



Homecoming winners
Page 9



THE BEHREND BEACON

Friday, February 24, 2006

A Penn State Erie Student Publication

FEB 24 2006

Vol. LIII No. 22

Unexpected winter wipeouts REDC awaits additional funding

By Miranda Krause
staff writer
mlk319@psu.edu

When American Figure Skater Caryn Kadavy watches the Olympics, she views it from a different perspective; she reflects on the time she spent in the national spotlight. Kadavy participated in the 1988

Olympics, and at fifth place she was forced to drop out of the competition with a 104 degree temperature. Kadavy has no regrets about dropping out of the Olympics. "I've had such an amazing and fulfilling career. You always wonder 'what if?' but you can't change it. You have to accept it."

In this 2006 Olympic year, some figure skaters have been falling out of the competition. A fall on the rotational lift caused a two-point deduction for the Italian ice dancing team of Barbara Fusar-Poli and Maurizio Margaglio. In one second their dreams of getting the gold collapsed and caused the team to be dropped from first to seventh. Fusar-Poli and Margaglio are not the only team to make mistakes; others include Italians Federica Faiella and Massimo Scali.

Canadians Marie-France Dubreuil and Patrice Lauzon, and Bulgarians Albena Denkova and Maxim Stavisky.

and Bulgarians Albena Denkova and Maxim Stavisky.

"The falling happened a little more than usual last night [Sunday]," said Kadavy; however, "the falling pairs are doing very difficult moves, and no one is perfect." Though it is upsetting to make mistakes during routines, Kadavy believes that, "it's just a matter of nerves." Because of the immense pressure figure skaters have to deal with, one

"doubt in their mind may cause them to fall."

Also, another injury to Michelle Kwan has caused her to drop out of the competition. Kwan injured her right hip adductor while landing a triple flip jump and suffered a groin strain in a Saturday morning practice. As the pain grew worse that evening, she had to make a decision that cost her a shot at the gold medal. Ice skating injuries tend to be more serious because the ice is a frictionless surface.

As skaters fall, they try to break their fall with their arms and hands, but due to the surface, they don't always avoid injury.

The accepted cause for figure skaters falling during their program is the

overwhelming stress that accompanies dreams of the gold. Stress can also cause poor health and lessen the figure skaters' ability to perform well. Despite what some may think, skating can be stressful because, "it's a game, it's a sport," according to Kadavy.

Now Kadavy teaches figure skating and still performs as a figure skater in many televised events. At Behrend, she teaches a P.E. course in the fall and also teaches in Cleveland and Pittsburgh. Kadavy is very proud of herself and where she is in her life, "that's when I walk away and just say, 'I made it.'"



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Ice dancing team Fusar-Poli and Margaglio perform in Turino.

By Kate Kelecseny
copy editor
klk5005@psu.edu

A \$30 million state capital investment, the largest investment in Erie county history, will be put to good use as the Research and Economic Development Center (REDC) advances toward its completion date. Over 160,000 square feet in size, the building is to be completed on March 15, 2006. The sophisticated, polished exterior is slightly deceiving because the interior is nowhere near completion. The funding to provide the furniture inside of the building has yet to be released to the university by the state. However, Penn State Erie must begin to pay the utilities on March 15.

The Director of Operations, John Ream, said the funds were approved but have not yet been given to the school. As of now, Behrend is waiting for Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell, as well as the State Budget Committee, to release the money. "It is only a matter of time," said Ream. "The money has been approved and allocated to the university and the funds will be released soon."

Although the contractors will finish the building, access into the REDC will continue to be restricted. "By May, the furniture should be ready to be moved in and everything inside will be set up," assured Ream. Until then, only those working on the interior and maintenance preparation will be permitted to enter the building.

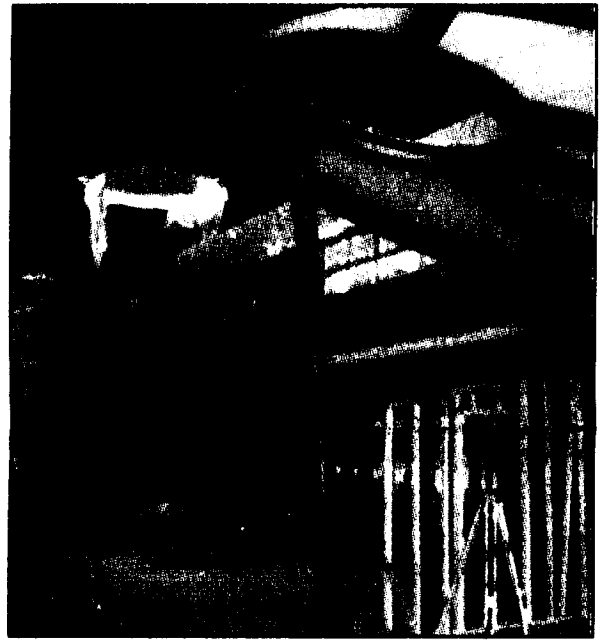
Serving the college for over two decades, Chancellor Burke has been instrumental in the construction of the REDC. Shortly after his arrival at Behrend, Burke submitted the plans for the facility to be approved by the state for funding. The entire process to receive approval and funding takes years. Finally, after 15 years, Dr. Burke is seeing the success of his work and dedication to the project.

In terms of the construction, no major impediments have occurred through the duration of the building process. "This is one of the best projects I have seen here. The contractors have done excellent work," commented Ream. Although the seemingly flawless construction is said to end on March 15, it will not be long until more construction begins. An addition to the REDC is already in the works. Originally, the REDC was to include another large lecture hall, comprised of over 200 seats and similar to the two large lecture halls currently on campus. However, funding was questionable and plans were delayed. Since then, funding has become available, and commencement on the construction will begin as soon as May. By the beginning of the 2006 academic year, the REDC will be fully functional and ready for use.

Blueprint plans show the addition of 18 new classrooms, a cyber café, computer labs, engineering labs and faculty offices. The majority of the classes held in the new classrooms will consist of those in the business and engineering curriculum. The café will be similar to the coffee shop currently stationed in Bruno's and will have ample seating in addition to wireless internet.

The overall intention of the REDC is to combine the physical and intellectual resources of two of Penn State Erie's professional schools, the School of Engineering and Engineering Technology and the Black School of Business. The objective is to create a more regional environment for economic development as well as create an atmosphere where students can combine ideas and work together. The research and activities performed in the REDC will support and add to the work done at Knowledge Park.

Ultimately, with the combination of the two professional schools, students will be able to receive more hands-on learning experience which will better prepare them for tasks they will face in their future careers. With the close connections with Knowledge Park, programs in the REDC will link students to more internship opportunities as well as the opportunity to collaborate with other colleges and universities in the area on research projects.



Mike Sharkey/THE BEHREND BEACON

Still under construction, the REDC will open in March.



Bad dates, Page 7

Being a people person pays off

By Robert Frank
managing editor
rgf1126@psu.edu

When Don Hackworth arrived at Behrend in the fall of 2001, he found a beautiful campus that was just the right size, and one that offered his major of choice, Electrical Engineering. Hackworth was awarded the Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Employers (PennACE) JoAnne Day Award. He is the second Behrend student to receive this award and only the third in the entire Penn State System. In addition to the PennACE award, Hackworth also received the 2004-2005 Anita M. Todd Internship Student of the Year Award.

Last summer Hackworth interned at Curtiss-Wright EMD, Advanced Products and Systems in New Stanton, PA. "When I got the job, they immediately assigned me to a project. They had me working on a simulation control system for a Pulse Powered High Energy Supply to be used in the military." He added, "I would like to talk more about the project, but being that it is a government project, I really can't." After his summer internship concluded, Curtiss-Wright nominated him for the PennACE award. "It's pretty cool. I didn't expect to receive anything for doing my job, and when the company nominated me I was shocked. I was also happy that PennACE thought enough of my work to honor me with the award," said Hackworth.

A fifth year Electrical Engineering/Computer Engineering dual major, Hackworth attributes his successes to a variety of influences. When asked which of Behrend's faculty helped him throughout the years, he said, "I would have to say Dr. Coulston and Dr. Ford. They really helped with the paperwork and coordination of the dual major. Dr. Hemminger taught me everything I know about circuit analysis and design, which was the focus of the internship that led to the award." Hackworth also attributes his successes to his experiences being a tour guide for the Office of Admissions, as well as a Lion Ambassador, "...this



Rob Frank/THE BEHREND BEACON

Penn State Erie student, Don Hackworth, received awards and opportunities for being a active on campus.

allowed me to become more personable and become a better speaker, which led to my interview."

This past fall, Hackworth was giving a tour to a group of prospective students when he was approached by one of the students' parents, Michelle DeWitt. DeWitt asked what Hackworth's major was and if he had considered working for Westinghouse after graduation. "I told her I was interested, but I had to turn down an interview at University Park because of a scheduling conflict. She then told me that the interview was a pre-screening process, and that she would like me to send my resume."

The conversation paid off several weeks later when Hackworth was contacted to schedule an interview. A few days before the start of this spring semester, Hackworth was offered a job upon his graduation in May. When asked about his job duties, Hackworth said, "I know I'll be working in the nuclear reactor safety division, but beyond that I haven't really heard." He also added some advice for students in the future, "All I can really say is that to be social, be polite, and be you. You never know when you will get an interview opportunity."

Contents

- News.....1-2
- Editorial.....4
- Humor.....6
- Student Life.....7-8
- Sports.....9-10

Contact Us

Newsroom:
898-6488
Fax:
898-6019

E-mail:
editorinchief@psu.edu

Our offices are located downstairs in the Reed Union Building.