








## NEWS

## Weather Forecast

<b>Saturday</b>	HIGH: 44    LOW: 34
	Windy and brisk with rain and possible snow.
<b>Sunday</b>	HIGH: 47    LOW: 37
	Cloudy and windy.
<b>Monday</b>	HIGH: 50    LOW: 39
	Early showers possible.
<b>Tuesday</b>	HIGH: 53    LOW: 39
	Cloudy and rainy.
<b>Wednesday</b>	HIGH: 55    LOW: 38
	Rainy.
<b>Thursday</b>	HIGH: 56    LOW: 39
	Cloudy with possible showers.
<b>Friday</b>	HIGH: 53    LOW: 36
	Mostly cloudy with rain possible.

## Behrend Briefs

## Teacher's Excellence to be Rewarded

By Leah Frame  
contributing writer

The Undergraduate Studies Committee will decide which faculty member shall be rewarded the annual Penn State Erie Council of Fellows' Excellence in Teaching Award in April.

Since the award's establishment in 1969, it has recognized the achievements of particularly effective teachers, through nominations made by students and the administration.

The Office of the CEO and Dean said that the committees vary each year. The main eligibility requirement is that the teacher has served at least two years at Behrend and, of course, must be nominated.

Last year's award was presented to Dr. Dawn Blasko, who is the program chair of Behrend's psychology major.

"Winners will receive a plaque and \$200," said the Office of the CEO and Dean.

The awards ceremony will be held on April 23, along with four other awards.

Erie's Council of Fellows also grants the Faculty Research Award and the Faculty Excellence in Outreach. Other awards to be presented are the Benjamin A. Lane Outstanding Service Award and the Guy W. Wilson Award for Excellence in Academic Advising.

## Police Reports

3/28/2005

Complainant reported his wallet stolen from Junker Center in December 2004. At this time he also is reporting his identity has been taken and is being used. See report.

3/30/2005

Complainant reported that an errant golf ball broke a window in Bruno's.

## Classifieds

## HELP WANTED

Addressers wanted immediately!  
No experience necessary. Work at home.  
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"This country will not be a good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a good place for all of us to live in."

— Theodore Roosevelt, American adventurer and 26th president (1858-1919)

Janet Neff Sample Center  
for Manners & Civility



## FOCAL POINTS



CHRIS HVIZDAK/BEHREND BEACON

Students mingle in the hallway of the Junker Center during the New Found Glory concert Thursday night. Cameras were not permitted in the performance area per contract stipulations set by the band.



DAN SNEDDEN/BEHREND BEACON

The cast of 'Working' rehearses Thursday night in the Studio Theater. The first performance of working is April 8.

## Residence Hall lacks sign

By Amanda Charney  
contributing writer

With all of the construction going on around campus, certain renovations seem to have been forgotten or ignored.

Behind the Chapel, construction continues on the Research and Economic Development Center (RED-C) and as of August, Senat Hall has offered 150 freshmen a new place to live.

Over the summer, Perry Hall received a new roof. However, this is the jilted dormitory in question.

Some students, especially Perry residents, may have recently noticed the replacement of their lobby furniture with brand new pieces.

What makes Perry the jilted place of residency is that it is the only hall that does not have metal lettering to proudly display its namesake: Commander Oliver Hazard Perry, hero of the Battle of Lake Erie, the turning point in the War of 1812.

"I don't think that new furniture compensates for the lack of metal lettering on Perry," said Xenia Tomlinson, PSYCH 04. "If we can afford a new roof, we should be able to replace the letters."

Although Tomlinson resides in Niagara Hall, she said that it looks careless that the letters are not even stenciled in or straight to make them look decent.

To use names from the Battle of Lake Erie was planned by the late Dr. Irvin Kochel, degreed in history and head of Penn State Behrend from 1954 to 1980.

Kochel planned that all the residence halls and dining halls would have names related to the Battle of Lake Erie. Senat Hall was named for George Senat, another sailing master in the battle.

All of these buildings have been given the title that Kochel approved of except for the missing Perry letters.

Perhaps by the time the construction of the Research and Economic Development Center (RED-C) is concluded action will be taken to make Perry whole by adding metal lettering.

Surely these three-inch black letters can be picked up at the local hardware store for around \$2-6 per letter, or if preferred, a pack of three-inch letter stencils for around \$8 per pack (www.acehardware.com).

Although, it could be worse for the dorms, as the work done to Perry includes installation of new electrical, data and telephone service, sprinklers, new ceilings, new lighting, rooms painted, new wardrobes built, redesigned bathrooms, new plumbing fixtures, laundry facility upgrades, new carpet, new interior and exterior doors and locks, card access and the new peaked roof.

Overall Niagara, Lawrence and Perry provide living space for approximately 600 students. With the addition of Senat Hall, Behrend can now house 1,650 undergraduate students.

## MBA program receives high scores

By Jason Della Sala  
staff writer

More and more students are graduating with a degree in business, most of whom pursue a master of business degree, MBA. The Penn State Erie MBA program emphasizes problem solving, which is crucial to management.

Sam and Irene's School of Business was ranked one of the top business schools in the country. The MBA program has been accredited by AACSB International, placing it in the same company as Harvard, Yale and Wharton. The AACSB International is an organization that places standards on business programs in college. Accreditation represents the college's superiority in teaching business and represents the highest standards of quality, with continuous commitment and improvement.

Students that attend an AACSB accredited school, such as Behrend, are

more prepared for the competitive job market.

The Behrend MBA Program is directed by Dr. Peg Thoms, associate professor of management. Dr. Thoms is noted for her expertise in time orientation.

She recently published a book in 2003, "Driven By Time: A Guide to Time Orientation and Leadership." She received her Ph.D. in 1994 from Ohio State University, majoring in orientation behavior and human resources management. After graduation, she received a position at the Sam and Irene's School of Business, where she continues to share her expertise with business students.

The Behrend MBA degree requires students to complete between 30 and 48 credits, depending on their undergraduate degree. To be a full-time undergraduate student, one must take at least 12 credits, while an MBA graduate student only needs nine credits to be considered full-time. Behrend offers graduate courses during the evenings and on

Saturdays, because most students are fully employed, working for their MBA on a part-time basis.

Along with the MBA comes the cost. Tuition for the 2004-05 school year was \$549 per graduate credit for Pennsylvania residents and \$868 for non-Pennsylvania residents.

If cost is an issue, a student, once accepted into the MBA program, can apply for an assistantship position, working an average of 20 hours a week. Assistantship positions available at Behrend are with the Credit Card Research Center, Finance, Economic Research Institute of Erie and Partnership Erie. Graduate Assistantships receive a full tuition waiver, a monthly stipend, an opportunity to purchase health insurance and the opportunity to improve ones resume.

Overall, the Behrend MBA program proves to be one of the top business programs in the country, receiving national recognition. In turn, Behrend MBA graduates will be well suited for

