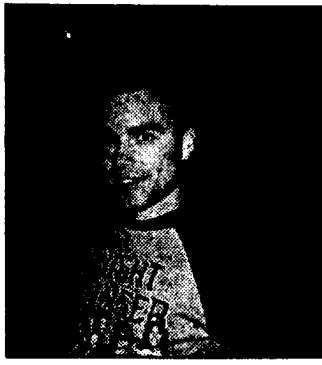


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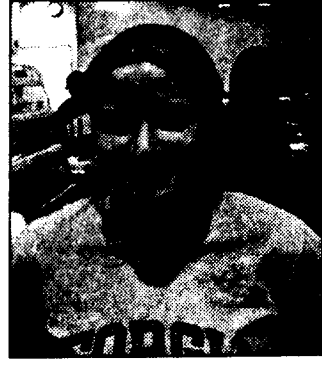
by Justin Curry, news editor



"No, I wasn't affected."
Mike Siciliano
English, 03



"I'm an RA and I had a roommate for two weeks so it was difficult to get organized and do my job."
Kevin Burrow
MIS, 05



"I got stuck in the freshmen dorms and I'm a sophomore. The maturity level on my floor is a lot different than it would be if I was in the suites."
Heather Crawford
MIS, 03



"No, I wasn't affected because I live off campus."
Aksel Gurkan
Intl. Business, 01



"No, I wasn't affected because I live off campus."
Arta Latifi
Undecided, 01

Liberal Science degree added Construction update

By Brian Mitchell
staff writer

This fall, the Penn State Behrend School of Science announced an addition of a Bachelors of Science degree in Liberal Science. This four-year Liberal Science degree was approved by the Penn State Board of Trustees to provide students with a broader education of science to pursue careers in the following: environmental studies, science education, and other diverse careers.

Because many students in the past didn't fit into the traditional science degree programs (mathematics, biology, chemistry, physics, and computer science), Dr. Roger Knache, director of the School of Science, decided to add this major. "The major is responsive to students needs and its environmental studies and pre-certification options fit the college's mission of service to the region," Knache said.

This new liberal science degree consists of four options for the students: general science, environmental studies, and two pre-certification options (general pre-certification and Earth and Space Science Pre-Certification). The General Science option provides students the experience of an overview of many sciences (computer sciences, life sciences, mathematical sciences and physical sciences). The Environmental Studies options will enhance students' knowledge in environmental and ecological studies, which will prepare for research and job opportunities after graduation.

The two pre-certification options were created to prepare students planning to pursue teaching certificates in Pennsylvania secondary schools. After the students earn a bachelor of science in liberal science, they will be eligible to attend another university for one more year to earn secondary certification in general science and in earth and space. A majority of students attend Mercyhurst College for teaching certificates.

By Justin Curry
news editor

One constant at Behrend seems to be endless construction. It was no surprise to anyone that there were still quite a few projects still ongoing at the beginning of this year. In addition to these projects, a major renovation occurred at campus this summer in Perry Hall.

Throughout summer break, Perry Hall was given its first major overhaul in over thirty years. The building was completely rewired, with new data and phone connections being installed. The number of outlets in the dorms quadrupled from four to sixteen and each dorm now has its own circuit breaker, as opposed to one breaker for every four rooms as was the standard in the past. All of the rooms were also repainted, as well as equipped with sprinklers.

Another phase of construction is due for Perry next summer, with a new roof being laid, carpeting in the dorms, and renovation of the laundry rooms and bathrooms. Instead of one bathroom to fifty students in the hall, they will be completely redone to accommodate 25 students.

Card access will also be installed in the hall by the beginning of next school year.

Lawrence and Niagara Halls will be

following suit in the coming years, over the same two year plan that Perry was completed in. Funding for the renovations is coming from Housing and Food Services.

The first major construction project due to be completed next summer is the finishing of Senat Hall, the new residence hall. Due to heavy rains throughout the summer, work on the building has been halted by almost three weeks, but Student Affairs and Housing and Food Services assure the student body that Senat Hall will be completed for Fall 2004. The building will be an L-shaped hall, running parallel to Reed. The ground floor of Senat has been poured, and pillars are starting to take shape. These pillars are the foundation for the new ID+ and Housing and Food Services offices, which are moving from Reed and Dobbins, respectively. This will make ID+ and H&FS more accessible to students. Unfortunately, the sidewalk between Reed and Perry will not be open until Senat Hall is completed. Turner Construction is working on all four residence halls, and student affairs is pleased with the work done so far. Upon completion, Senat Hall is projected to house 149 students.

The last and probably most noticeable construction project is the work being done on Route 430, also known as the Eastside Access Highway. The parkway is planned to be opened to McClelland and 38th by the end of October, and by the end of construction in May of 2005, it will provide access all the way to the Bayfront.

"The Parkway is going to provide easier access to downtown, as well as bring more traffic across the campus and hopefully attract more business," said Ken Miller, Director of Student Affairs at Behrend. "The opening (to McClelland and 38th) might actually be open earlier than expected, because the crews appear to be doing simple cosmetic work on the road now, constructing barriers, finishing traffic lines and placing signs on the road. They didn't start doing that to the existing 430 until after it was open," he said. Also projected in the next few years is a small retail shopping center, with various fast food restaurants and small shops located across the street from Behrend. "This is a very exciting time for our campus. I'll be anxious to see how big Behrend actually gets within the next ten to fifteen years," Miller said.

New faculty welcomed

By Justin Plansinis
staff writer

Every year Penn State Erie welcomes hundreds of new students to its campus, but we should all be proud to add to our ranks 10 outstanding new professors. Let's take some time and have a look at these academic additions.

Let's start with those masters of markets, the business professors. Professor Avinandan Mukherjee teaches marketing research and global marketing. He attended universities in India and France, and taught in schools in the U.K. and Singapore, as well as visited faculty around the world. In his free time he enjoys movies, quizzing and cricket.

Dr. Licheng Sun teaches both undergraduate and MBA finance courses this semester. Dr. Sun received a doctorate degree in finance from the University of Georgia and taught there for one year. Dr. Sun enjoys tennis and watching football.

Professor Eric Jackson is a new instructor of management here at Behrend as well.

New faces to campus are also found in the engineering department. Dr. Dipo Onipede teaches mechanical design, measurements lab, stress analysis and vibrations. He attended Columbia University, Tufts University, and University of California Los Angeles, and was an assistant professor at the University of Pittsburgh after that. In his free time, Dr. Onipede enjoys hiking, reading, and playing with his kids.

Dr. Sudarshan Nelatury is an assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering here at Behrend as well.

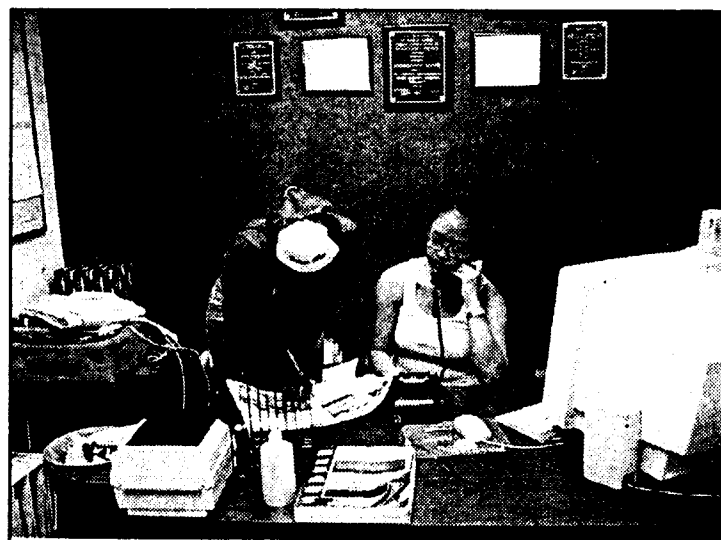
The final department to add some new faculty to their ranking is Humanities and Social Sciences. Dr. Eva Kuttenberg teaches elementary and intermediate German and German culture and

civilization. She studied at the Karl Franzens Universitaet in Graz, Austria as well as New York University. After college, she taught at the University of Dallas and the University of Albion in Michigan. In her free time, she likes to travel, indulge in marvelous food, be mystified by independent films and explore art shows.

Professor Nicole Reid teaches creative writing workshops, literature, and composition. She attended Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Virginia, and she studied creative writing at George Mason University. She then taught in the Washington, D.C. area before coming here. In her free time, Dr. Reid enjoys Indian food, growing herbs and flowers, running her dog, Ruthie, and trying to find the exact moment of one color bleeding into an entirely different color in Rothko's paintings.

Professor Mel Sundin is here on a one-year contract, and teaches Intro to Advertising, Advertising Media Planning and Survey of Broadcasting & Cable. Professor Sundin attended the University of Idaho, American University, and he is currently going for a Ph.D. at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Professor Sundin was a Public Affairs Officer for the Navy, stationed everywhere from Ethiopia to Washington, D.C. and from Iceland to Antarctica. He retired and did public relations consulting work for a variety of organizations. He taught at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, College of St. Mary (Albany, N.Y.) as well as Behrend. He also ran the Census 2000 office in Erie. In his free time, Professor Sundin works on his dissertation, and dabbles in photo and video editing.

Dr. Christine Mangone is a new lecturer of theatre and Professor Matthew Smith is a new lecturer of Spanish.



MCC members Pamela Sumah (International Business and Marketing, 03) and Olga Nacalaban (Political Science, 07) working on planning their upcoming Harambee, scheduled for October 3.

See related story on page two about MCC and their goals for this year.

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Students return from service

By Eileen Jensen
staff writer

Two years ago the United States of America experienced an event that changed the nation forever. On September 11, 2001 not only was the country shaken by the terrorist attacks, but the United States was more united than ever before. At that time in our nation people stepped up and took control to fight for their personal freedom.

Every American has contributed to the events that have occurred due to the terrorist attacks. Whether it was saying a prayer for those who fought and are still fighting in Iraq, being a family member of someone who is in the Armed Forces, or being in the Armed Forces yourself-everyone has been effected by the attacks on our country.

Born in Brookville, Pa, Steven Geer found his calling in 1993, after high school graduation, to join the Air Force. He became a weapons loader and toured Japan as well as Germany. In 1998 in Youngstown, Ohio he joined the Air Force Reserves and cross-trained into the machinist/welder career field. Two years

ago and transferred to Behrend from Penn State DuBois. Some people may think the war was the right way to go and others may disagree, but as Americans, people are allowed to have their differences. The United States is the land of opportunity and freedom is a privilege that every American deserves and receives. Even though war may have been an event in this country's history, freedom is what is truly being fought. The right to be free is something some people have taken for granted, but ask people like Steven Geer what freedom means to him. Along with many other people, Steven was a part of the Armed Forces when war was a part of each of our lives. When you find yourself taking your freedom for granted, take a moment and think about what Steven has experienced and thank him for the efforts he has put forward in his life.

When asked about his opinion on the war, Steven answered, "I agree something should have been done about Hussein, but whether or not the time was right, I'm not sure. I wish we would've had more countries on our side..." Steven said he took the oath, just as a lot of other people did in this country, so that is why he followed the orders of President Bush.

Some people may say that any part of the Armed Forces is considered a hero, but Steven replied, "NO. There are people dying almost everyday over there, and I'm sitting in a classroom chair. There are a lot of heroes, some in the military and some not, but I'm not one."

Steven moved to the Erie area a year