




## WEEKEND WEATHER

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
		
Partly Cloudy High: 40° Low: 22°	Snow Likely High: 28° Low: 18°	Partly Cloudy High: 28° Low: 20°

## BEHREND BRIEFS

### Special library hours announced

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

### Academic calendar changes in 2003

Penn State Officials have finalized the academic year calendar for the next six years, including changes to the fall semester that will result in a more compact and efficient teaching and learning term for faculty and students alike beginning in 2003.

The new calendar reflects adaptations recommended by the University Faculty Senate, with consultation from the Undergraduate Student Government and members of the community. The changes were approved by President Graham B. Spanier earlier this year.

The new academic year will consist of 145 class days and ten assessment/examination days-very close to the Big Ten average and nearly a week longer than the calendars for the University of Pittsburgh, Temple University, and the State System of Higher Education. There will be no alteration to the current schedule and length of daily class times.

The new fall term will span sixteen weeks, including fourteen weeks of classes and one five day week of finals and assessment activities. In addition, class start days in the fall will be later; through the rest of the decade, classes will begin no earlier than Aug 30 and as late as Sept 5.

Five days without classes are also built into the schedule: Labor Day; the Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of Thanksgiving week; and the Friday at the end of the sixth week, creating a three day study break at the midpoint of the fall calendar. Student and faculty will still enjoy a brief mid-semester break and an extended Thanksgiving vacation, without a substantial sacrifice of instructional days.

A complete breakdown of the new academic calendar through the summer 2008 can be found online at [www.psu.edu/registrar/calendar/calendar\\_index.html](http://www.psu.edu/registrar/calendar/calendar_index.html).

### Feed the Need report

Faculty, staff, and students collected 1,400 pounds of food this year's Feed the Need, sponsored by Lambda Sigma. Since 1989 Penn State Behrend has collected 11,626 pounds of food and raised \$10,988 to support the Second Harvest Food Bank. With each dollar donated to the food bank purchasing \$17 worth of food, that is \$186,796 in food purchasing power.

### NSF grants funds for women in engineering

Barbara Bogue, director of the Women in Engineering Program at Penn State, and Rose Marra, assistant professor of information science and learning technologies at the University of Missouri-Columbia, have received an \$800,000, three-year grant from the National Science Foundation to develop standardized assessment instruments to measure the effectiveness of women in engineering (WIE) programs nationwide.

Bogue and Marra will work with the WIE programs at Penn State and various other universities. Collectively, the five programs represent both public and private institutions and varying degrees of WIE director experience and student body characteristics. For the full story, visit <http://www.engr.psu.edu/news/>

## POLICE AND SAFETY

11/20/02 20:46	Officers were dispatched to apartment quad for a drug overdose.
11/23/02 12:00	Complainant reported that the driver side-view mirror was torn off her vehicle while it was parked in S Lot.
11/24/02 17:40	Complainant reported that the rear window of her vehicle was smashed while the car was parked in Ohio Hall lot.
12/3/02 10:30	Reported that the condom machine was taken from the community center in the apartments.

## CLASSIFIED

*"The laws that govern manners contain many true and unchanging principles mingled with much that is untrue, unimportant and transitory."  
- Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.*

Janet Neff Sample Center  
for Manners & Civility



## FOCAL POINT

# Stating the obvious

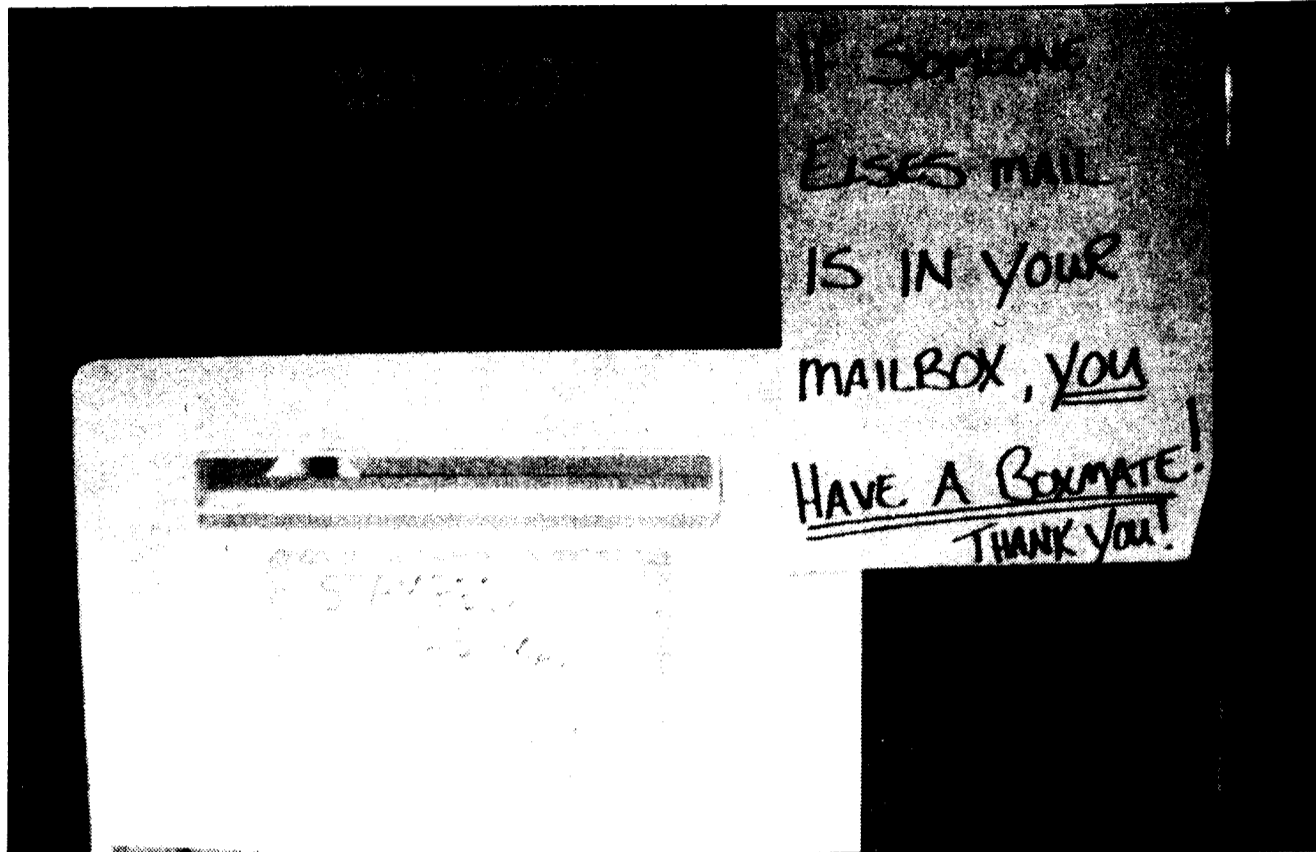


PHOTO BY REBECCA WEINDORF / BEHREND BEACON

So that's where that mail came from! All of a sudden, the great mystery that has been plaguing so many residential Behrend students is finally solved.

## Peer educators share information

by Courtney Straub  
staff writer

Some students looked on in disgust and others just walked by as Pat Carver and Gina Nwose inflated a black pig lung. The demonstration was to show how smoking affects the lungs and was part of Nwose's and Carver's work study for the Health and Wellness Center.

Many may recognize Nwose and Carver as peer educators who have been all over campus this semester distributing pamphlets on health related issues.

"I give them props for putting the information out there to students," said Erika Jarvis, freshman.

Nwose and Carver station themselves at a different location every day so that a variety of students can receive their information. They spend two hours a day at the Academic Building, Science Building, Library, Bruno's, or Dobbins.

"They are going places on campus where we could never go before," said Patty Pasky-McMahon, Director of Health and Wellness.

Studies have shown the peer mentors are a tremendous success. Students can approach other students in an open way.

"I feel strongly that students relate very well with peers," said Pasky-McMahon. During the day, a lot of students snub Nwose and Carver. The students think that if they do not look at them, they will not be seen. The peer educators understand that not everyone wants their information.

"It's okay to say that you don't want it," said Nwose. "We just hate it when people totally ignore us."

Some students take a different approach to snubbing them. Instead of just walking right past and ignoring the peer educators, they try to become one with the Bruno's structure. Students would press themselves right up against the glass so that they would not have to walk past the peer educators.

Other students tend to run when Nwose or Carver try to hand them a pamphlet; however, once in awhile they do get an overfriendly student. There are also the students who get annoyed when they think they are receiving pamphlets twice.

"Just take the pamphlets. You probably didn't read it the first time," said Nwose.

Every week they have information on a different topic and it can be very beneficial. All of the pamphlets deal with

problems that college kids may have. The peer educators are the ones who decide which information to hand out each week.

"I think it's good that they are passing out information," said Patrice Stewart, freshman. "They help us."

Carver noticed that most students really enjoyed the stress-relief pamphlets.

The peer educators, themselves, enjoy learning from their pamphlets.

"It's good stuff," said Carver. If funding comes through, they will soon have more demonstrations. One demonstration they really want is a remote-controlled car that students can drive through wine glasses while wearing beer goggles.

"Hopefully we will have more. It's nice to have a visual," said Nwose.

The peer educators are also available for programs, clubs, or organizations.

"They already go to the dorms," said Pasky-McMahon.

Elischia Fludd and Dennys Franklin are two other peer educators.

"I feel fortunate to have the four of them committing to doing this," said Pasky-McMahon.



PHOTO BY COURTNEY STRAUB / BEHREND BEACON

Peer educators Pat Carver and Gina Nwose distribute pamphlets to students outside Bruno's.

## Campus caroling celebrates diversity

by Tony DiPlacido  
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Stille Nacht! Nuit de Paix! Noche de paz!

On Wednesday, a small crowd celebrated the Christmas season in the Smith Chapel by singing traditional carols in four languages. The festive evening of singing was organized and introduced by German Professor Dr. Melanie Manzer.

This is Manzer's first year here at Behrend. She previously taught at Penn State University Park.

"That's where I got the idea from," said Manzer. "But at main campus, we only sing in German. I thought it would be nice to include more cultures."

Manzer herself performed with her vocal group, dubbed The Presque Isle Quartet. The audience sang along with the familiar English versions of many classics,

but was challenged with singing the translations in German, Spanish and French.

The performances also included Spanish Professor Dr. Juan Fernandez and students performing Spanish carols. The guests were invited to snacks and cider afterwards. Manzer was pleased with the turnout.

"Music is important to me," she said. "I'm really glad this many people were able to make it."