






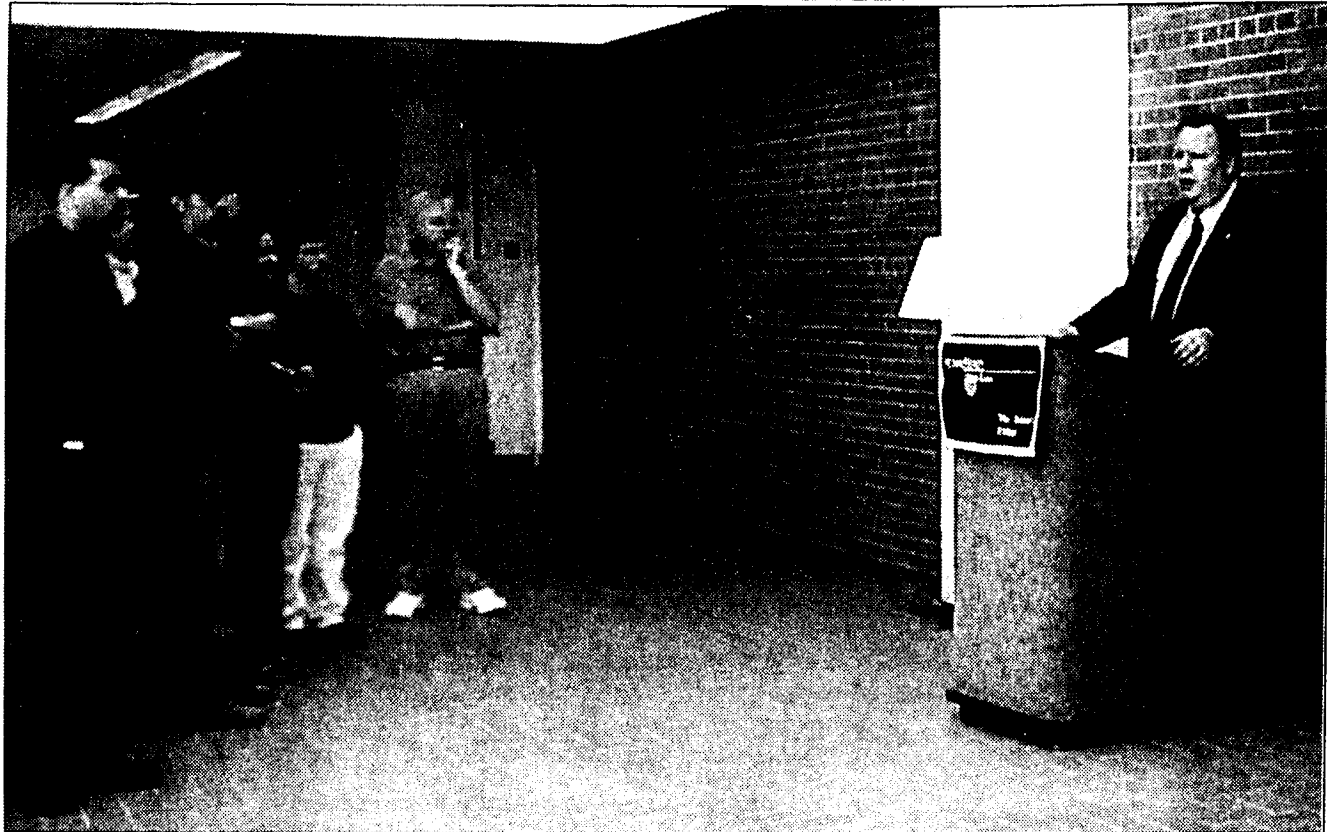


NEWS

Weather Forecast

Saturday	HIGH: 50	LOW: 20		Breezy and chilly with periods of rain.
Sunday	HIGH: 44	LOW: 23		Colder; periods of snow and rain.
Monday	HIGH: 49	LOW: 26		Rather cloudy with showers.
Tuesday	HIGH: 52	LOW: 29		Mostly cloudy with rain possible.
Wednesday	HIGH: 56	LOW: 34		Mostly cloudy.
Thursday	HIGH: 57	LOW: 34		Partly sunny.
Friday	HIGH: 57	LOW: 37		Rain.

FOCAL POINTS



DANIELLE FAULKNER/BEHREND BEACON

On Tuesday U.S. Rep. Phil English spoke in the Reed Wintergarden, introducing legislation to help students lower their tuition costs



JEROME FOHL/BEHREND BEACON

Kevin Bales, president of the Free The Slaves organization, entitled Throwaway People, spoke on Wednesday in the Smith Chapel on the topic of modern slavery.

Behrend Briefs

On April 12 the Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) Circle of Penn State Behrend inducted new officers. The new officers will serve ODK during the 2005-2006 school year and include Laura Stuart (President), Shannon Farley (Vice President), Laine McCullon (Secretary), Jeremiah Riethmiller (Treasurer) and Cayla Javor (SGA Representative). Assisting the officers will be advisors Andrew Waters (faculty/staff) and Tod Allen (volunteer). The new executive staff thanks the efforts of the past officers and wishes the graduating members the best for the future.

The 2004-2005 membership was lead by President Erin Troester. Under Erin's leadership and the efforts of ODK's members, the Circle participated in several community service projects including The Peace Corps visit, co-sponsor of the Americorps Project of Cleveland and the Red Cross fundraiser. Members have also signed up to assist with the Special Olympics, Erie Conservation Club's tree bundling and the Erie Dawn work group.

Police Reports

4/13/2005
Complainant reported that a faculty member found damage on the door leading to the Seismic Center. Nothing was discovered missing however. This occurred between 4/9/2005 and today.

4/15/2005
Complainant reported that her parking permit was taken from her vehicle sometime within the past 2 weeks.

4/18/2005
Complainant reported theft of tennis wind screen.

4/18/2005
Complainant felt nauseous as he was riding his bike on a trail along Behrend fields. Nurse from Health and Wellness Center as well as Medic 99 and Brookside VFD personnel assessed the patient before he was transported to VA hospital.

4/18/2005
Complainant reported finding her 2005 Mazda 3 Sedan damaged after she left the Junker Center. A non-reportable accident form was filed.

Classifieds

"If the world seems cold to you, kindle fires to warm it."
— Lucy Larcom, American poet (1826-1893)

Janet Neff Sample Center
for Manners & Civility 

CDC aides anxious graduates

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The Career Development Center can help apprehensive graduating seniors in making the transition to the real world upon graduation.

At this time, many graduating students are finishing up senior projects, studying for finals, while at the same time, making major decisions that will affect the rest of their lives.

As if searching for jobs isn't enough, students must also travel for interviews and deal with intense pressures of finding the right job; one that will presumably decide their futures.

The CDC understands the issues graduating students are dealing with, and offers advice for common anxieties.

The first step after graduation is finding the right job. The CDC helps by sending e-mails to students about job placements within their major. Through internships and the job fair,

employers who are impressed with Behrend graduates will be encouraged to hire more students in the future.

Another way to prepare students is through mock interviews. During their senior year, many students are required to perform mock interviews.

"My mock interview with the CDC was a very valuable tool," said Marc Barrett PLET 08. "It prepared me a lot for my actual interviews."

Although trying to find the right job is important, the CDC reassures students that many college graduates go on to change jobs after their first year. With the exception of very specific majors like engineering, students graduating with a broader majors will find more varieties of job placements.

One key approach that students will need to master is time management. Going to work is a lot different than going to class, and skipping will no longer be an option. Students who have learned time management in college, however, will be more prepared and ready to enter the working force,

and may be comforted in not having to hand in homework.

Besides offering advice in these areas, the CDC provides undergraduate students with mock interviews, where the students can build up confidence and prepare for real life situations.

Once graduation is over, students will be faced with other problems. The CDC found that many Behrend graduates were unprepared as far as teamwork skills, working with different kinds of people, bills, budgeting and all around balance. One solution is to talk with the people in the CDC who are familiar with these problems, and who can offer helpful answers.

Once an ideal job is found, the CDC is also helpful with salary negotiations, and is willing to help graduates free of charge for one year.

During the 2003-2004 school year, the CDC helped 1,322 students. Students are encouraged to visit the Career Development Center to learn more about what it has to offer and for important advice for their own futures.