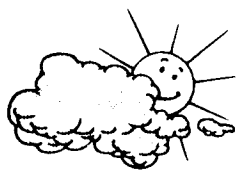


WEEKEND WEATHER

SATURDAY SUNDAY MONDAY



Chance Snow/
Rain
High: 42°
Low: 30°



Partly Cloudy
High: 42°
Low: 32°



Partly Cloudy
High: 42°
Low: 30°

BEHREND BRIEFS

Special library hours announced

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

Behrend minority dissertation fellowships

Penn State Behrend is pleased to announce the availability of one or two-year long minority dissertation fellowships to begin in Aug. 2003. The purpose of the fellowship program is to help prepare minority scholars for careers in college or university research for teaching. The fellow(s) will teach one course per semester, work with a faculty mentor, and support co-curricular activities.

Candidates must be U.S. citizens or nationals of the U.S., a member of an underrepresented minority group, and dissertation-stage doctoral degree candidates at accredited U.S. institutions studying in a field taught at Penn State Behrend.

Fellows will receive faculty appointments. Salary is \$30,000 plus benefits. Additional funds will be available for travel and research-related expenses.

Applications can be found online, along with additional information. www.pserie.psu.edu/faculty/academics/fellowships/minority-fullinfo.htm.

Mailed inquiries are also being accepted at the university and should be directed towards the office of the Provost and Dean. Screening of applications will begin on February 15, 2003 and will continue until the fellowship(s) are filled.

Nominations sought for KOPP awards

Penn State's International Council is currently accepting nominations for the 2002-03 W. LaMarr Kopp International Achievement Awards. The awards, established in 1995, were renamed in honor of Deputy Vice President for International Programs and Professor Emeritus W. LaMarr Kopp for his efforts to make the University part of the global community.

The W. LaMarr Kopp International Achievement Awards annually recognize those who have contributed significantly to the advancement of the international mission of the university. The awards are given in four categories: a faculty, staff, graduate student, and undergraduate student. Each award carries a \$1,000 stipend and a certificate of recognition. The four winners will receive their awards in the spring. Nominations/applications and supporting material are due no later than 5 p.m. on Jan. 14.

POLICE AND SAFETY

- 12/09/02 02:00 Resident of Niagara called to report that a smoke detector was beeping. Police and Safety advised them to remove battery and call housing in the morning.
- 12/09/02 08:30 Requested an officer to unlock the mechanical room in Erie.
- 12/09/02 08:44 Contractors working on the asbestos in Reed, requested Reed 113 and 114 unlocked.
- 12/09/02 11:55 Needed the mechanical room unlocked to check a security camera.
- 12/09/02 12:00 Radioed to inform us that there were two vehicles parked in F lot blocking the sidewalk. When officers arrived, both had been moved.
- 12/09/02 13:45 Background check on a former student. No report found.
- 12/09/02 11:00 Cars parked illegally in Dobbins. Officers handled one with a campus ticket due to location and the other was a staff car that was called and left a message to move. Did not ticket it due to snow covered ground.
- 12/09/02 09:25 Coordinator called about a vehicle parked in the tow away zone. As vehicle was being towed the owner arrived.
- 12/09/02 10:50 Child care center had a pick up.
- 12/09/02 11:05 ID office had a pick up.
- 12/09/02 15:20 Complainant needed to work on the fire alarm system and asked to have access to rooms in the engineering building.
- 12/09/02 15:45 Reported an illegally parked car in M&O Drive. Was gone prior to arrival.
- 12/09/02 18:00 Four rooms on the third floor west side of Niagara Hall lost power. The breaker was thrown and power was restored.
- 12/09/02 18:12 Coordinator reported a vehicle parked in the tow away zone in the Perry lot. Owner arrived prior to tow truck.

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"A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all other virtues."
- Marcus Tullius Cicero

Janet Neff Sample Center
for Manners & Civility



FOCAL POINT

'O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree'

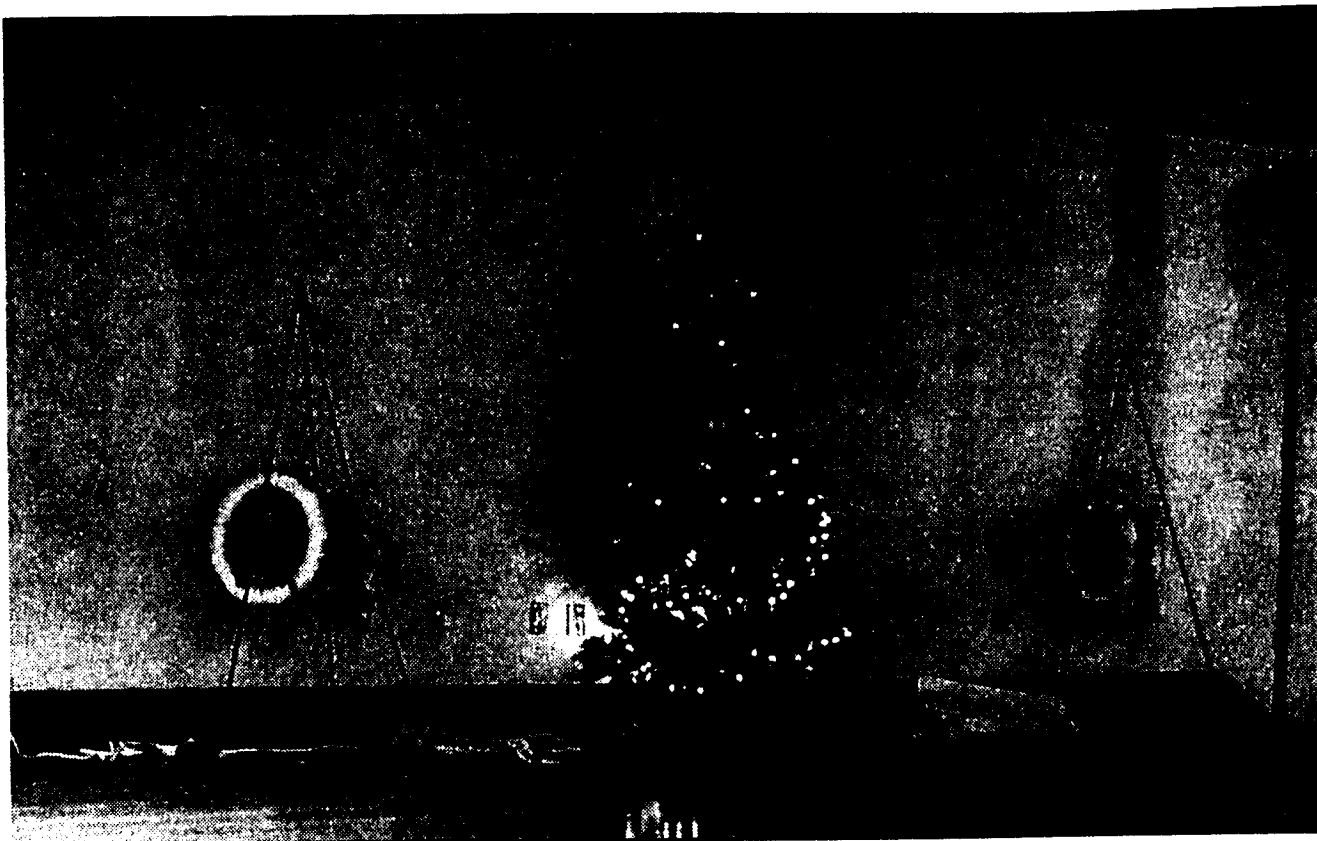


PHOTO BY ERIN McCARTY / BEHREND BEACON

This festive tree, dubbed "The Tree of Life," gave visitors to Bruno's, reminding them of the holiday season and those whose lives are in peril across the world.

Upcoming renovations include Perry Hall, research center

by Erinn Hansen
calendar page editor

The firm of Noelker and Hull Associates Inc. of Chambersburg has been hired as design architect for some new additions and the renovations of Perry Hall at Behrend.

"Noelker and Hull designed the Larry and Kathryn Smith Chapel and the Juanita Smith Carillon, one of the residence halls at the Altoona Campus," said John Ream, director of operations at Behrend.

"They have vision, stability, and a proven track record of successful projects," added Randy Geering, manager of Housing and Food Services.

There are currently two big projects in planning and design. One is a new residence hall that will be 47,800 square feet adjacent to Perry, and hold about 150 students. This \$11 million project will also include a renovation of existing Perry Hall.

Currently, male dominated Perry Hall houses about 200 students, mostly in underclassmen, in two-bed rooms. It is one of Behrend's eight residence halls, aside from the nine student apartment

buildings. Penn State Behrend alone houses more than 1,500 students on campus.

The Perry Hall renovation project will include the addition of the 47,800 square feet, as well as remodeling the current rooms.

"We will replace the existing roof with a tiered metal roof," said Geering. Other improvements to the existing space will include new wiring, new cosmetics, new ceiling tiles, new mechanics, and reworked bathrooms. The lounge area will be renovated and will include new windows, new lighting, and a new ceiling.

"These renovations will provide more housing for on-campus students, and will be a needed addition to the campus," said Geering. "Perry will become an exciting transition to the housing areas of the campus," he added. "We have the opportunity to create a beautiful addition to Behrend."

The new building has not yet received a name, but it should at the Board of Trustees meeting in January.

The other big project is the Research and Economic Development Center Building (RED-C). This is a \$30 million

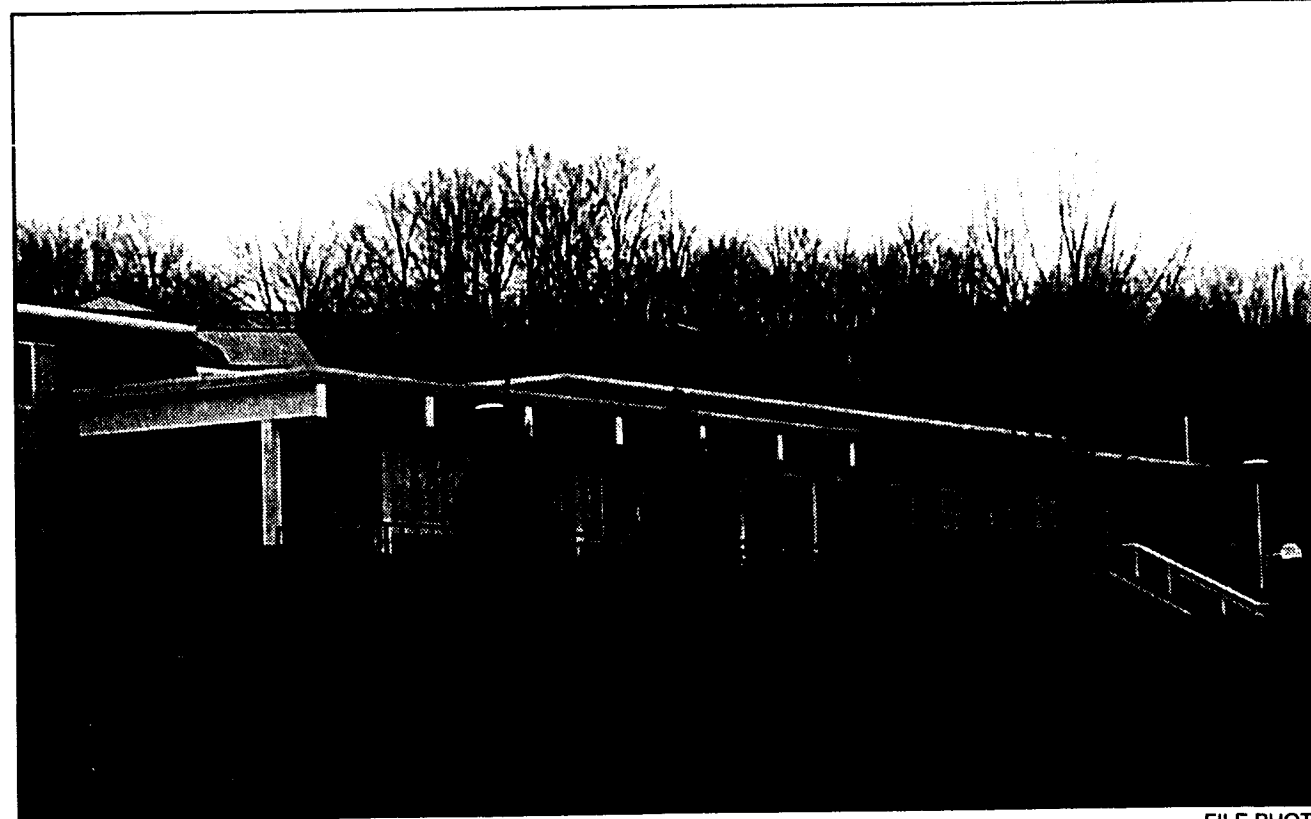
project that will be located on a site above the Smith Chapel.

"This 150,000 square foot facility will be the largest on campus, and will house the School of Business and the School of Engineering and Engineering Technology," said Dr. Jack Burke, Interim Dean and CEO at Behrend.

During construction, the school is hoping to keep Perry open. The design process will take approximately one year and renovations of the existing spaces will take place during the summer months of 2003 and 2004, when no one is living in Perry. The new residence hall will be constructed during the academic year.

Construction and renovations of Perry Hall will begin in May, and is expected to be completed by the fall of 2004. Construction of the RED-C is expected to begin in July and be completed by the spring of 2005.

All of these additions will provide more service to Behrend. Once all construction is finished, Perry will still be an underclassman residence hall, and Behrend will look bigger than ever.



FILE PHOTO

Perry Hall will soon be getting a dramatic makeover that will include an addition. Also in the works for construction is the Regional Economic Development Center (RED-C).

Thanks a Latte! awards distributed

The Center for Service Leadership presented its first Thanks a Latte! Service Awards at a 5:15 p.m. reception in Bruno's on Dec. 5. Hot chocolate, coffee, and cookies were served and the following awards were presented:

Seattle's Best: Spirit of Service - the organization that has done a truly outstanding service project - Kappa Delta Rho, for organizing a drive to provide alarm clocks for Diehl Elementary School students

Gourmet Blend - the group with the

most varied service projects - Alpha Phi Omega

Service Espresso - the group that completes the most service hours - Kappa Delta Rho, for doing 157 hours

Latte Grande - the group raising the most money for its cause - Kappa Delta Rho, for raising \$1,682 for three causes

Original Blend - the most creative project - resident assistants, for their build a sundae effort for United Way

Gingerbread House - the winner of the cardboard city project - Alpha Phi Omega

