
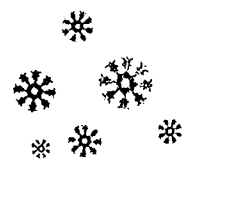
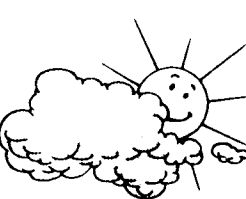


WEEKEND WEATHER

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
		
Mostly Cloudy High: 25° Low: 18°	Chance Showers High: 20° Low: 15°	Partly Cloudy High: 25° Low: 12°

BEHREND BRIEFS

Sea Grant hosts fish tumor conference

Pennsylvania Sea Grant hosted a conference on fish tumors and deformities in Great Lakes Areas of Concern (AOC) on Tuesday and Wednesday. The gathering took place at Gannon University's Waldron Center.

The purpose of the conference, sponsored by Region Three of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, was to examine the existing standards being used in AOCs to assess the problem of fish tumors and their relationship to environmental contamination. Remedial action plan coordinators who attended learned information to assess fish tumors and deformity impairments and how to design a study for their AOC.

Pennsylvania Sea Grant recruited a panel of nationally recognized experts in the study of fish tumors and pathology to speak and interact with conference participants. The conference was particularly important for members of public advisory councils in AOCs, local officials, and others interested in Great Lakes restoration efforts.

Palmer Museum exhibits 'Rodin Obsession'

An exhibit on "Rodin's Obsession: The Gates of Hell, Selections from the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Collection" has opened in Penn State's Palmer Museum of Art on the University Park campus and will run through June 1.

"The Gates of Hell" (1880-c.1900) was sculptor Auguste Rodin's first large-scale public project. Originally conceived as an entrance portal for a museum of decorative arts to be built in Paris, the project was to feature hundreds of figures. Many of Rodin's most famous independent sculptures -- such as "The Thinker," "The Kiss" and "The Three Shades" -- were derived from smaller reliefs contained in this composition. Although the museum was never built, Rodin continued to work on the project periodically for many years. The Palmer Museum display features 30 works in bronze, as well as "Rodin: The Gates of Hell," a 53-minute documentary. For more information, visit <http://www.psu.edu/dept/palmermuseum/rodin.html>

Worldwide access provided by IMBA program

Twenty-eight students working in such fields as medicine, manufacturing, information technology, finance and defense have taken the first step toward earning a master of business administration degree completely online by enrolling in the new Intercollege MBA, or iMBA, through Penn State's World Campus.

Launched in September, the iMBA is an "anywhere, anytime" program that students can complete the 48-credit program in two years, without having to quit their jobs or move.

The iMBA draws on the expertise of graduate business faculty members from Penn State Erie, Penn State Great Valley School of Graduate Professional Studies, Penn State Harrisburg and The Mary Jean and Frank P. Smeal College of Business Administration at the University Park campus. The program's first group of students works for employers such as the U.S. Navy, Marriott, Dow Corning, Boeing and Bristol Myers Squibb, among others.

Researchers aim for safer aircraft landings

Two researchers at Penn State Erie are working together to use neural networks, a form of artificial intelligence, to improve the safety of aircraft landings. School of Engineering and Engineering Technology faculty members Thomas Hemminger and Robert Gray have developed a method for pilots to double-check their landing approaches and make corrections when errors exist.

"Most pilots make landing decisions based on data and statistics derived from a combination of the global positioning system, instrument landing system, and radar altimeter readings," said Gray. "Adding a neural network gives the pilot an extra safety net that automatically cross-checks landing data, and if the two methods don't match, a warning signal gives the pilot time to prevent an accident."

Countdown to THON

Did you know...60 percent of THON proceeds are raised through canister solicitation, also known as "canning." The next THON "canning weekend" will be held this weekend, today through Sunday. Last year, more than \$3.6 million was raised, totaling to more than \$25 million contributed to the fund. This year's THON will be held Feb. 21-23 in Rec Hall on the University Park campus.

POLICE AND SAFETY

- 1/07/03 10:00 Complainant reported that one of her cars had been hit in N Lot over Christmas break.
- 1/10/03 03:07 Carpet runners reported stolen from Engineering.
- 1/17/03 16:40 Southeast quadrant report of vehicles vandalized in the apartment lot south.
- 1/19/03 21:30 Mother called to report that she believed her daughter's social security number was stolen while she was living in Niagara Hall and being used. Also her cell phone might have been stolen out of the room.
- 1/20/03 09:45 M&O vehicle struck by student vehicle. No injuries, non-reportable accident.
- 1/21/03 12:00 Complainant reported that their cell phone was stolen out of their room.

CLASSIFIED

"Forgiveness does not change the past, but it does enlarge the future."
- Paul Boese

Janet Neff Sample Center
for Manners & Civility



FOCAL POINT

Love is in the air at Behrend



KEVIN FALLON/BEHREND BEACON

Valentine's Day is on its way! Behrend student Joel Quiggle is struck by Cupid's arrow as he paints a festive scene in the window of Behrend Bookstore.

FROM FRONT PAGE

KING

of a speech that Dr. King gave. The speech says, "Let freedom ring from the snowcapped Rockies of Colorado! Let freedom ring from the curvaceous slopes of California! But not only that; let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia! Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee! Let freedom ring from every hill and molehill of Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring. And when this happens, when we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "Free at last! Free at last! thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"

TUITION

on correction facilities and the aging population. Also, costs for health insurance went up 20 percent. All of these factors influence the growing competition for the dollar.

"We don't know what the tuition will be for next year," said Burke. The board does not find out exactly how much money Behrend will receive until July.

Students may wonder what the university is doing to counteract this loss in funding.

"I have asked budget administration to go easy on funds so we can carry over," said Burke.

After Kincaid was done speaking, perspectives from those behind the march were presented. Sharise Finley, Christian O'Conner, and Gillian A. Young read passages from different people about the march, and also showed a video of the civil rights movement with Dr. King giving one of his speeches.

A performance by the Behrend Dance Team followed "Those Behind the March," which got everybody clapping and dancing along with them.

The Office of Educational Equity, The Behrend Gospel Choir, The Behrend Dance Team, The Student Activity Fee, The Multi-Cultural Council, along with Dr. Jack Burke, Michael Anderson, Cam Bullock, Sharise Finley, Edalia George, Andy Herrea, Maria Madigan, Jill Parker, Carrie Paine, Chris Rizzo, Kelly Shroud, Scott Soltis, and Debbie Hayes

contributed to the event.

The Martin Luther King Celebration 2003 was a huge success, and the audience's reaction showed. The event has been going on for many years, and at least 100 people attended, making this one of the biggest events on campus.

"I thought it was pretty good," said Shikia Cuttine. "It was short and to the point."

"This day has encouraged me to STAY POSITIVE and try to be peaceful," added Kim Moses.

The Multi-Cultural Council thanks all who came and to come back and support this day next year.

"Please come out and support the celebration next year," said George. "The commitment of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. needs to be honored."

are the ones who propose where the state money goes. Many legislators push for more money for older Pennsylvanians, because they are the ones who will vote. The number of people college-age who vote is very small, so students are not taken into consideration. It was obvious when state representatives came to Behrend last semester that students' concerns for rising tuition were not at the top of their list. It would be wise for students to become informed about the campaigns of state legislators and let their voices be heard by voting.

CEO and Dean candidates to visit Behrend

by Jen Henderson
assistant news editor

As the search for a new Campus Executive Officer and Dean extends into a new semester there is some light at the end of the tunnel. Three candidates are already scheduled to come to Behrend and speak to faculty and staff throughout this semester.

Dr. Jack Burke has filled the position since July 1, 2001. The search for a new Provost and Dean began in the fall of 2001. It was unsuccessful and the search began again in the fall of 2002. The search that resumed in 2002 has continued into the present day.

A possible reason for the extended search may be that it is a national search. "It requires time to advertise, actively recruit, screen applicants, and narrow them down to those invited in for interviews," said Dr. Burke. The position entails performing as the chief executive officer and principal academic leader of

Penn State Erie, the Behrend College.

When asked about the quality of previous candidates Dr. Burke said, "Good candidates, but not great candidates and we were searching for the latter."

The position requires a great deal of working with alumni and outreach relations, fundraising, budgeting, and strategic planning. Along with the above duties there are many situations that arise daily that also need to be dealt with in an efficient and professional manner. All of these, including the management of the physical plant operation, may be a few reasons why this position has not yet been filled.

The newly found candidates have been selected by the Search Committee for Campus Executive Officer and Dean of Penn State Erie, The Behrend College and have been scheduled to come here for on-campus interviews as well as interviews at University Park.

The candidates and dates in order of

their visits are: Allan M. Hoffman, Dean of the College of Health Sciences at Des Moines University - Feb 2-4, Mark McColloch, Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg - Feb 5-Feb 7, and Anthony G. Collins, Provost at Clarkson University - Feb 9-11.

In order to meet the candidates on a more personal level, small group meetings will be set up for various faculty members. Open forums will be held for all faculty and staff. The candidates will make brief presentations and an open question and answer time will also be allotted.

The three men applying for the important position will spend their first day and a half at Behrend and then move on to University Park. Dr. Burke gives this advice for the next elected Provost: "Behrend's strength is its people -- put your faith and trust in them."