

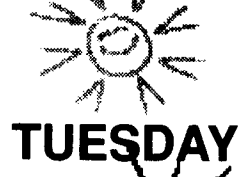



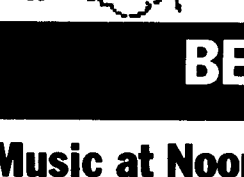


## WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>HIGH: 68</b>	<b>LOW: 53</b>
	Cloudy in the morning, with sun and clouds in the afternoon.	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>HIGH: 67</b>	<b>LOW: 53</b>
	Mostly sunny.	
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>HIGH: 71</b>	<b>LOW: 55</b>
	Sunny with few clouds.	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>HIGH: 74</b>	<b>LOW: 59</b>
	Mostly sunny.	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>HIGH: 74</b>	<b>LOW: 59</b>
	Partly cloudy.	
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>HIGH: 72</b>	<b>LOW: 58</b>
	Cloudy with a chance of rain.	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>HIGH: 73</b>	<b>LOW: 57</b>
	Cloudy with some sun.	

BEHREND BRIEFS from releases**Music at Noon opens 15th season with Clogs**

Music at Noon will begin its 15<sup>th</sup> season with Clogs, an improvisational chamber music ensemble, on Sept. 21. The lunchtime presentation is free and open to the public.

"Clogs is in its sixth performing season and it has already built a broad fan base from many different genres," said Dan Barnard, director of the Music at Noon series.

Led by Australian violinist and violist Padma Newsome, the quartet met at the Yale University School of Music. The other members of the group are Americans Rachael Elliott on bassoon, Bryce Dressner on guitar and Thomas Dozumplik on percussion. Newsome is credited as the founder of the group and composes much of their music, along with Dressner.

Clogs' rock band approach to music can be seen in their various recordings which include their first album, Thom's Night Out (2001), Lullaby for Sue (2003) and their most recent recording, Stick Music (2004).

**Open House Night in Astronomy celebrates 12 years**

Behrend kicks off its twelfth year of its Open House Night in Astronomy Sept. 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Otto Behrend Science Building. Dr. Roger Knacke will present "Ring World: The Cassini-Huygens Mission to Saturn and Titan."

Dr. Knacke will describe the latest results of the mission and its exciting itinerary for the coming months.

## POLICE AND SAFETY

9/9/2004

Individual stopped officers and said a car hit a tree in the Ohio lot and was stuck.

9/11/2004

While walking through the apt. quad, officer encountered an intoxicated male outside apt. 207. The male student was under the age of 21 yrs.

9/11/2004

As officer was getting info from an underage drinker, a male was seen in K lot staggering and leaning near a car. It was determined that he was intoxicated.

9/12/2004

While on foot patrol through the apt. quad, officer saw a male urinating in a yard outside apt. 707. Charges are pending.

## CLASSIFIED

*"The civility of no race can be perfect whilst another race is degraded."*

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Janet Neff Sample Center  
for Manners & Civility



**CORRECTIONS:** In last week's issue, Dr. Ralph Ford was referred to as the director of the School of Engineering and Engineering Technology. He is actually an associate professor of electric and computer engineering.

## FOCAL POINTS



Students peruse the latest poster offerings at the annual poster sale. The sale encouraged students to display their interests while cheering up their rooms.

K.J. MARGRAFF/BEHREND BEACON

# Election 2004

Special Coverage in your Behrend Beacon

## Student interns for Kerry campaign

By Jeffrey Smen  
contributing writer

Behrend student, Tim Baumbach, recently had the privilege of becoming an intern on the Kerry campaign. Baumbach is currently in his seventh semester majoring in history with a minor in political science. Baumbach grew up, and still lives in, Harborcreek.

"I'm a liberal by heart and a big time democrat," said Baumbach. "I love politics, always have, and I decided while I was watching the primaries that Kerry was my guy. I picked him a long time before the caucuses. I signed up online to volunteer and then got a phone call asking if I wanted to be an intern."

Baumbach's job for the campaign is to help find more volunteers and to call people asking them whom they would vote for and how certain they were about voting for a particu-

lar candidate. This gives the campaign an idea of how hard they must work in order to gain more votes in Pennsylvania.

Baumbach did get the chance to meet John Kerry and take a few pictures with him. While talking to John Kerry, Baumbach "asked him to keep my brother safe when he goes to Iraq next February. I told him that if he wins, he better keep him safe."

Why did he pick John Kerry over George W. Bush and Ralph Nader? Baumbach said, "I am a very liberal person; my views are pretty much exactly like John Kerry's. I'm far left; I'll admit it. Most democrats aren't even as far left as me or even John Kerry. That is why he's such an odd pairing for the election with George W. Bush."

With as many issues as this election has, Baumbach's biggest issue was foreign policy. He said he doesn't agree with it and he knows

many Americans don't either.

This was a life changing experience for Baumbach. He said, "My goal in life is to be involved in politics; I'd love to run for office in the future. I have experience and it gave me a look at the campaign while also meeting some local politicians." Baumbach said that if he had the chance to do it all again, he would, but only for the democratic party.

Baumbach gave one last piece of advice by saying, "The elections are so important. People have to voice their opinions and fight for what they want. That's my main goal. I would like to get out there and make sure people know what they want, who they're voting for, what the issues are and that there is more than one issue. That's why I'd do it again. I got people to think. People have to trust the system in order for it to work."

## DebateWatch inspects candidates

By Dan Snedden  
staff writer

This year students will have the opportunity to participate in DebateWatch, a national voter education program of the Commission on Presidential Debates.

DebateWatch is designed to increase the voter's knowledge about the candidates and their stance on the issues.

DebateWatch will take place on the nights scheduled for the debates; Sept. 30, Oct. 5, 8, and 13. It will be held in Bruno's and Reed 117, and will run from 8:45 p.m. to 11 p.m. Attendance at DebateWatch is required for some communications and political science classes, but all students are strongly encouraged to participate.

Students who attend DebateWatch will view the 90-minute debates then break into groups to discuss them. Communications students will lead the groups and all who are present are asked to participate in discussions. The results of the discussions will be sent to the National Communication Association and published, allowing Behrend's voice to be heard nationwide.

Behrend's DebateWatch is managed by Cathy Mester, senior lecturer in speech communications. Mester feels the program will "encourage younger voters to participate in and be concerned about the presidential election."

Mester hopes the program will motivate Behrend students to "speak up and be a voice."

The Commission on Presidential



CHUCK KENNEDY/KRT

Debates, a non-profit and non-partisan organization, was established in 1987 to make certain that the voters find presidential debates as educational and informative as possible.

The first DebateWatch was held during the 1988 debates, and has taken place during every election since. There are currently over 125 organizations, many of them colleges, involved in DebateWatch. Additional information about DebateWatch can be found at [www.debates.org](http://www.debates.org).

Presidential debates have been an important part of American politics since the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century with the 1858 Lincoln-Douglass debate. The introduction of television and mass media has made debates even more important.

The debates allow citizens to see what the candidates stand for without having to sift through the misinformation and smearing that is often found on television. The debates are a forum for the candidate not just to

present their ideas, but to allow the voters to see how they react under pressure to questions about the issues.

Debates generally follow the same format; a moderator will ask one candidate a question and the candidate will have a set amount of time to answer. After the first candidate answers, the second candidate will be given a chance to follow up with a response, and then the first candidate will be allowed to cross-examine the follow up. Debates generally focus on many issues, allowing the voter a well-rounded view of each candidate.

This year, record numbers of citizens aged 18-22 have been registering to vote. These numbers are due in part to massive awareness campaigns such as Rock the Vote, and DeclareYourself.com. Both programs have a goal of registering at least a million citizens and so far have a combined total of about 1.5 million newly registered voters.