MONDAY



Rain Likely
High: 55°
Low: 35°

BEHREND BRIEFS

Butterflies for Kids coming in April

Butterflies for Kids, a hands on, one-on-one children's project designed for special needs children, is scheduled April 8 at Bruno's.

What does a child do in the Butterflies for Kids Children's Gardens? All children plant, learn plant and tree varieties, share a story with resident Squirrel Sherwin Squirrel, fish, plant a pumpkin in the pumpkin patch, plant their own plant to take home in the Magic Greenhouse, and watch a video on the evolution of the butterfly, and more. Volunteers can help a special needs child while taking pride in cultivating the seeds of education, friendship and imagination.

Submissions encouraged for Independent Film Festival

Who wants their 15 minutes of fame? Most everyone does. Well, now here's your chance to show off your creative abilities.

A free Independent Film Festival, organized solely by students, will be held on April 16 in Reed 117 at 8 p.m.

The idea was started by Jonathon Bernstein and Paul Stempka and it grew to include classmates from Commu 305, which is the public relations course offered by Ursula Davis. Michelle McKernan, Lindsay Boer, Angela Rush, Amy Beth Bednar, Kristin Grabnowski, and Melissa Powell are part of this group.

Bernstein and Stempka wanted to show what students are capable of. With this in mind, a project soon took root in Commu 305 as their classmates were called upon for help in the public relations aspect of the event.

"It's a great idea, one that everyone can take part in and enjoy," said Bernstein.

Fliers were designed by everyone and placed around campus, in hopes of generating student interest. Submissions need to be in by April 11. Each VHS tape can be no longer than 15 minutes. They should be addressed I.F.F. Box 446 at the Reed mail center and must include the student's name and phone number.

Each person who has submitted a video project will have approximately 30 seconds to explain what his or her film is about. Multiple submissions are encouraged.

Bring your friends and view one another's work. Food and a movie, both are free.

ZBT walks for a change

The Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity annual charity walk will feature a whole new look April 5 - 7.

Traditionally, the fraternity walked to Pittsburgh in four-hour shifts, covering a total of 138 miles. This year, to better serve the Erie community, ZBT will walk around Erie County. The distance will be a little shorter, 103 miles. ZBT will travel through Waterford to Lake City and finish in Perry Square. The choice of organizations to sponsor is also new as the fraternity decided to make more of an impact on its own community.

Donations are being accepted until April 14. Zeta Beta Tau will be asking for donations outside of Bruno's in the next couple weeks. For more information you may contact Doug Smith at dgs323@psu.edu. This will be the 10th year for the charity walk. The walk will begin from the Reed Union Building on April 5 at 4 p.m. Everyone is welcome to support the event. A lot has changed with the walk but the fraternity hopes that it is all for the better. All proceeds benefit the Second Harvest Food Bank and the Mercy Center for Women.

POLICE AND SAFETY REPORT

- 3/21/02 13:30 A complainant reported while hiking in the gorge that they found some bones. They were not sure if they were human bones or animal bones. At this time it appears to be animal bones.
- 3/21/02 13:15 A complainant reported that an individual had an illegal substance.
- 3/21/02 23:05 A complainant reported that there was a large group of people gathering in the Niagara Hall lobby.
- 3/22/02 09:00 A complainant reported a hit and run to a vehicle.
- 3/23/02 01:47 An RA called to report that a student was passed out inside the main entrance to Porcupine Hall. The responding officers found the student to be intoxicated. The on-call coordinator was informed of the incident.
- 3/23/02 10:35 There was a call about a suspicious envelope.
- 3/24/02 23:35 Officers were dispatched to Cooper Road to the gate to Wintergreen Gorge to open it for responding fire departments. They were called to investigate a possible fire.

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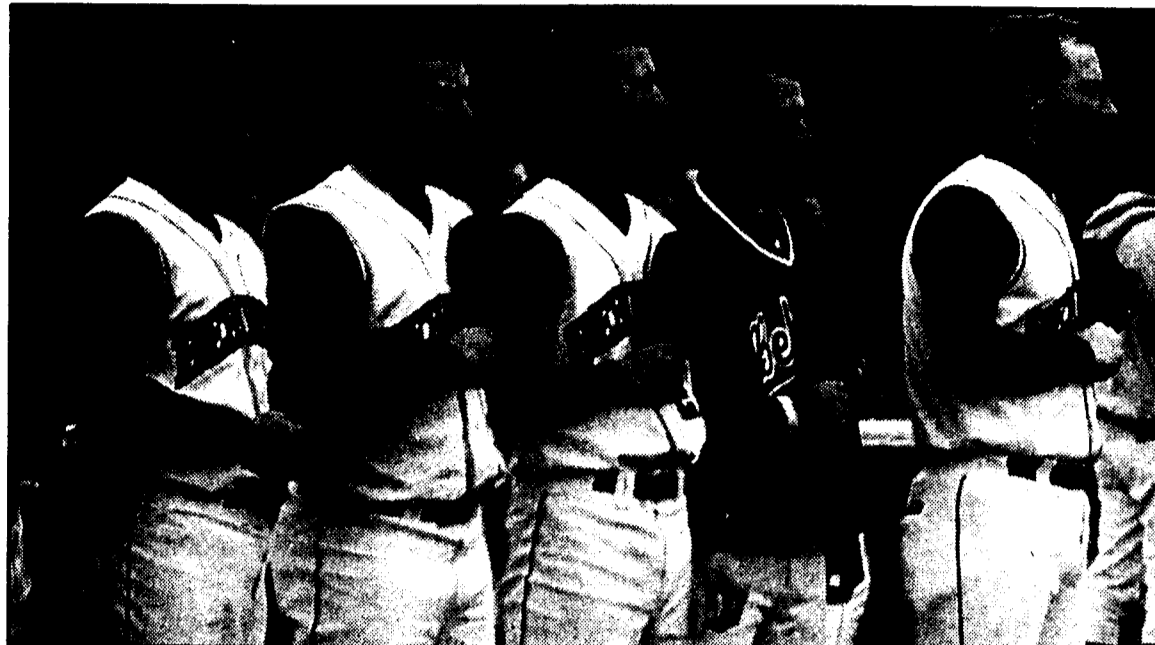
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FOCAL POINT

THE GREAT AMERICAN PASTIME



From left, baseball players Keith Lepionka, Jason Karas, Craig Ottaviani, Assistant Coach Corey Walters, and Coach Paul Benim pause for a patriotic moment at Behrend's home opener. Baseball fans will have a chance to enjoy the team's athletic prowess on the new fields, if it ever stops snowing.

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Panel on plight of Afghan women held in honor of Women's History Month



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On Thursday evening, five Behrend faculty and staff members participated in a panel discussion on the oppression of women in Afghanistan. "The Legacy of the American Women's Liberation: Post 9/11 Afghan Women and International Feminism" was presented in conjunction with International Women's Day, which occurred March 8, and Women's History Month.

Dr. Colleen Kelley, assistant professor of speech communication, moderated the event, introducing the discussion with a concise history of the role of women in Afghanistan for the past thousand years. She related how the women in that government used to have rights extending beyond even those that American women enjoyed. All that changed with the Russian occupation and the subsequent takeover by the Taliban. She also discussed the dangers Afghan women still face, including lack of education and poor mental health.

The panel proceeded with input from Dr. John Rossi, associate professor of history; Dr. Eric Corty, associate professor of psychology; Allison Parr-Plasha, personal counselor; and Dr. Syed Saad Andaleeb, professor of marketing. Each discussed a different aspect of the oppression of women, both in Afghanistan and in other countries. The discussion ended with the attendees receiving information on how to aid overseas efforts. For instance, an American quarter would pay for an Afghan girl to attend school for one year, and 50 cents would pay for a child to attend school in Bangladesh for a month. The event was sponsored by the Women's Studies / Gender Studies Minor and Women Today.

Celebration of bad taste sure to amuse

by Nicky Galloway
assistant news editor

An Evening of Dubious Taste will commence on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Studio Theater. The event is sponsored and organized by the Round Table, an organization of English majors that sponsors open mike nights and poetry readings on campus.

The tradition of holding An Evening of Dubious Taste every spring began in the mid 1980s. Baldwin noticed that the poetry readings were often solemn. A good portion of the poems that were read addressed subjects such as suicide, mortality, and depression. Baldwin thought that the poetry readings could be amusing and light-hearted, so An Evening of Dubious Taste was born.

Spontaneity is a key part of the event. Organizers and participants never know what will occur. People walk in to share bad skits, bad poems, bad fiction, and bad songs. According to Baldwin this is a huge part of the fun. However, there are a few things that can be counted on when you attend this Round Table tradition.

Baldwin will always wear his powder blue leisure suit and emcee the event. The event traditionally closes with Dr. Greg Morris' reading of "A Flash of the Knife." The author is unknown. In Baldwin and Morris' minds this is the worst story ever written. It was originally read every year by professor James Davis, who found the story in a graduate creative writing class. The author believed that he was writing a particularly scary horror story, but the finished project is quite hilarious.

The event is also accompanied by bad food. The food has included such things as brain

Jello, Ron Hayes' soup on a stick, and cheese in a can. This is another part of the celebration of taste that's sure to be a blast. So, if you have a particularly bad joke, skit, poem, or story, bring it out to An Evening of Dubious Taste.

each fall to Stratford, Ontario. At Stratford, the students have a choice of either attending the Saturday afternoon showing of Shakespeare's "King Lear" or "Richard III." This year's trip will occur on Oct. 19. For more information contact Baldwin.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Dr. Dean Baldwin stands with two participants at a previous Evening of Dubious Taste. This night of humor has been a Behrend tradition since the '80s.