




WEEKEND WEATHER

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
		
Snow/Rain Possible	Chance Showers	Chance Showers
High: 45° Low: 35°	High: 48° Low: 35°	High: 55° Low: 45°

BEHREND BRIEFS

Behrend students receive writing awards

At this year's annual conference of the Pennsylvania College English Association, two students from Behrend's creative writing program were co-winners of the poetry prize--Tracie Morell and Michael McEwan.

Ordinarily, only one prize is awarded. The work of these students was so good that the judges decided on a double award and then afterwards pleaded with Dr. Diana Hume-George to be sure to bring students to next year's meeting at Scranton. The Behrend campus was also the best represented school at the conference, both with students and faculty attending.

PSU troops head out for duty

With a war with Iraq now ongoing, dozens of Penn State students and a handful of faculty and staff have been called to active duty from their armed forces reserve or National Guard units. They are among the thousands of troops on the ready to participate in the military campaign by the United States. To date, 171 Penn State students from all 24 campus locations have been called to active duty since the start of the 2003 spring semester -- with as many as 10 students per day filing for military leave with the University registrar. These students join 38 others who were activated last fall, as well as nine faculty and staff who are currently among -- or about to join -- the ranks of active duty soldiers.

PSU makes wind energy purchase

With deference to Bob Dylan, "The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind. The answer is blowin' in the wind." And, in seeking the answer to clean, environmentally friendly energy to help meet its extensive electrical power needs, Penn State has become one of the largest purchasers of wind power in the United States.

Penn State made its first commitment to wind energy in 2001 with a five-year contract for the purchase of 5 percent -- or 13.2 million-kilowatt hours annually -- of total electricity demands at the University Park campus. It strengthened its leadership role last July through another five-year contract for the purchase of 4.5 million-kilowatt hours at non-University Park campuses.

University officials estimate the environmental benefits of purchasing the output of over four 220-foot-tall wind turbines are equivalent to saving 59 million pounds of coal usage, taking some 29,000 cars off the road, or planting more than 28,712 acres of trees each year.

University Park hosting NCAA women

Penn State, one of the host sites for the first and second rounds of the 2003 NCAA Women's Basketball Championship, will host Holy Cross, Chattanooga and South Carolina -- along with the Lady Lions -- when Midwest Region bracket play gets under way on Sunday, March 23. Coach Rene Portland has led Penn State to 18 NCAA bids, including a trip to the Sweet 16 last year. The No. 4-seeded Lady Lions are 14-4 at home in NCAA tournament play.

Twelfth-seeded Chattanooga and No. 5-seed South Carolina will tip off action at the Bryce Jordan Center on Sunday at noon before a regional audience on ESPN2. The clash between Penn State vs. No. 13-seed Holy Cross will begin 30 minutes after the first game, and will be televised regionally on ESPN. The winners of Sunday's games will compete at a time to be announced on Tuesday.

POLICE AND SAFETY

- 3/3/03 12:10 Report of a stolen palm pilot.
- 3/4/03 16:50 Complainant reported receiving three threatening email messages.
- 3/4/03 20:10 Complainant reported a male who had been directed not to be in the resident halls by the Dean of Students had entered Niagara Hall.
- 3/7/03 12:00 Complainant report that someone broke into his pickup truck and removed a toolbox. The vehicle was located in the F-Lot.
- 3/17/03 00:10 Four vehicles were reported vandalized near Perry Hall.
- 3/18/03 09:15 Complainant came to police services and reported that one of the trash/recycle receptacles had been damaged.

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- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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for Manners & Civility



FOCAL POINT



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Members of Behrend's Irish American Club spread some Irish cheer and information outside Bruno's on St. Patrick's Day.

FROM FRONT PAGE

EVEREST



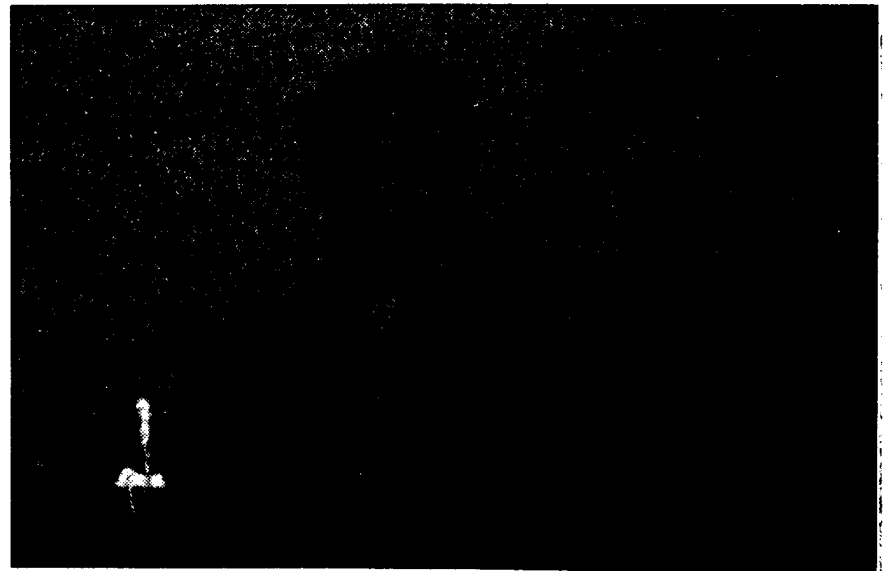
Peter Hillary, son of Everest pioneer Edmund Hillary, adds dramatic flair to his story.

pictures. "So here we were, having a conversation about how to post photographs to one another," Hillary said. "Such a mundane conversation in such an extraordinary situation!"

After telling his fellow climbers about the experience, he began to wonder whether the high altitude had caused him to imagine the encounter, so it was with great relief that he developed the pictures and found several photographs of himself with the Russian climber.

The hour-and-a-half presentation concluded with a question-and-answer period from the audience, where Norgay and Hillary fielded questions on such topics as the difficulty of carrying camera equipment on an expedition and the definition of the "Alpine style" of climbing. Norgay and Hillary were the final lecturers in this year's Behrend Speaker Series.

PHOTOS BY ERIN MCCARTY



Jamling Norgay, son of Everest pioneer Tenzing Norgay, speaks fondly of his father.

"They say that climbing a mountain is optional," Norgay said. "But getting down is mandatory." While getting to that point is a great thrill, it takes an incredible toll on the body and mind.

"They've done studies," said Hillary, "and on the summit, we had the mental capacities of a 6-year-old on a very cantankerous and bad day."

One of Hillary's most well-received stories involved his ascent to the summit. After reaching the top, he was surprised to see a head pop up down below him. The climber soon came into full view and introduced himself as a Russian before explaining that his camera was broken and asking if Hillary would take his photograph. Hillary agreed, and after he snapped several, the Russian wanted the

Sitarist Laila brings haunting music to Behrend

by Jen Henderson
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A gathering of music lovers came to the Smith Chapel wanting to experience the lovely sounds of the sitar.

Alif Laila, accompanied by two others, brought wonderful sounds into the chapel from her unique instrument. The drums were a great addition to the wonderful sounds filling the "pure, beautiful, peaceful place to perform," as she stated.

All were dressed in native costumes; Laila's was brightly colored pink and gold with a large gold medallion. This performance concluded the Rhythms of Life Series.

Laila studied old sitar music of the Drupad style from a young age. She now plays in festivals in locations all over the world and has played classical programs in Bangladesh and Kuwait. She now lives in the United States and teaches music in Maryland.

As the performance began, she thanked everyone for coming despite the war. She urged the crowd to keep their minds open and relax. The evening

filled with wonderful music was a nice way to unwind and let go of all the stress of the time.

The classical music that was performed is found in various forms throughout the world. It is located in regions of Pakistan, Iran and all the way to China. The concept was developed more than 3,000 years ago as a form of devotional expression. Through the years the form of expression has turned more towards entertainment. There are a set of strict rules and respect for what they have learned and for the discipline found in the instrument itself.

The sitar is a beautiful instrument composed out of a hollowed out pumpkin with a gourd at the top of the instrument for a neck. There are 19 strings located on the instrument. It is an an-

cient Indian instrument, which was used in the 1960s by such groups as the Beatles. The sounds range from high to low pitched and make very audible ping-pong noises.

It was apparent to the audience how much all three of the musicians enjoyed playing their instruments and how much time they devote to it. Their faces exhibited the concentration and seriousness needed to play. There were a few times the tempo and pitch accelerated greatly and it was obvious how much they were enjoying themselves and the feelings they were experiencing.

All in attendance experienced a great sense of relaxation and peace listening to these talented people for an evening filled with beautiful sounds.

