

# NEWS

## WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>HIGH: 60</b>	<b>LOW: 47</b>	Mostly cloudy with evening showers possible.
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>HIGH: 59</b>	<b>LOW: 45</b>	Cloudy with a couple showers possible.
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>HIGH: 58</b>	<b>LOW: 45</b>	Clouds and sun.
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>HIGH: 53</b>	<b>LOW: 41</b>	Mostly cloudy.
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>HIGH: 53</b>	<b>LOW: 37</b>	Partly sunny.
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>HIGH: 52</b>	<b>LOW: 39</b>	Clouds and sunshine.
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>HIGH: 55</b>	<b>LOW: 41</b>	Mostly cloudy, overcast with possible rain in the evening.

## FOCAL POINTS



Steel Impressions, part of the Rythms of Life Series, performed Wednesday in Bruno's Cafe. The six-piece steel drum band presented their vibrant musical repertoire to lunching students.



Alpha Sigma Alpha participated in the Greek Sing on Tuesday, a tribute to Madonna.

## BEHREND BRIEFS

### Celebrate Behrend: Past-Present-Future

On Nov. 1 and 2, Celebrate Behrend's Half Century of Success: Past, Present and Future will offer freshman and sophomore answers to a perplexing question: Why stay at Behrend? The event will be held in conjunction with the Founder's Day celebration and Senior Salute Days. Cider and apples will be served.

The fair is designed to educate freshman and sophomore students on the many advantages Behrend has to offer them over their sophomore and/or junior and senior years.

### Trigon hosts Allies Luncheon

On Monday from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the McGarvey commons, Trigon will host a luncheon for all allies. There will be free food, buttons and pens. The event is sponsored by SAF and SGA.

### Film series presents "Persons of Interest"

On Nov. 9, the Screen Visions Film Series will present for Behrend the 2004 documentary "Persons of Interest." The film will be shown in Reed 117 at 7 p.m. The film is free and open to the public.

After Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, Muslim-Americans have come under increased discrimination and prosecution. At least 5,000 Arab/Muslim immigrants were unjustly taken into custody. "Persons of Interest" reveals the true stories of these people in their own words.

"The documentary won seven awards, including the Women's Eye Award and the 2004 RiverReen International Film Series. It is co-directed by Alison Madeem and Tobias Perse and one of them is scheduled to attend the showing.

### Rythms of Life continues

To celebrate National American Indian Heritage Month, The Rythms of Life Series will present the Piscataway Indian Nation Native American Singers and Dancers. The group will perform on Nov. 9, in Bruno's Cafe starting at noon. The performance is free and open to the public.

## ELECTION 2004

# SGA sponsors ride to polls

By Maggie Causgrove  
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Nov. 2 marks the official day that the election polls will be opened and voters across the nation will be able to voice their opinions on which presidential candidate is best suited for America.

For those registered voters here on campus that do not have cars and would like to vote, Behrend's SGA will be sponsoring rides to the election polls on Nov. 2. SGA has been funded through SAF to provide transportation to the Brookside polling booth. University wide vans will be used, driven by faculty and staff volunteers from both Student Activities and Student Affairs departments.

Deepti Soni, a SGA senator and the director of governmental affairs said, "Our committee has been working extremely hard in trying to get people registered to vote both last year and especially this year, now we are just trying to promote to get students out to the polling booths."

SGA hopes that students here on campus take full advantage of their voting rights and go to the polls because this upcoming election is an important one that will impact many lives. They anticipate that each student's vote will make a difference as well as make more people aware of what is going on in the world of politics and help to reduce voter apathy. With transportation now being provided to the polls, SGA expects many students will go to the polls and help make a positive difference in our country.

According to the GALLUP poll, an online web organization where the world's leading scientists in economics, psychology, management, and sociology collect data on the world of politics; this election will be a big one, especially for young voters, particularly ages eighteen to twenty-five. This age gap is the largest number of non-voters in our country. Therefore, these votes could very well determine which candidate is elected into office this term. Students who are registered voters are encouraged to go to the polls

and let their voice be heard for this reason of making a change.

"For this upcoming election, I really just hope that people realize their vote truly does matter and that they can make a difference," said Soni. "I am extremely happy because I have seen many more people get involved and participate in the election."

Many groups and organizations on campus have been encouraging students to register to vote and be heard as well. SGA has found that Behrend's student body seems to be turning full-circle and really trying to support voting rights.

Students should also be aware that SGA passed a resolution two weeks ago to request that faculty and staff avoid giving major assignments or exams on election day and the day after so that students can "actively participate in the electoral process," said Soni.

All Students who are interested in SGA's transportation services should plan on meeting in front of the Rub desk Nov. 2 anytime starting between 9:30 a.m. and ending at 7p.m.

# Make-A-Wish haunts Erie

By Meghan Bool  
staff writer

Jrs' On the Bay and Lake Erie Speed Way are working hand in hand this year to put on the first ever Downtown House of Horrors, to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

"The Haunted House is even bigger than last year, filled with many new crazy corks! This attraction is geared to teenagers and older," said Ryan Russell from Lake Erie Speed Way.

Along with the haunted house, guests can be further entertained with the cozy hayrides and treats sold at the concessions. Make an evening out of it because it's only \$8 per person and \$2 of that goes to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation's mission is to grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength, and joy. The foundation reaches out to children between the ages of 2 to 18 years.

When a child is accepted into the Make-A-Wish Family, they have the chance to choose a wish that falls under four major categories, "I wish to go.... I wish to be.... I wish to meet....

I wish to have..." Some Make-A-Wish kids want to travel to their favorite theme park, while others want to visit an exotic beach, go on a cruise, see snow for the first time, or attend a major sporting event or concert.

Children use their imagination when they wish to be someone for a day - a fireman, a police officer, or even a model. Many kids want to meet their favorite athlete, recording artist, television personality, movie star, politician, or public figure. Children often wish for a special gift, like a computer, a tree house, a shopping spree, or something that they have longed for for a long time.

The cost of an average wish is roughly \$3,400. However, the cost does vary depending on the type of wish that is chosen. The foundation is funded through various fundraisers and donations, etc.

All wish expenses are fully covered, including all travel and spending money when needed. The Make-A-Wish Foundation's objective is to create a memorable wish experience for both the child and family.

Since 1980, when the Foundation was founded, the organization has blossomed into a worldwide phenomenon reaching more than 110,000 children worldwide.

As the Foundation continues to grow, its mission will remain steadfast.

Karen Klinger, a student at Behrend as well as one of the volunteers from last year said, "I had an amazing time. The cause was great and I wouldn't hesitate about doing it again!"

To sign up or for more information, please e-mail Tom Garbin at tag210@psu.edu or Meghan Bool at meb332@psu.edu. For additional information, contact the Make-A-Wish Foundation at 868-0474.

Jan Stork, the Regional Manager of the Make-A-Wish Foundation said, "At the same time teenagers and adults are scared out of their wits, they are helping to make wishes come true for children!"

The haunted house will be open, for those who dare, Oct. 22, 23, and 25-30. Each night the residents of the house will be open during the bewitching hours of 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Halloween they will be open an hour longer from 7 p.m. till the strike of midnight. Screams can be heard at Jrs' On the Bay, 726<sup>th</sup> West Bayfront Parkway.

## POLICE AND SAFETY

10/17/2004

Complainant reported that someone had taken two hubcaps from her car as it was parked in Ohio Hall lot yesterday.

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"A kind word is like a spring day."  
— Russian proverb

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