

WEEKEND WEATHER

SATURDAY



Stormy
High: 78°
Low: 62°

SUNDAY



Stormy
High: 75°
Low: 62°

MONDAY



Stormy
High: 80°
Low: 62°

BEHREND BRIEFS

Speaker series announced

Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, has served the community for the past 15 years by providing a world-class speaker series at no cost to its students and members of the Erie community. The upcoming speaker series is no exception. During the 2002-2003 academic year the college will welcome:

The Reverend Bernice A. King, a Baptist minister and youngest daughter of Martin Luther King Jr. on Oct. 1.

Dr. Hunter "Patch" Adams, founder of the Gesundheit! Institute and the man behind the well-known movie of the same name, on Nov. 26.

Film actor, director, and writer Spike Lee on Jan. 15, 2003.

Peter Hillary and Jamling Norgay, sons of the men who conquered Mount Everest, on March 20.

Each lecture will take place in the McGarvey Commons of the Reed Union Building at 7:30 p.m., and all are free and open to the public.

Penn State Erie's Speaker Series is supported by the John Nesbit Rees and Sarah Henne Rees Charitable Foundation and by the Office of Student Activities. For more information about the lecture series, call the Office of Student Activities at 898-7161.

Academic building and library renamed

Students will soon take classes in the Irvin Kochel Center and use the resources of the John M. Lilley Library, thanks to a naming decision approved by the Penn State Trustees on July 12. The two buildings, which are attached, were funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and dedicated in May 1994.

The buildings will be named officially on Thursday, Sept. 26, at the time of the 2002 Glenhill Appreciation Dinner. Penn State President Dr. Graham Spanier will be on hand to honor Kochel and Lilley.

Dr. Irvin H. Kochel served Penn State Erie from 1954 to 1980. His leadership brought the college from a two-year "center" to a four-year, degree-granting institution. During his tenure he strengthened the faculty and expanded the initial program offerings to create baccalaureate degrees. He raised the funds to build the college's first residence halls, the Otto Behrend Science Building, and the Reed Union Building. Kochel and his wife created the Ethel and Irvin H. Kochel Scholarship for International Study, the Irvin Kochel Leadership Scholarship, and the Irvin H. Kochel Lion Ambassador Fund.

Dr. John M. Lilley served Penn State Erie from 1980 until 2001. Under his leadership, college enrollment more than doubled as did the number of faculty. Lilley raised approximately \$65 million for college endowments and physical facilities, and he helped to secure funding for Knowledge Park at Penn State Erie and for a \$30 million Research and Economic Development Center. He created a nationally prominent manufacturing outreach program and 13 research centers for regional economic development.

New website launched

Visitors to Penn State Erie's Web address are being greeted by a comprehensive, new site that features improved navigation, content, and photography.

The address is www.pserie.psu.edu.

The project is the result of a collaboration among the college's Office of University Relations, Computer Center, offices across campus, and Stargate Industries.

Visitors can conveniently find the latest information about the college's academic programs, admissions and financial aid, athletics, alumni, student life, and research and outreach activities. An improved news and calendar section details upcoming events and college activities and achievements.

Creative Writers Speaker Series announced

Three distinguished writers will share their experiences and their writings for the 2002-2003 Creative Writer's Speaker Series at Penn State Erie. Speakers this year will be poet Lucia Perillo, poet Alan Michael Parker, and fiction writer Amy Hempel.

Perillo will read her poetry on Thursday, Sept. 12, at 7 p.m. in Reed 117. Parker will read his poetry on Thursday, Oct. 17, at 7 p.m. in the Smith Chapel. Hempel will read her lyrical prose on Thursday, April 17, at 7 p.m. in Reed 117.

The Creative Writer's Speaker Series is co-sponsored by the Mary Behrend Cultural Fund, the Clarence and Eugenie Baumann Smith Fund, and the School of Humanities and Social Sciences. All presentations are free and open to the public. For more information about the series, contact the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at 898-6108.

Alumnus Woods creates scholarship

Entrepreneur Michael J. Woods '76, an alumnus of Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, believes that his years at Behrend gave him a strong base on which to build his future. He wants to make sure that today's students get the same strong foundation, so he and his wife, Tracy, have committed \$250,000 to create the Michael Jude Woods and Tracy Kimes Woods Family Scholarship at Penn State Behrend.

Earlier this year Woods also donated a variety of voice and data switching equipment to support the laboratory portion of a communications systems class, which is part of the electrical engineering degree program. Additional contributions to the Woods Family Scholarship may be made by interested persons or organizations.

For more information about this and other scholarships, call the Penn State Behrend Office of Admissions and Financial Aid at 898-6100 or check the college's Web site at www.pserie.psu.edu.

POLICE AND SAFETY

- 8/22/02 19:25 A complainant reported the theft of a student's ATM card from the PNC ATM machine in the Reed Building.
- 8/25/02 04:19 A student requested assistance in the Apartment Quad.
- 8/26/02 02:04 A complainant reported an intoxicated student in Ohio Hall.
- 8/27/02 11:30 A complainant reported receiving an obscene phone call.
- 8/28/02 13:50 A vehicle was struck while parked in the Engineering lot.
- 8/28/02 17:47 A complainant reported that her vehicle was struck by an unknown vehicle while it was parked in the Reed lot.

FOCAL POINT

Ah, the joy of trees!



PHOTO BY KEVIN FALLON / BEHREND BEACON

Save the trees! Hey, with all the empty space showing up around campus, it's about time somebody said something. After all, with no trees at Behrend, where would this student be?

PHOTO BY BECKY WEINDORF / BEHREND BEACON

Unix users now have lab to call home

by Erin McCarty
news editor

Last year, Benson 77 was an ordinary classroom. This year, it is a fully functional Unix lab, complete with 22 workstations.

"For the past few years, the science faculty has requested a lab to provide instruction in a pure Unix environment," said Ron Hoffman, manager of Network and Information Systems. Up until recently, it was impossible to accommodate this need due to a lack of space and staff support. Although Unix and Windows shared Hammermill 139, this arrangement was not very successful because of the limitations it imposed.

Last year, Scott Smith alleviated this problem by offering his Unix expertise, and the School of Engineering agreed to give up Benson 77 so that it could be converted into a lab. Although some Engineering students and faculty plan to make use of it this semester, most of its current traffic comes from Computer Science classes.

The computers themselves are recycled from the Nick building, but the 15-inch flat panel monitors are brand new. The Computer Center's monitors were also replaced with these sleeker models.

All of the software currently installed in the Unix lab is default Linux software.

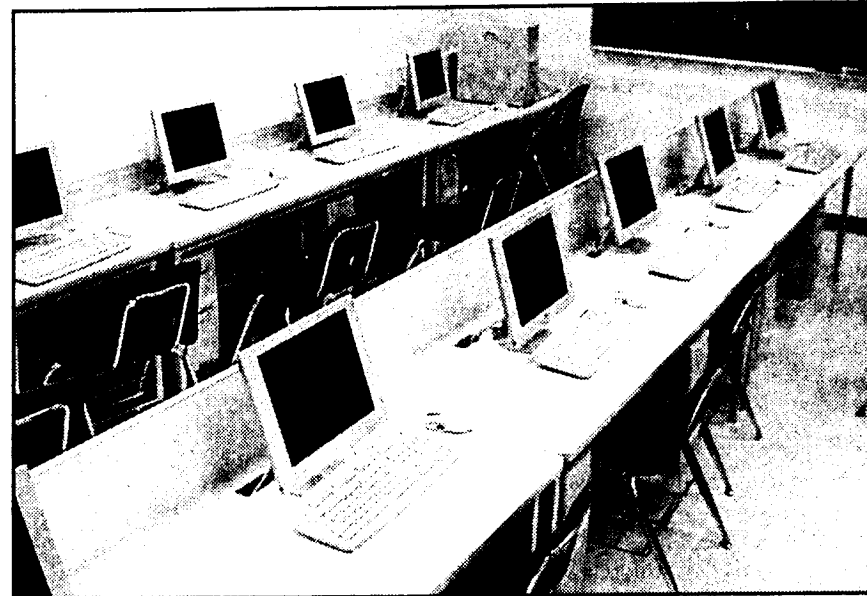


PHOTO BY BECKY WEINDORF / MANAGING EDITOR

Computers line the desks of Benson 77, now a Unix lab.

Star Office, the only third-party software requested by faculty, will be on the computers within a month. All of the machines are networked together with a 100-megabyte ethernet connection.

One computer is hooked up with a projection system for the use of faculty while lecturing, and a new server centrally manages the lab. The dual processor Pentium 3 has two gigabytes of memory, 250 gigabytes of storage, and a gigabit ethernet.

"User files are backed up on the

storage tape drive, which is shared by the Windows systems," said Smith.

Although the lab is free and available to all students, the access accounts that allow students to use the other computers on campus will not work in the Benson lab.

"They need to come to the computer lab to get a Unix user account," said Hoffman. "The lab closes at midnight until the card reader is installed, but after that there will be 24-seven access."

Students travel to Stratford for Shakespeare festival

by Becky Weindorf
managing editor

An opportunity for students to travel and experience Shakespeare isn't just for English majors anymore.

From biology to math to engineering students, anyone with an itching to experience Bill Shakespeare can experience him on a trip to the historical Shakespeare Festival in Stratford, Ontario, on Oct. 19.

Students have a choice of attending one live performance of Richard III or King Lear during the day-long trip at the festival.

Students of all majors and schools are encouraged to take advantage of this

trip. In the past, the festival has been very popular with liberal arts students, but other members of various the schools at Behrend have also made the "pilgrimage" to the festival.

Students will meet at the Reed parking lot at 7:15 a.m. to load the buses and departure will be at 7:30 a.m. The buses will return to the Reed parking lot at about 11:30 p.m. that evening.

The Shakespeare Festival trip is sponsored by the Round Table Society and the School of H&SS, and supported by the Student Activity Fee. The cost of the trip, being partially funded by SAF, will be about \$60, which includes ticket and transportation to and from Stratford.

Students are asked to bring their own money for meals and appropriate photo identification.

A yellow interest form and a deposit of \$35 (check or cash) are due as soon as possible to either Dr. Baldwin or Dr. Morris. Seats on the bus via Stratford will be given upon payment of the deposit on a first-come, first-serve basis.

It is recommended that the deposit be turned in ASAP in order to ensure transportation and a reservation for one of the performances. Yellow forms can also be picked up at the H&SS office. For further information, contact the H&SS office at x6108, Dr. Baldwin at x6214 or Dr. Morris at x6205.

Gryphon Trio opens Logan at Noon series



The Gryphon Trio will play at Behrend on Thursday.

Music at Noon: The Logan Wintergarden Series opens its 12th season Sept. 5 with the Gryphon Trio, a Canadian chamber music ensemble. The group features pianist Jamie Parker, violinist Annalee Patipatanakoon, and cellist Roman Borys.

The trio, which formed in 1993, is known for interpreting the classics with integrity and connecting with the audience when performing new compositions. It has toured the world and has commissioned works by Patrick Carrabre, Andrew MacDonald, Chan Ka Nin, Marc Sabat, Omar Daniel, and Kelly-Marie Murphy.

Attendees are encouraged to bring a lunch along to this performance, which is free to the public.

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