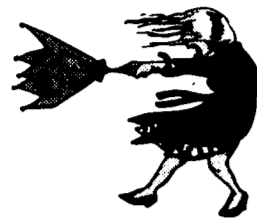


WEEKEND WEATHER OUTLOOK

SATURDAY



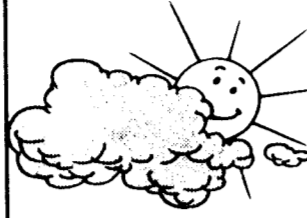
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SUNDAY



Chance of Rain
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MONDAY



Partly Cloudy
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BEHREND BRIEFS

Heard on campus -- President George W. Bush

"Where America's children are concerned, there are no Republicans and Democrats. We're all moms and dads, grandmas and grandpas - all eager to help our youngest citizens succeed." President George W. Bush, spoke to a crowd of approximately 700 at Penn State Delaware County earlier this afternoon. The president outlined a new initiative designed to improve early childhood education for millions of America's youngest children.

Welcoming President Bush were Penn State President Graham B. Spanier and Edward S.J. Tomezko, campus executive officer at Penn State Delaware County. Other attending dignitaries included Governor Mark Schweiker, Senator Arlen Specter, Representative Curt Weldon, and Attorney General Mike Fisher.

"For President Bush to pick Penn State Delaware County for a stop, I can't even describe how that makes me feel. It makes me feel really good about the University. It's such an honor that he's coming here, that he chose our campus. It really makes me want to tell the world that I go to Penn State Delaware County," said freshman Gina Ermilio about the visit.

Support network available

A Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Support Network is available to provide a more hospitable environment for people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender. Sponsored by the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Ally Student Center, the group is a network of individuals who can provide support, information, and a safe haven within the University community.

Network members include faculty, staff, administrators and students who are respectful of confidentiality at Penn State locations across the state. Anyone who would like to participate in the Network should contact the Center at 101 Boucke Building, University Park, PA 16802 or call 814-863-1248.

Applications can be submitted online at <http://www.sa.psu.edu/lgbt/network/network>. Following approval of the application, the Network will provide resource information as well as a sticker, button, or sign for its members to identify themselves.

Pittsburgh Steelers come to Behrend

The Pittsburgh Steelers basketball team will play at Behrend's Junker Center April 28 at 3 p.m. They will take on the Behrend Community All-Star team.

This is a great opportunity to see the AFC Division Champions play. You will see that the Steelers have a lot of great athletes on their team who can not only play football, but basketball as well. The Steelers will sign autographs at halftime.

Tickets are \$5 and on sale now in the Junker Center. For additional information, please contact the Junker Center at (814) 898-7566. Tickets will also be available outside Bruno's weekdays now through April 26 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Pinkerton visits Behrend

On Saturday, the Behrend Bookstore will present Steven Kellogg's lovable costume character Pinkerton. Pinkerton books are based on Kellogg's beloved harlequin great dane who lives with him on his farm in Connecticut.

Steven Kellogg has been "telling stories on paper" since he was a child. He would tell stories to his younger sisters and illustrate them as he went along. He tries "to blend illustrations and the words so that each book is a feast for the eye and ear." He is very successful at encouraging a lifetime association with pictures, words, and books. He has written and illustrated over 100 books.

There will be a party for Pinkerton from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The sorority Alpha Sigma Alpha will present story time and there will be refreshment and prizes. Feel free to bring your camera and take a picture with Pinkerton. The event is free to the entire community.

POLICE AND SAFETY REPORT

- 3/29/02 03:05 An RA reported an intoxicated female in Lawrence Hall.
- 4/4/02 00:36 A complainant reported receiving harassing phone calls.
- 4/4/02 11:20 A complainant reported that his vehicle was vandalized while it was parked in the K lot.
- 4/4/02 14:20 A complainant reported that someone had damaged his driver's side side-view mirror. He wanted a report documented for insurance purposes.
- 4/4/02 16:05 A complainant reported that some CDs were taken from his vehicle while it was parked in S lot.
- 4/5/02 12:15 A complainant came to the Police and Safety Office to report that several items were stolen from his room.
- 4/6/02 03:15 While patrolling through Ohio Hall lot, an officer observed a suspicious vehicle driving in the lot.

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FOCAL POINT

BEHREND IS GOING TO THE DOGS!



PHOTO BY MIKE BELLO / BEHREND BEACON

It's a Dog Day Afternoon on the Behrend campus. These furry visitors seem to be having a great time. No books, no papers, no finals to study for... ah, the life of a dog!

Everyone unite—take back the night

by Angela Rush
ad manager

"Everyone unite, take back the night!" will be the battle cry of more than 200 students who will take part in Take Back the Night on Wednesday in Perry Square.

The march, sponsored by Women Today, Penn State Behrend, and Gannon University, raises awareness about violence such as rape, domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and sexual harassment. The march is one of many around the country with the same name and goal.

The word NO has a powerful meaning. So, why is it that one in three women are or will be a victim of sexual assault sometime in their lifetime? Is NO that powerful when rapes happen 469 times a day, 19 times an hour, once every three and a half minutes?

Take Back the Night rallies and marches, which began in England, developed as a protest against women's fear of violence. Violence has become more prominent in society, yet the level of tolerance for such issues has diminished. The first Take Back the Night in the United States occurred in San Francisco in 1978 to support the rights of women all over and has continued as an international event held annually to protest violence against women. Since then, Take Back the Night events have spread across the nation, broadening in perspective and taking on many forms.

The march consists of women, their families, and their supporters demanding an end to male violence and sexist oppression of women in communities and across the world.

This year's Take Back the Night will be held on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Free transportation to and from the event will be offered between 6:30 p.m. and 10:15 p.m., with sign ups at the Rub desk. The march will kick off at Perry Square with stops along the way so representatives from Safe Net, Rape Crisis, and Health and Wellness can speak about the issues victims face in violent situations.

Following the march, a candlelight "speak out" session and reception will be held. The candlelight speak out will allow individuals to share their experiences with others, with counselors being available for support. A reception with free food and entertainment will be held after the march for those who do not want to attend the "speak out."

The job of the community is to "speak out" and help educate families, communities and government about the widespread violence that is still prevalent against women. Take Back the Night is only one event that addresses the need to "break the silence and end the violence." Organizers believe these events must continue to make it clear that people will no longer tolerate a violent society.

Father, counselor, and Women Today president share their concerns about rape

by Libbie Johnson
ad manager

Domestic violence isn't just something that happens; it progresses slowly, according to Yvonne Eaton, a licensed clinical social worker and a sociology professor at Behrend. Eaton said three stages exist in the cycle of abuse: explosion (the fight), honeymoon phase (when the perpetrator says the abuse will never happen again), and tension building, which will eventually escalate into the explosion phase.

To bring awareness of abuse and violence towards all men, women, and children, students of Behrend will participate in Take Back The Night, a national march that denounces rape, incest, and domestic violence, while celebrating the lives of survivors.

"I believe it is important to raise awareness of rape and violence on campus and the community," said Carrie Rodgers, president of Women Today, the organization coordinating Take Back the Night. "Rape is common on college campuses, especially date rape." Rodgers also emphasized the importance of men, as well as women being involved in the event.

"Men are also victims. In fact, one out of 10 rapes are men," Rodgers said. "It is important, too, for men to show support and break the stereotype that all perpetrators are men."

One man who has shown his support is Robert Johnson, who is the father of four children, including one daughter. He says Take Back the Night is important because it "makes girls aware of potentially dangerous situations and shows...how to avoid them."

Johnson said parents should be involved with Take Back The Night to show their support, give input, and to learn and pass that information to other people.

Daley says one reason men may be interested in events such as Take Back The Night is, "men could be offended by the message 'all men are rapists.'" Suggestions for men from Men's Program Unit, Y.W.C.A. and A Rape Information Packet include:

- * Don't listen to or tell rape jokes
- * Refuse to watch shows that use rape to "turn on" the audience.
- * Don't allow to occur or commit yourself the verbal harassment of women, whistles, kissing noises, heavy breathing, sly comments and stares.
- * Don't rape.
- * Support a woman who has been raped.

Information taken from: Men's Program Unit, Y.W.C.A., University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois and A Rape Information Packet, Women for Women, Bowling Green State University.

If you or someone you know is being abused, the following resources can help.

Domestic Violence
SAFENET-24-Hour Hotline: 454-8181
SAFE HORIZONS-Union City-24-Hour Hotline: 438-2675
PFACS: 455-1774
PFA Office-Court House: 451-6324

Sexual Assault
Sexual Assault-Rape Crisis:
24-Hour Hotline: 455-9414

Child Abuse
Office of Children & Youth:451-6600

Elder Abuse
GECAC: 459-4581

Other
Victim/Witness Services-
24-Hour Hotline: 455-9515
Office of the District Attorney: 451-6349

Johnson, who has supported and encouraged his daughter's involvement in Take Back The Night, said, "I think girls need to be educated of the dangers of situations they think are harmless, but have the potential to be very dangerous." Johnson would like to see more awareness of violence against women, particularly occurrences of date rape among college students. Johnson said that practical methods such as personal accounts are an integral part of date rape education.

Sue Daley, director of personal counseling at Behrend, says that Take Back The Night is about giving a voice to those who have been affected by violence and that there is no better healing for trauma than talking and sharing experiences.

"We can't not do it," Daley said, pointing out that people must be made aware of the statistics of those being abused or killed, a majority of which are women.

Twenty-two percent of all rape victims are between ages of 18-24 and most rapists are between 20 and 30 years of age, according to the brochure *Healing the Harm: Sexual Assault on Campus*. Daley said peer pressure, insecurity, and lack of competence in dealing with sexual situations are some reasons college students are a high-risk group.

"A lot of students get themselves in high risk situations and if we could intervene prior, it could probably lessen the chance of rape." Daley suggested that students think ahead and to ask themselves, "Does this situation seem smart or safe?" and "Does this feel comfortable?"

Violence is an issue which concerns everyone and everyone has a responsibility to keep it from happening, according to Daley. "Even if it's not something that affects you directly, it may affect you in the future... We are all responsible to do our part."

Attention seniors: Have you made the pledge yet?

by Clint Lewis
contributing writer

The Senior Class Gift campaign is well underway with pledges coming in every day. The flagpole memorial is a great way to remember the victims of Sept. 11 and to leave your mark on Behrend's campus, all at one time. All you have to do is check that you would like to donate the balance of your general deposit to the 2002 Senior Class gift and drop it in the

on-campus mail.

If you have not received your pledge card in the mail, or have misplaced it, you can pick one up at the RUB desk. The average amount left in a senior's general deposit is approximately \$35 - \$40. This could get you two CDs (which you will eventually get tired of) or you and your significant other a one-time dinner date, or you could give it to the Senior Class Gift and leave a lasting impression on the Behrend campus.

As Janet Keene, Marketing 08, first donor to the Senior Class Gift said, "I forgot about this money a long time ago and chances are I will never see it again. I would rather give it to something like this than to let the school do what they want with it." If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Clint Lewis at cnl107@psu.edu or Kevin Moore at kem7@psu.edu.