

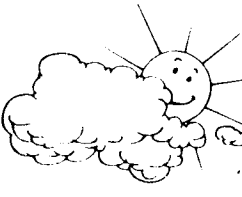


WEEKEND WEATHER

| SATURDAY | SUNDAY | MONDAY |
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| Chance Snow High: 25° Low: 12° | Snow Likely High: 25° Low: 15° | Partly Cloudy High: 28° Low: 16° |

BEHREND BRIEFS

College of Medicine announces new plan

Taking an early step toward establishing major new facilities for Penn State Children's Hospital, cancer care and research, Dr. Darrell G. Kirch, senior vice president for health affairs, dean of the College of Medicine and CEO of Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, unveiled the new Site and Facilities Master Plan for the medical center and College of Medicine.

The master plan calls for a total of more than 832,000 square feet of new construction over the next seven to 10 years and proposes free-standing Penn State Children's Hospital and Penn State Cancer Center buildings with physical connectors to the medical center's hospital complex. It also proposes significant new facilities for research, education and cardiac care.

Along with these major construction projects, the plan lays the foundation for a major reorganization of clinical care facilities and expansion of the medical center's East Campus for outpatient services. It also provides a framework to address specific strategic needs and priorities outlined in Penn State Hershey Medical Center's and the College of Medicine's (PSHMC/PSCOM) strategic plan.

Admissions open house

Students and families are invited to attend an Open House at Penn State Behrend on Saturday, Feb. 22.

Participants may register at the Reed Union Building begin campus and housing tours from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. An information fair will be held in the McGarvey Commons of the Reed Union Building, Roche Hall in the Engineering Complex, Science Laboratories, and the Junker Center, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. with admissions officers, financial aid staff, academic faculty, athletic coaches, and college officials on hand to provide information about academics and student life programs.

The Schools of Business, Engineering, and Engineering Technology, Humanities and Social Sciences, and Science will offer demonstrations and opportunities to meet and talk with faculty. Engineering faculty will be available in Roche Hall in the Engineering Complex.

Medic Center opens at Health & Wellness

The Health and Wellness Center staff has announced a new service for faculty and staff called Medic Center. Medic Center, located in the waiting room at Health and Wellness, will have simple health care items such as Silixin (for coughing), Advil, Advil Cold and Sinus, Migrainex, Tylenol, Back-queil, Band-Aids with ointment, and cramp medication for sale at a cost of 50 cents per item.

Spanier addresses changes in Title IX

Opportunities for women in college athletics will be the topic of the next edition of "To the Best of My Knowledge," Penn State President Graham B. Spanier's monthly call-in show airing at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, on WPSU-FM and WPSX-TV. A member of The Commission on Opportunity in Athletics, Spanier brings a unique perspective to this discussion. The commission was convened by the Bush administration to consider changes in Title IX federal mandates and its recommendations recently made headlines across the country. Joining Spanier in the studio will be Ellen Perry, who served as administrator in charge of Penn State's women's varsity sports for 13 years. Listeners and viewers with questions or comments are encouraged to call (800)545-8242 during the one-hour broadcast.

POLICE AND SAFETY

- 2/6/03 23:30 Complainant reported smelling odor of illegal substance in Lawrence Hall. Officers later learned that there were alcoholic beverages stored in the room
- 2/7/03 16:35 Complainant reported that a student passed out inside Dobbins Hall.
- 2/7/03 22:50 Complainant reported smelling an illegal substance outside of a room on the third floor of Niagara Hall. While en route to the location a student was seen trying to hide a can of beer. The student was under 21.

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FOCAL POINT



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Members of the Behrend College Choir practice diligently for their upcoming Bon Voyage Concert and March tour of Italy. Seated at the piano from left to right are Erika Dauber and conductor Dan Barnard. Standing are Andrea Rodriguez, Stephanie Bailey, and Maura Holmes.

Questions answered at Pizza with the Provost

by Erinn Hansen
calendar page editor

Students gathered for pizza and pop at the first Pizza with the Provost of the semester, accompanied by Chris Rizzo, Director of Student Activities, Randy Geering, Director of Housing and Food Services, and Dr. Jack Burke, interim Provost and CEO. The event took place on Monday in the lobby of Tigress, and attracted about 15 students.

"This is an opportunity for students to meet with the provost," said Rizzo. "Students can discuss problems, concerns, and issues about the campus, so we can do something about it."

"What is your favorite television show?" Burke asked the students as an icebreaker. The most popular ones include: "Friends," "ER," "West Wing," "Law and Order," and "CSI."

The evening continued with four major issues. The first one discussed was about getting an outdoor track, to go along with the indoor track in the Junker Center. The problem is that the indoor track is not really for racing. Therefore, the track and cross country teams have to use Harborcreek's outdoor track, which is not necessarily the best surface to run on.

"There are really no immediate plans for an outdoor track at this time," said Burke. "We have purchased the land for one though."

The second issue involved students who speed on Jordan Road, in between the Junker Center and the library. A student wondered if something could

be done, such as installing some flashing lights. Burke explained that the reason that students drive fast when going up Jordan Road is because they need to make it up the hill. However, there are flashing lights on the signs out there, except that they are covered with snow.

"We are looking at various ways that the township is coming up with to slow traffic down," said Burke. "It is going to be pretty busy over there, however, because of the Junker Center, the Smith Chapel, and the RED - C, which is going to be built. When the RED - C is built, there will be a total of four places to cross Jordan Road."

"The addition of the connection to Knowledge Park and CAM-Tech up by I-90 has made less traffic," said Geering. "That takes the traffic between 5 and 6 p.m. out of the picture, which has taken a lot of the traffic away from campus."

Getting better communications equipment was also an issue.

"We have a fine video production facility, but we need better cameras, editing facilities, a sound recording facility, or something that is not that expensive," said a student.

According to Burke, some new equipment was needed, and as a result, four or five new cameras were just purchased.

While on the subject of equipment, Burke then asked how many of the students in the room had computers. This sparked discussion about problems that Behrend has been having with computers.

A student said a person was playing

a game that he downloaded, which takes up a lot of computer space.

Burke also brought up the subject of computer hackers.

"Every half-second, Behrend gets hit with many computer hackers," said Burke. "These hackers send things such as porn, junk mail, and even viruses that have caused many students problems on campus."

Other factors that were discussed: Putting the names of the residence halls on the back of the buildings along with the front, a better selection of movies that are presented in Reed, and a larger sign for the Junker Center.

"It is very helpful," said Rizzo. "Students bring in ideas that nobody else would ever thought about."

"I thought it went very well," said Carrie Egnosak, student at Behrend. "I like how Burke was laughing and joking, along with answering some questions, and he is very knowledgeable."

"I thought it was very good," said Laura Hayes, also a student at Behrend. "Burke is good at answering questions. The pizza was good, too."

Behrend usually tries to hold two to three Pizza with the Provosts a semester, attracting between 30 to 40 people in larger areas, and between 15 to 20 in the suites. Some of the issues discussed can be taken care of, but others need a little bit of thought.

The next Pizza with the Provost will be held on Monday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. in the lobby of Niagara Hall. All students are encouraged to come.

Senior Class Gift a way to give back to Behrend

by Christine Kleck
advertising manager

The spring, summer and fall Behrend graduating classes of 2003 can show their appreciation in the form of a class gift that is beneficial and symbolic for the entire Behrend community.

Currently a selection committee of students and administrators meets weekly to establish a list of potential gifts for consideration that students will vote on as the 2003 Senior Class Gift, promote support of this process, and encourage financial assistance from the Behrend community.

Members to date include students Deana McCandless, Katie Leary, Nicole Dirling, Alexander Henderson, Joel Sperry, Dana Williams and Christine Kleck; and Director of Alumni Relations, Kevin Moore and Director of Student

Affairs, Ken Miller. The committee meets on Wednesdays at 3 p.m. in Reed 113 and all are encouraged and welcome to attend. The next steps on the committee's agenda include: developing gift ideas to promoting the senior class gift committee and process.

Look for upcoming information on the 2003 senior class gift in future Beacon stories and around campus within advertisements, posters, flyers, letters and emails. Gift possibilities, locations for the gift, the benefits and longevity of the gift, the overall cost of the gift, the construction and completion timeline for the gift and the way in which the gift will recognize the Behrend graduating classes of 2003, are all being considered to date.

Another important deliberation of the committee has been the financial aspect of this entire process. While fundraising activities are being

planned for the latter part of this semester (after Spring Break), it is the financial pledges of donating students that will truly capture the meaning of this gift to Behrend.

Financial gifts and General deposit pledges are currently being accepted by the Senior Class Gift Committee to fund this gift to Behrend. Graduating seniors may pledge the balance, an increase, or a portion of their general deposit. To find out the balance of your general deposit, students are asked to visit www.elion.psu.edu and check the bursar account option on the page. Those interested in adding to their general deposit will be contacted with more information on the process.

For more information on the 2003 senior class gift, committee and process, contact Kevin Moore, the Director of Alumni Relations at 898-6475 or at kem7@psu.edu.

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