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WEATHER

Friday's forecast:

Sunny
High: 82°
Low: 62°

Check page 2 for the weekend weather outlook.

INSIDE

NEWS

LECTURE HALL

Science 101 has been renovated recently, with changes including a carpeted floor and new technology for lectures. See page 2.

SPIRIT DAYS

Behrend faculty and staff have many opportunities to show their school spirit throughout the year, and they might even get some pizza for their efforts. Read about Spirit Days on page 2.

OUTDOORS FESTIVAL

On Sept. 13, Commuter Council and the Outdoors Club team up to present the Outdoors Festival. Teams will compete in six events, and the money raised will help fund a terminally ill girl's trip to Disneyland. Read more on page 3.

NEW FACULTY

There are 22 new faculty members at Behrend. Read about them on page 3.

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Gryphon Trio gets Music at Noon series off to dynamic start



The Gryphon Trio performs during the season's first Music at Noon concert. The ensemble includes Jamie Parker on the piano, Annelee Patipatanakoon on the Stradivari violin, and Roman Borys on the cello.

by Erinn Hansen
calendar page editor

The Gryphon Trio provided Behrend with loads of talent at the first concert of the Logan Wintergarden Series.

"I thought the group played with passion and energy," said Dr. Daniel Barnard, professor and conductor of the Choir and Studio Singers at Behrend.

"It was a great start to the season," he added.

The Wintergarden Series was developed by Kay Logan to share the joy of chamber music with others. The series was made to engage Behrend in the program to create a welcome environment, provide students with the joy of music, along with the opportunity for students to interact with the artists through dialogue.

The series has grown steadily and has become a public event, involving seniors, disabled people, and public school groups.

The Gryphon Trio was formed in 1993, and is known as one of Canada's greatest chamber music groups. The group was named after the mythical half-lion, half-eagle creature, which is believed to be a guardian of treasures and a symbol of the connection between psychic energy and cosmic force.

The ensemble contains three members including Jamie Parker (Vancouver) on the piano, Annelee Patipatanakoon (Calgary) on the Stradivari violin, and Roman Borys (Toronto) on the cello.

"All of us met at a music school at Banff about 20 years ago during summer courses," said Jamie, who is also a professor at the University of Waterloo in Ontario. All three have been playing on their instruments since they were children and have been performing as a group for nine years.

The Trio performed a total of two songs including "Piano Trio in C Minor" by Ludwig Van Beethoven, a four-movement piece, and "Piano Trio in C Minor" by Felix Mendelssohn, a two-movement piece.

Some of the songs that were performed varied in speed, loudness, and style; for example, changing from slow to fast tempo, or vice versa. Most of their work is Standard Repertoire, which are mostly by Beethoven or Brahms, along with the

commission of new works by living composers. Along with the performance at Behrend, the Gryphon Trio performs at least 50 concerts per year, playing over 100 songs in countries such as Canada, The United States, Finland, and Australia, and will be performing in Mexico in about a month.

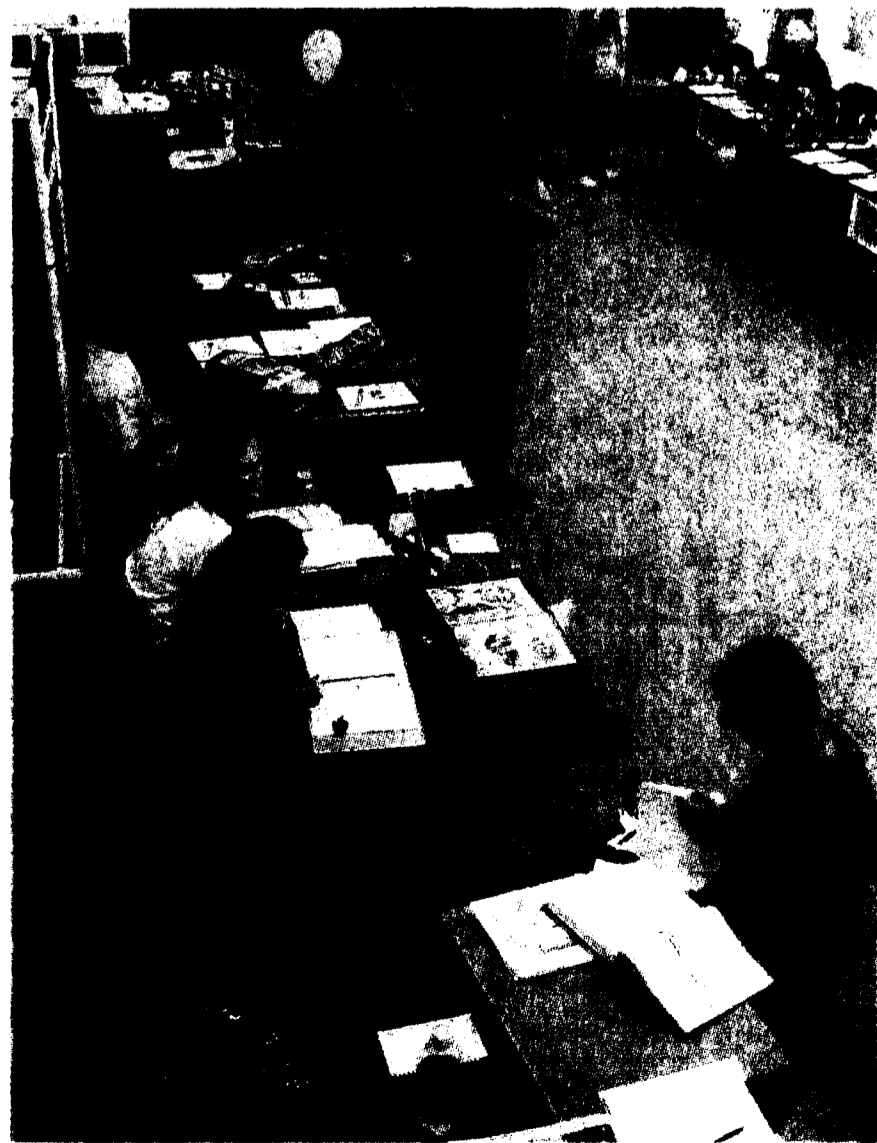
The group has recorded three albums including "Works By Haydn," which

are in stores and can be heard on the radio. The Trio is currently working on a new album that contains contemporary Canadian music, which will be released in a few months.

The Gryphon Trio did a spectacular performance in the Wintergarden Series, and the audiences' reaction showed.

"The group played very well," said Stephanie Ma, a student at Behrend. "I can't believe they use a Stradivari."

Something for everyone at the Activities Fair



Two students peruse the possibilities open to them at Wednesday's Activities Fair. Representatives of Behrend clubs and organizations filled the Reed Wintergarden in order to recruit new members.

Bruno's, dorms get a new look for a new semester

by Erin McCarty
news editor

Students who have eaten lunch at Bruno's since the beginning of the new semester may have noticed a difference in the Reed eatery.

The cash registers now reside in the dining area, leaving room to accommodate many more students as they select their food. This reduction of crowding is especially useful during Bruno's peak hours, as the students lined up outside to pay for their food do not interfere with those inside.

Bruno's also has tweaked its coffee shop to increase convenience. Now not only coffee but also pop and sandwiches so that students on the run can grab a lunch and go without having to wait in a long line.

Geering also said that he hopes to increase the variety and quality of food that both Bruno's and Dobbin's sell. He has named Al Vogan as the assistant director of Food and Housing, a new position that involves supervising the catering program and food services at Behrend.

But Geering has more on his plate than just food. This past summer, he oversaw several changes to Behrend's residential buildings. Sprinklers were installed in two buildings, while two other buildings received new roofs. But the main project of the summer involved repairing the ground around the Apartment Quad.

"The ground was soft and had settled," said Randy Geering, the director of Food and Housing. "So we compacted the ground and repaved it with a more porous, flexible material." This large undertaking was a joint effort between the college and Housing and Food Services that cost more than \$400,000.

The next big project is the renovation of Perry Hall, which will begin next year. These improvements will include a new roof, new electrics, new lighting, and two bathrooms on each floor.

Another residence hall holding 150 people will soon be erected to the west of Perry. This was originally meant to be an addition to Perry, but it was deemed more practical to make it a completely new building. Although this hall has no official name as of yet, its proposed name is Senat Hall, after George Senat, who fought in the Battle of Lake Erie.

The year got off to a promising start as the freshmen were safely settled in their dorms, much to the satisfaction of concerned parents.

"The move-in day went very well," Geering said. "All of the

FOOD AND HOUSING
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