

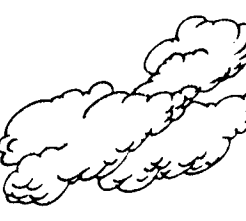


WEEKEND WEATHER

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
		
Chance Snow Showers High: 35° Low: 30°	Chance Snow High: 38° Low: 32°	Cloudy High: 35° Low: 30°

BEHREND BRIEFS

Special library hours announced

Nov. 27	8-5 p.m.	Dec. 15	noon- 1 a.m.
Nov. 28-30	CLOSED	Dec. 16-19	8-1 a.m.
Dec. 1	3 p.m.-midnight	Dec. 20	8 a.m.-7 p.m.
Dec. 2-5	8-1 a.m.	Dec. 21-Jan.1	CLOSED
Dec. 6	8 a.m.-10 p.m.	Jan. 2-3	8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Dec. 7	10 a.m.- 10 p.m.	Jan. 4-5, 11-12	CLOSED
Dec. 8	noon-1 a.m.	Jan. 6-7, 9-10	8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Dec. 9-12	8-1 a.m.	Jan. 8	8 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
Dec. 13	8 a.m.-10 p.m.	Jan. 13	regular hours
Dec. 14	10 a.m.-10 p.m.		

Extended Junker Center hours posted

Due to interest expressed by students at the last Pizza with the Provost, the Junker Center will extend its weekend hours. This includes the Jageman Fitness Room. Beginning after Thanksgiving break through spring break the hours will be as follows:

Fridays - 7 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Saturdays - Noon - 10 p.m.
Sundays - 2 p.m. - midnight

They can also check the athletic facilities web site at <http://www.pserie.psu.edu/athletics/facilities/intro.htm> where they can find all hours of operation as well as how to find out when events are scheduled which may close the basketball courts, track or Jageman Fitness Room.

Stormy weather plan

Penn State Behrend has established a communications plan to provide information to all faculty, staff, and students in the event that classes are delayed or cancelled due to stormy weather. If you think classes may be cancelled or delayed, you can get updates by visiting the Penn State Behrend web site (www.pserie.psu.edu), go to the Look What's News bar, and click on the link to cancellations.com. Type "behrend" and "pa" in the appropriate search box, then click on the college's name when it comes up. A stormy weather update will be posted.

If it is before 8 a.m. you can also call 898-6000 and select "class cancellations or school closings" from the voice mail menu. If it is after 8 a.m. call 814-898-6000 and speak with switchboard operator Karen Hein if she is available. There are also a number of radio and TV stations that you can tune into such as WICU-TV 12, WXFP-TV 66, WXTA-FM, Country 98, and WRTS-Star 104, just to name a few.

If bad weather does occur, which is quite normal here in Erie, the decision to hold classes must be made by 6:30 a.m. Last year the college did not have to close for weather, but in case it does this year students have a variety of ways to find out.

Computer training for students changes

In previous years, seminars were a very effective means for providing training to a large number of students. However, as students became more knowledgeable about PC software, seminar attendance steadily declined. The computer center began to look for a more effective way to provide training to students that would be timely, flexible, and address the students' learning needs throughout their college career.

After considering several options, the center decided to team up with the Learning Resource Center. In collaboration with Ruth Pflueger, director of the Learning Resource Center, a different approach for student training was developed.

Effective this spring semester, the Computer Center will no longer offer general-purpose seminars to students. Instead, the Learning Resource Center will provide one-on-one tutoring to students who need assistance with Microsoft Office, FrontPage, and WebMail. Students can contact the center at x6140 to arrange an appointment.

The Computer Center will continue to provide group training to a class if requested by faculty. To request training for a class, faculty needs to complete the Computer Resource Requirement Form or contact the Computer Center at least three weeks in advance to make arrangements.

Students also have the opportunity of learning computer topics by using the tutorials in the Computer Center labs or by using the Web-based tutorials (<https://wbt.psu.edu>).

Both the Learning Resource Center and the Computer Center rely on students to provide the tutoring and the training. As a result, the tutoring and the group training depend upon the availability and knowledge of the students.

POLICE AND SAFETY

- 11/15/02 15:00 Complainant reported that someone struck his car while it was parked on Aquarius Drive.
- 11/17/02 14:45 Officer was dispatched to above location to take a report of an assault.
- 11/18/02 12:00 Complainant reported receiving harrassing phone calls.

CLASSIFIED

"Character begins with gratitude. The easier our lives become, the more we forget how lucky we are to be free."
- Bob Kerry, Former Senator 2001

Janet Neff Sample Center
for Manners & Civility



FOCAL POINT

Ramirez pays tribute to Latinos



PHOTO BY HEATHER MYERS / BEHREND BEACON

Lydia Ramirez shows her dramatic flair during her Wednesday performance of Rhythm of Life titled "I Love America." The Dominican-born Ramirez performed in seven different voices, focusing on the struggles of Latinos in America.

FROM FRONT PAGE

KNOWLEDGE

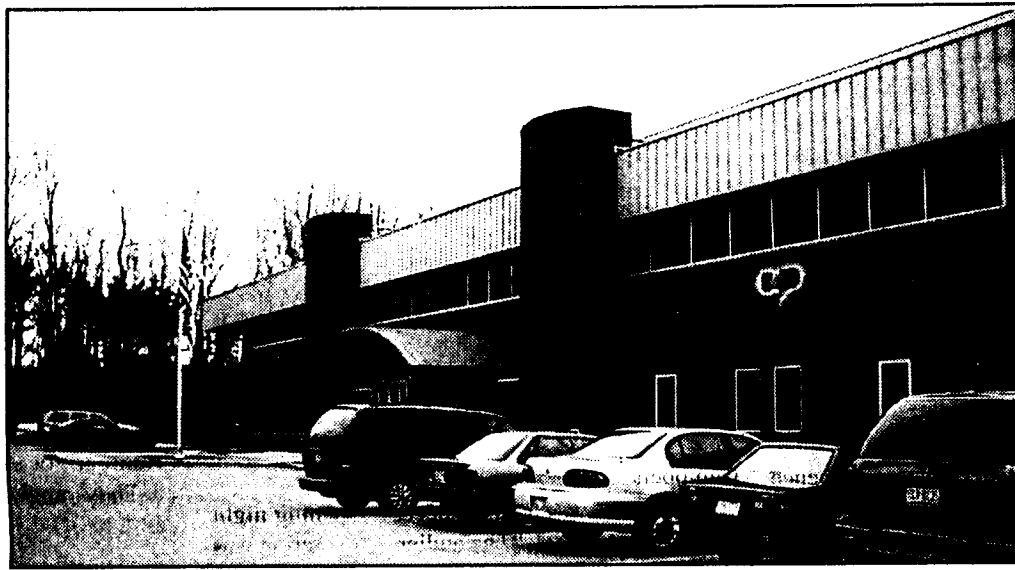


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Erie Power Systems (formerly Aalborg Industries) is one of the major companies that has research and development offices in Knowledge Park, along with G.E. Transportation Systems and isit.com.

more of our operations in a campus-like arrangement to achieve greater efficiencies," Smith said.

The move would also contribute to slowing down the "brain drain" in Pennsylvania. State and local officials have campaigned to help create and keep jobs for young people entering the work force in Pennsylvania.

"In many ways, that's what the [Knowledge] park is trying to do, create and retain higher paying jobs - knowledge-based jobs, that students could apply for after they graduate," said Burke. He said there would also be a great opportunity for a number of internships. General Electric, which currently has research and development offices in Knowledge Park, has about 30 student-interns.

"There are even intern programs at Erie Power Systems (formerly Aalborg

Industries in Knowledge Park) that offer to pay tuition for students who are willing to stay after graduation," said Burke. "At any corporate headquarters there is always the opportunity for good internships...there has been a lot of student interaction," said Burke.

Burke said National Fuel's immediate need would most likely be students in business, communications, and possibly science, which Behrend has majors in. There would also be a possible opportunity for students in civil and chemical engineering, but Behrend currently has no programs in those areas.

GE Transportation Systems, Erie Power Systems, and isit.com are three major companies that currently occupy parts of Knowledge Park. Primarily at these branches, there is a lot of research and development, which makes Behrend's resources a valuable asset to

any research and development team. In addition, there is a lot of room for expansion at Knowledge Park. There is a total of 200 acres in Knowledge Park, which allows for 20 four-acre actual sites for businesses to build on.

"Knowledge Park is an ideal location for GE Transportation Systems' eBusiness resources. By joining the talents of bright, energetic students, research faculty, and GE business executives in this conveniently located facility, we're driving the development and implementation of leading-edge eBusiness and technology solutions," said John Krenicki, President & CEO of GE Transportation Systems.

National Fuel's final decision is expected before the end of the year.

Dinner for Six Strangers unites faculty, staff, and students



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A 15-year Behrend tradition continues with Thursday's Dinner for Six Strangers. The free Thanksgiving meal, which was served in the McGarvey Commons, offered an opportunity for faculty, staff and students to get to know one another. The dinner included a talk by Sister Mary Herrmann, director of the Sisters of Saint Joseph Neighborhood Network.