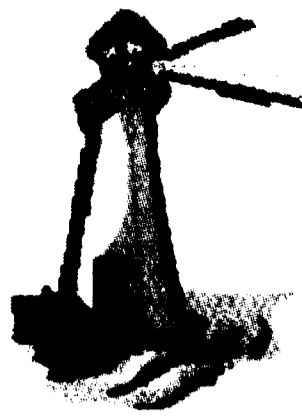




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## Holocaust play recognizes survivors and rescuers

by Angela Szesciorka  
news editor

In observance of Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day on Sunday, a play called "Lives to Save: The Rescuers," will be performed in the Smith Chapel on Monday, April 19 at 7 p.m.

Sponsored by the SAF and the Holocaust Remembrance Committee, the play will depict several true stories about gentiles who saved Jews in Europe during World War II more than 60 years ago. The play is performed by Act 1 Presentations, a theater and film-making group

from New York City.

According to Mary Connerty, English lecturer, the purposes of the Holocaust Remembrance play is to increase awareness of the Holocaust and honor those who survived and those who helped others to survive.

"As a teacher, as a mother, as a person, I believe Holocaust Remembrance is vitally important so that we must remember our humanity and what we are capable of if we lose it," said Connerty.

The Holocaust Remembrance Committee members include Behrend, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania,

Mercyhurst College, Allegheny College, Gannon University and the Jewish Community Council.

This is the second year Behrend has been involved in the committee and the programs. Last year Behrend participated in the Field of Flags and a Wall of Intolerance. The Field of Flags is meant to represent 10 million deaths during the Holocaust.

"Especially when the world is in such turmoil, the potential for another Holocaust is great; we must never forget," said Connerty.

Other upcoming events will be "The

Cross Inscribed in the Star of David," a movie followed by a luncheon at Allegheny College on Tuesday and at Edinboro University on April 23. "The March of the Living" will be shown followed by a discussion at Gannon University on Wednesday.

The Holocaust Remembrance activities will culminate with a 12-day trip to Poland from May 12 to May 23. The trip is sponsored and led by Edinboro University. The group will tour Poland's Holocaust sites.

The Holocaust Remembrance day date comes from the Hebrew calendar and

corresponds to the 27th day of Nisan on its calendar. That is the date on which Israel commemorates the victims of the Holocaust. For this reason, the day for commemoration changes yearly.

More than 11 million died because of Nazi genocidal policy; many died in the six major death camps between 1933 and 1944. Auschwitz and Treblinka both in Poland, were the worst death camps and had the largest death toll. Many peoples, such as the disabled, Jews, Communists, gypsies, homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses and Social Democrats died at the hands of the Nazi regime.

## Commuters faced with more problems than prices

by Leah Burfield  
contributing writer

First, there was the issue with the costs of the parking permit. Some students felt the price was a little high, and there was never anywhere to park. As of today, the issue still stands and has yet to be resolved. Currently, a new problem has been a challenge to local Behrend commuters. Traffic jams have begun to plague students.

Since the Bayfront Connector has opened, traffic has been more congested than it ever has before. With new traffic lights added and stop signs taken out, cars have a better chance of being held back to wait for other traffic.

"It's not fun when you get out of class and are looking forward to going home and then have to wait in traffic," said David Landon, DUS 04.

Any commuter can notice that the

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## Inside



### 'Hillbillies' to perform

The "Poverty Neck Hillbillies" will be performing Saturday evening in Bruno's. The group is described as "country, with an attitude," and is being brought on campus by members of the LEB. *NEWS, Page 3.*

### All-stars take on Steelers

Six members of the Pittsburgh Steelers will be traveling to Erie this weekend to take on members of the Behrend Community All Star Basketball team. *NEWS, Page 3.*

### Men's tennis undefeated

The men's tennis team remains undefeated in the AMCC, with a record of 6-0. This is the first time the team has went undefeated in the AMCC. *SPORTS, Page 10.*

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Alpha Sigma Alpha sister Stella Kim, COMBA 04 presents Kappa Delta Rho president Brian Vollant, MKTG 06 with the 'Greek Man of the Year' award at Tuesday evening's 'Hermes.'

## Greeks awarded 'Hermes'

by Lauren Packer  
editor in chief

Singers and songwriters have the Grammys. Musicals have the Tonys. The Behrend Greeks have their own version of those special nights: the Hermes.

On Tuesday night, social fraternities and sororities honored the hard work and dedication of their brothers and sisters at the 5th Annual Hermes.

The recent name change from the "Greek Awards" was necessary, said Panhellenic president Sara Grant.

"We wanted to pick a name that made it marketable to all students," explained Grant. "We didn't think that non-Greeks would come if it was just labeled Greek Awards."

The event also helps to decrease the stereotypes associated with Greeks.

"We promote scholarship, not just partying" said Grant.

Considered one of the more serious events that are held for the Greeks, the Hermes recognize both academic and service achievements.

The Greek Man/Woman Leadership Award is one of the highest honors awarded at the Hermes.

Brian Vollant of Kappa Delta Rho, and Seraina Naef of Alpha Sigma Alpha, were the recipients of this year's Leadership award.

Each chapter is responsible for nominating a person for each award. From that, an essay describing why the nominee should win the award is written by each chapter.

The essays are then read by the awards

selection committee and a winner is chosen.

This year's selection committee consisted of Chris Fox, coordinator of student organizations and program coordinator; Christa Morris, Office of Student Activities staff assistant; Jill Foresman, coordinator of Residence Life; and Kelly Shroud, coordinator of community service and the Smith chapel.

"I think the event is very important to Greek life," said Grant. "All too often, those who work extremely hard don't get the praise that they deserve. The Hermes are just a simple way of giving praise to the individuals in front of their peers."

The presentation of a certificate was awarded to each winner.

"Just a simple certificate can make someone keep working hard," said Grant.

### Chapter Awards

Highest Chapter GPA  
\*Alpha Sigma Tau  
\*Sigma Tau Gamma

### Successful Recruitment

\*Alpha Sigma Alpha  
\*Tau Kappa Epsilon

### Outstanding Philanthropic Event

\*Alpha Sigma Tau-Safenet  
Domestic Violence Clothesline

### Outstanding Social Event

\*Alpha Sigma Tau- Mr. & Ms.  
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### Service Award

\*Tau Kappa Epsilon

## Engineering program growing by leaps and bounds

by Jenna Dominick  
contributing writer

Penn State Behrend is known as the "small campus with the big degree." For the small size of the campus, Behrend houses state-of-the-art technical facilities and professionally accredited engineering programs. With seven different majors in the School of Engineering and Engineering Technology, engineering students make up a notable portion of the Behrend population.

Behrend boasts top-of-the-line facilities, including the current \$6 million engineering complex and the upcoming \$30 million Research and Economic Development Center (REDC). There will be a groundbreaking ceremony April

28 for the REDC, which is projected to be finished by February 2006. This facility not only will house engineering labs, classrooms and offices, but also the School of Business.

This combination of business and engineering is not only unique but also vital. Both schools will be in close proximity in the new REDC, sharing over 160,000 square feet, while 90,000 of it will be usable. It will be double the capacity of the present building.

"This is a very unique and important integration of engineering and business," said Dr. Bob Simoneau, director of the School of Engineering.

Not only will the two schools be housed in the same building, but there are also plans of even deeper mixing.

Slated for fall 2004 is a new Product Development and Entrepreneurship course, BDENG 479A/MANGT 479A, previously called Small Product Realization.

"Teams of business, engineering and engineering technology students take a product idea from conception to the development of a business plan," said Dr. Bill Lasher, Mechanical Engineering professor.

There will be a Business/Engineering Workshop from April 22 through April 24. GE will sponsor the on-campus meeting of five different area schools.

"This is a great opportunity for integration and improved understanding," said Simoneau. "The workshop gives students more application of what

they're learning in the classroom."

Behrend has many professionally accredited programs in engineering. These accreditations are very desired and prestigious.

"All of the programs (majors), with the exception of software engineering, are accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET)," said Simoneau.

A team of board members comes to evaluate the various programs at Behrend based on set criteria. They study the students, faculty, facilities and curriculum. ABET will be invited to Behrend in the fall of 2005 to evaluate the software engineering program.

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