





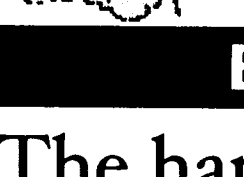


WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

SATURDAY 	HIGH: 46	LOW: 37	Variable cloudiness.
SUNDAY 	HIGH: 47	LOW: 37	Partial sunshine.
MONDAY 	HIGH: 48	LOW: 37	Cloudy with evening rain possible.
TUESDAY 	HIGH: 49	LOW: 35	Clouds with a chance of rain.
WEDNESDAY 	HIGH: 41	LOW: 26	Mostly cloudy.
THURSDAY 	HIGH: 36	LOW: 23	Times of clouds and sun.
FRIDAY 	HIGH: 34	LOW: 22	Sun and clouds.

BEHREND BRIEFS

The hanging of the greens

Today at 7 p.m. at the Wintergreen Gorge Cemetery Behrend Chapel. Transportation will be provided at 6:30 p.m. in front of the Reed Union Building. The event is Behrend's oldest tradition and is sponsored by the Protestant and Catholic Ministries.

Halo 2 tournament

On Dec. 8 at 5 p.m. in the Senat Hall lobby, a Halo 2 team single elimination tourney will be held. The tournament is open to all and the competitions will be in teams of four. Participants are asked to bring their own controllers and to register through email with mgh151@psu.edu.

POLICE AND SAFETY

- 11/21/2004**
Student reported that a wheel had been stolen from his vehicle.
- 11/22/2004**
Complainant reported his son, a resident of Niagara Hall had his nose broken in a fight.
- 11/23/2004**
Complainant came to the station to report that her 2000 Ford Taurus was vandalized as it sat in Ohio Hall lot between 5:15 p.m. yesterday and 1:30 p.m. today.
- 11/23/2004**
Complainant reported that his Toyota Celica was vandalized as it sat in Ohio lot.
- 11/24/2004**
Complainant came to the station and reported that his Chevy Cavalier was vandalized as it sat in the Junker lot last night.
- 11/24/2004**
Complainant came to the station to report that he accidentally scratched a vehicle while pulling out of a space in the Glenhill lot. A non-reportable accident report is pending.
- 11/24/2004**
Complainant reported smoke coming from a storeroom in Bruno's several VFD's responded. There were no injuries reported.
- 11/29/2004**
Complainant reported that someone damaged her car as it sat in Perry Hall lot between 11:00 p.m. on 11/27 and 11:00a.m. on 11/28.
- 11/30/2004**
Complainant reported several items taken from his room.
- 12/1/2004**
Fire alarm reported in Perry Hall. Caused by vandalism.

CLASSIFIED

"Compassion is the basis of morality."
— Arthur Schopenhauer, German philosopher
(1788-1860)

Janet Neff Sample Center
for Manners & Civility

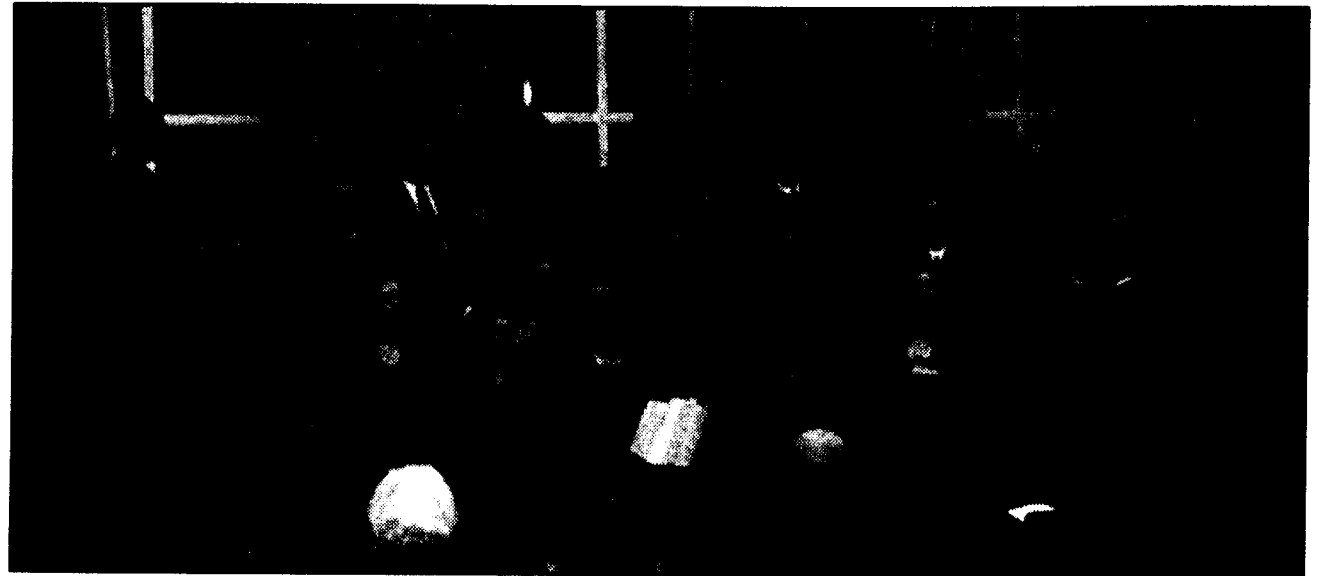


FOCAL POINTS



BRADLEY STEWART/BEHREND BEACON

Kara Humphries, MANGT 07, runs the Multi-cultural Council's Basket Raffle. The baskets are donated by offices on campus and the funds are placed in the MCC's general fund. This fundraiser takes place every year before Christmas and is one of the MCC's biggest fundraisers



DANIELLE FAULKNER/BEHREND BEACON

The Behrend College Choir performed in McGarvey yesterday, their repertoire included Massa's Missa Brevis, Caldara's Stabat Mater, and Rutter's God Be In My Head. The choir is one of Behrend's oldest organizations and consists of students from all majors.



BRADLEY STEWART/BEHREND BEACON

The Health and Wellness Center's "Tree of Life" commemorates those who lost the battle with AIDS, those who live with AIDS, and those who have been affected by AIDS. Students sign a red bow and hang it on the tree to recognize the AIDS crisis and those who face it.

Greener Behrend Task Force preaches sustainability

By Annie Sevin
staff writer

The Greener Behrend Task Force is focusing on educating students and the community about sustainability this year. Sustainability, according to a Greener Behrend Task Force pamphlet, is "about living within our means, working with the Earth and respect." Dr. Thomas Wortman, assistant for academic administration heads the Task Force and Mary Beth Peterson, director of the Career Development Center, is also a committee member for the Greener Behrend Task Force.

"About three years ago the University asked us [Penn State Behrend] to include something into our planning process about ecological sustainability, instead...we decided to do...a major effort towards sustainability and that is [where] the Greener Behrend Task Force started," said Wortman.

The Task Force has seven goals. One: to reduce energy use; two: conserve water; three: minimize solid and liquid waste; four: increase the quality of food and reduce its waste; five: protect and preserve natural areas; six: use "green" practices into the construction and renovation of facilities; and seven: promote ecological stewardship within the college community.

According to Wortman, "We're concentrating our energy this year on education by what we call stewardship, which is getting the word out to the whole campus community about how important sustainability is."

Ms. Peterson is in charge of the edu-

cation goal. Peterson says that, this year, the Task Force is concentrating on educating why sustainability is in everyone's best interest and why people should take part in it.

So far, the education committee held an energy conservation workshop for faculty and staff about winterizing their homes. Peterson said that a good way of promoting conservation of energy use and minimizing waste on campus is to have people start in their homes. For the students whose homes are on campus, the committee wants to work with RA's and through clubs and organizations to begin brainstorming about reducing energy usage on campus, recycling and conserving water (reporting leaks, taking shorter showers, etc.).

The committee is planning some events for this year, but nothing specific has been finalized yet. They are, however, talking about using the "Stall Stories" flyers to help educate students and faculty about water conservation, and possibly about having a "Greener Behrend garage sale" at the end of the spring semester. The sale would be an alternative for students who want to throw out useless items at the end of the year - instead of just pitching them into the dumpsters, they can donate them to the sale. All the proceeds they would make would then be turned back into the efforts towards the Greener Behrend Educational Committee.

"Our biggest struggle...is trying to figure out what is the balance between progress and preservation," said Dr. Wortman. He says sustainability is important because "this College believes in

maintaining the history of this property. This was a wonderful gift from the Behrend family and we have a responsibility to maintain the integrity of this beautiful piece of natural space."

Last year, the Task Force concentrated their efforts on The Arboretum at Penn State Behrend, which is the largest university arboretum in the region. According to a media publication by the Greener Behrend Task Force, "An arboretum is a collection of woody plants that are labeled, cataloged and mapped... Through the local contributions of local garden clubs and Dr. Edwin C. Masteller, the college has been able to add to the pre-existing collection of the Behrends. These collections, the gorge areas and all of campus (totaling over 725 acres) is what is included in the Arboretum at Penn State Behrend..."

"I think sustainability is a goal for everyone," stated Dr. Wortman. The Task Force is encouraging student involvement.

"We would love some high energy students who have real concerns for these sorts of topics to join our group and add to our energies," says Peterson.

Dr. Wortman said, "We have zero students directly involved with any of our committees right now, it has been a struggle to get students involved...but I'm certain there are students that would be willing to help out at least by giving us their opinions or by getting involved in some planning..."

If any students are interested, they may contact Ms. Peterson at the Career Development Center (x6164) or by e-mail: mbp1@psu.edu.