





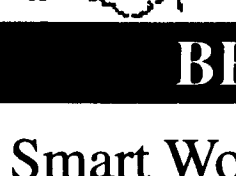


NEWS

WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

SATURDAY 	HIGH: 34	LOW: 20	Increasing clouds.
SUNDAY 	HIGH: 39	LOW: 28	Mostly cloudy.
MONDAY 	HIGH: 41	LOW: 31	Mostly cloudy, rain and ice possible late.
TUESDAY 	HIGH: 39	LOW: 29	A wintry mix possible.
WEDNESDAY 	HIGH: 34	LOW: 23	Cloudy, a wintry mix possible. Possible flurries late.
THURSDAY 	HIGH: 33	LOW: 22	Overcast with flurries, turning out clear.
FRIDAY 	HIGH: 35	LOW: 23	Sunshine, partly cloudy and cold late.

BEHREND BRIEFS

Smart Women Finish Rich seminar

Michael Beuchert, Abby Marasco, Michaele Parees and Ralph Linarelli, Jr. are to present a "Smart Women Finish Rich" seminar to show women how to plan for their financial future. The program will be held Feb 3 at 7 p.m. in Reed 114. The cost is \$20.

Career event

The School of Humanities and Social Sciences is sponsoring a career event at 5:30 p.m. in the Smith Chapel on Feb. 2. Alumni who have graduated with degrees in English, communications, history, political science and psychology and who are currently working in business and industry will speak about their own career paths. There will be free food and open discussion with the speakers.

Faculty to give public reading

On Feb. 10 Behrend English and creative writing faculty will read from their works in the Smith Chapel at 6 p.m. Faculty members reading will include George Looney, Holly Welker, Tom Noyes, Greg Fowler and Ruth Pflueger. The event is free and open to the public.

POLICE AND SAFETY

1/19/2005
Officer was dispatched to Student Affairs office after a student became belligerent during a meeting. Student was gone prior to officer's arrival.

1/20/2005
Complainant reported possible harassment from fellow student. Complainant decided to go to Student Affairs but left statement with us in case problem continues.

1/24/2005
Complainant reported a fire in the apartment quad outside the 500 buildings. This was found to be a couple of cardboard boxes and was out upon arrival. Students responsible were referred to Student Affairs.

CLASSIFIED

"Life is not so short but that there is not always time enough for courtesy."
— Ralph Waldo Emerson, American essayist, public philosopher and poet (1803-1882)

Janet Neff Sample Center
for Manners & Civility



FOCAL POINTS



SGA Senators Rachael Yates and Sara Grant hand out doorprizes at the annual Jr.'s Last Laugh THON fundraiser. THON takes place Feb. 18.



Brad Patton, PLET 04, and Brent Johnson, ME08, take advantage of the winter weather snowboarding style. Several Behrend students built the jump on Saturday.



The band eighth blackbird performed yesterday as part of the Music at Noon program. The six person group presented their musical offerings to a captivated audience in the Reed Wintergarden.

Chapter of Lambda Pi Eta now open Communications honor society arrives on campus

By Tiffany Mak
staff writer

Cathy Mester, senior lecturer in speech communication, hopes to provide a way for students in the communications field to be recognized academically on a national level by adding a Behrend chapter to Lambda Pi Eta this semester.

Lambda Pi Eta is a communications honor society in which more than 200 schools in America participate. Behrend is joining this society because of its national recognition and prestige. Mester was excited that Behrend will be one of the 200 schools.

"We are going to have an honor in our department," said Mester.

Mester believes that membership in this society could be very beneficial to communications student's resumes.

"Once they include joining the Lambda Pi Eta in resumes, it is their benefit to get access to graduate school and their future career," said Mester.

Since the Lambda Pi Eta is also an academic society with high compliance, there is no doubt communication students can step closer to the "na-

tional professions."

Like other honor societies at Behrend, hosting guest speakers and seminars are this society's main activities. Mester has faith that "students will obtain a national honor with their academic discipline for a high-achieving society."

Days before, Mester sent invitations to all eligible students chosen by faculty members to join this society. Eligible students are those who earned 60 credits with a 3.0 GPA or above, and 12 credits with a 3.25 GPA or above in the communication courses within those 60 credits.

She emphasized that students enrolled in non-communication majors can join this society too, as long as they have fulfilled the above criteria.

The reason that Mester wanted the press, was not to promote, but to make the society known to students. Mester hopes to attract students through means other than direct contact.

The current President of Association of Women in Communication, Sara Kamber, COMBA 08, is taking part in helping to form Lambda Pi Eta.

"I think it is a positive thing as we all need something to put on our resume," she said when asked about her opinion of Behrend joining the Lambda Pi Eta.

When there are not many clubs and organizations for the communication department, Kamber felt that the Lambda Pi Eta serves as "another resource" for communications students to have extracurricular activities outside the classrooms.

"Business students have lots of trips and communication students don't, so the Lambda Pi Eta can be a good resource for them to learn extra stuff," said Kamber.

Apart from having something to put on a resume "that looks really good," Kamber asserted there are limited communication activities available. With the growing number of communication students, she expected a good number of members.

Kamber encouraged qualified students to join the Lambda Pi Eta.

"If you are eligible, once you pay \$30, you can be recognized nationally."

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