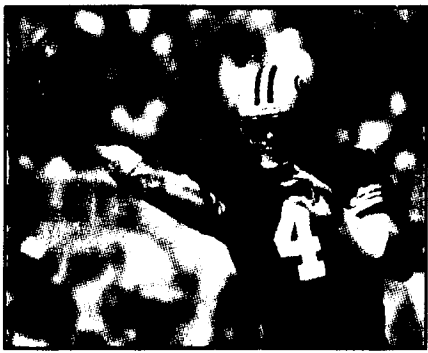


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From field commander to Commander in Chief?

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Bruce Springsteen's Magic dominates album charts.

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Behrend hockey is off to its hottest start in club history.

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Former Behrend student convicted on multiple counts of child pornography

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Erie County Judge Shad Connelly has ruled that former Behrend student Jonathan Demerecz is guilty of sexual abuse of children. This ruling came after Demerecz's non-jury trial on Sept. 26.

Demerecz was convicted after authorities located 21 computer files of children who were being raped or abused sexually. The instrument of crime that was mentioned in an earlier hearing was Demerecz's eMachines computer tower which Demerecz stored his pornographic files on.

Demerecz was convicted of 21 felony counts of sexual abuse of children, all of the counts being third-degree offenses. The felony charges of sexual abuse relate to the possession of the pornography. The one misdemeanor offense was the possession of the computer tower, which was considered the instrument of crime.

The court plans to sentence Demerecz on Jan. 9. He is no longer being held in prison after posting the required \$50,000 bond.

There is still investigation as to whether Demerecz will be considered



Former Behrend student Jonathan Demerecz dressed in costume on-campus last year.

a violent sex offender. Authorities will review whether Demerecz's offense relates to Megan's Law. According to <http://www.pameganslaw.state.pa.us>, Megan's Law, "requires the State Police to create and maintain a registry of persons who reside, work/carry on a

vocation, or attend school in the Commonwealth and who have either been convicted of, entered a plea of guilty to, or adjudicated delinquent of certain sex offenses in Pennsylvania or another jurisdiction."

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Behrend plans activities for Alcohol Awareness Week

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Penn State Behrend has a lot of different activities going on week by week, but one of the more important activities is Alcohol Awareness Week. Alcohol Awareness Week will begin Oct. 15 and end the 19. Meeghan Hollis is one of the coordinators for the Awareness Week. There are a bundle of things to do to open your mind and eyes to the dangers of binge drinking; there will be personal counseling, student on student discussions and even a guest speaker: Mat Eby. Eby is a fellow alcohol abuser, and he plans to speak on his experience of being charged and found guilty of DUI Manslaughter, and DUI Serious Bodily Injury. His presentation is solely for the purpose of teaching Penn State Behrend students the life lesson he encountered and the consequence that comes with drinking irresponsibly.

Another organization on campus helping out with next week is the Student Athletic Advisory Council; they are hosting a table to discuss alcohol issues with students. They will even have a fun activity including beer goggles so a student can feel through their own eyes what it is like to walk a straight line under the influence. The Student Athletic Advisory Council is also going to have questions for the students to answer about alcohol issues, and if they answer them correctly they will be entered to win a free iPod.

The Behrend CARES committee will also be holding a table next week, on Wednesday, and it will consist of information about Alcohol Abuse Prevention. There will even be an informational video called "Wasted Youth" which will bring out more issues of being under the influence. On Friday, Oct. 19 at 11:30 a.m., the Penn State Behrend Sororities and Fraternities will host a "mocktail" party for the students at Penn State Behrend. The sororities and fraternities will introduce students to the positive sides of nonalcoholic drinks; students will even be able to sample those drinks. Students will also receive a Non-Alcoholic Beverage Recipe book and a wallet-sized card on the signs of becoming intoxicated or excessive consumption.

On this campus there are many students who encounter bad experiences involving alcohol. Some of the ways Behrend tries to help these students, besides this annual Awareness Week are the alcohol classes. These classes are used as a punishment but in the end, these required sessions help the students make better judgments when going to a party or going out with friends.

Career Fair brings employers to Junker Center

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Key chains, mini book bags, pens, candy, bottle openers and three-way highlighters-all of these items have similarities to one another, believe it or not. All of these items may not pop out at you as anything special, but these items give a fun-filled reason why some students go to Penn State Behrend's Annual All Majors Career Fair.

While most students go to career fairs to further their education, others simply find it amusing to go around to each stand and grab one or more of the free "goodies" that each company hands out. These "goodies" are there not only to drawn people into each company but to give a fun experience

for those who are just there to browse and not find him or herself an internship or full-time career just yet. Although the primary goal of the career fair is to get Penn State Behrend students who are soon to be entering the scary and sometimes nerve-wracking "real world" interested in many different career opportunities.

Behrend's Career Fair was held Tuesday, Oct. 9 from noon to four in the Junker Center. With over 122 organizations inside the gym at Junker it was hard to not find something to be interested in. From Home Depot to Wegmans to the American Red Cross, the organizations at the career fair certainly sparked lots of interest for current students here at Behrend. This was a real opportunity for freshmen through seniors to search for prospective jobs or even to apply for intern-

ships for after they graduate college.

As this was to be taken as a serious event, most students were dressed in formal attire.

Business suits, skirts and blouses, ties and freshly pressed pants were seen all about Junker Center. Students were able to have real interviews with companies, ranging from banks to engineering companies to hospitals. At each stand informative pamphlets, business cards, and big bright posters explaining each company were visible to everyone. Students were able to go around and ask any questions to the representatives of each company. Senior Amy Brem was one such student who was asking as many questions as possible. Since she is graduating next spring Amy felt as though she really needed to check

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Behrend surprises Kochel with garden in her honor

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On last Friday's sunny and warm afternoon, a group of over thirty people talked and commiserated outside on the Kochel building's patio for an unspecified event. Faculty members received "mystery invitations" to attend the event and were unaware of exactly what the gathering was for until they arrived. At 11:30 a.m., Ethel Kochel was led outside onto the patio by her son, Jeffrey Kochel, where she was pleasantly surprised by an announcement by Dr. Jack Burke, the chancellor of Penn State Behrend, that the "Secret Garden" surrounding her was to be named in her honor.

As a gift from a son to his mother, Jeffrey Kochel, a forester, graduate of Penn State Behrend, and son of Ethel and Irvin Kochel, to whom the building itself is named for, commissioned the garden as a dedication to the works his mother had done for the campus and also for the inspiration his mother had given him. "She has



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The newly landscaped garden outside of the Kochel Building was dedicated to Ethel Kochel on Friday.

a great appreciation for nature and the outdoors, which is a big reason why I am a forester today," said Kochel in his speech. "Having her garden adjacent to the Irvin Kochel building seemed the perfect way to bring these important pieces of her life together for recognition."

Burke began the dedication with a brief history of the Kochel legacy. He discussed how it was the Kochels who helped build Penn State Behrend into

the very first campus outside of University Park to have residential halls and the ability to award four-year degrees, allowing the campus to grow into its current attendance of over 4400 students. With anecdotes about how Ethel Kochel would offer up suggestions on how to improve the grounds of the campus, Burke helped express the admiration of many of the family, friends, and faculty in attendance. After Jeffrey Kochel spoke, Burke brought the dedication ceremony to a close and then encouraged the attendees to enjoy the cider and cookies provided and to help celebrate Ethel Kochel's new garden.

With stone steps leading from the open field in front of the Kochel building onto the patio, the Ethel Kochel Garden contains over 15 kinds of dwarf conifers in addition to a honey locust tree and ornamental grasses. Two tables rest on the concrete for students, faculty, and guests to study, work, and relax. A plaque is in place on the brick and mortar wall dedicating the garden to Mrs. Kochel.

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