

CAMPUS NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

FRIDAY, APRIL 24	SATURDAY, APRIL 25	SUNDAY, APRIL 26	TUESDAY, APRIL 28	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29	THURSDAY, APRIL 30
Free Hearing Screening Reed Conference 112 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. St. Luke's Swim Party Junker Center Classroom 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. St. Luke's Pool Party Junker Center Swimming Pool 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Kappa Delta Rho Initiations Smith Chapel Living Room/ Worship Area 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Midnight Bingo Dobbins Dining Hall 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.	Kids Career Day Junker Center 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Celebrate Erie - Children Junker Center 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Choir Concert Smith Chapel 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. LEB - Sirsy (Band) Bruno's Cafe 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. Gala - Assoc. of Black Collegians and MCC Dobbins Dining Hall 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.	School of Science Reception Prischak Building Roche Hall 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Honors and Awards Reception Reed Building Reed Wintergarden 2 p.m. MONDAY, APRIL 27 Pittsburgh Recruitment Center Reed 114 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Chapter Chat Book Club Smith Chapel 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.	Intramural Badminton Erie Hall Gymnasium 1 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Intramural Events Junker Center 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Muslim Student Association Meeting Reed 112 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Panhellenic Council Meeting Reed 112 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Senat Hall Bonfire Bonanza Wilson Picnic Grove 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.	Res Life Dinner and Poker Playing (no money involved) Logan House - Dining Room, Harry's Club, Parlour 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Communications Club Picnic Wilson Picnic Grove 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. ToppSoccer Junker Center 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Student Forum - What It's Like to Start Up an IT-Based Business REDC 180 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	Chemistry Club - Getting Pizza Wilson Picnic Grove 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. BFA Readings 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Order of Omega Initiation Smith Chapel 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. LEB Weekly Movie - He's Just Not That Into You Reed 117 9 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Chancellor Burke speaks at SGA meeting

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The Student Government Association (SGA) had Dr. Jake Burke, the Chancellor of Penn State Behrend, speak at the weekly SGA meeting on April 22.

The senators and executive board prepared questions to ask the chancellor prior to his visit to the SGA meeting. Most questions included the future of the campus and the future of the chancellor during his retirement.

"It's always great to have the chancellor at the SGA meetings," said Vice President of SGA and the elected president of for 2009-2010 Brad

Kovalcik. "It lets us know where Behrend is headed, shows us the big picture of the college, and lets us know how the SGA can help to make positive changes for the campus community."

One of the more popular questions directed to the chancellor was one about Greek housing on- or off-campus. According to Burke, the university won't grant funding for a building for Greeks. Most Sororities and Fraternities have opted to go off-campus, and if the university was going to grant money for Greek housing, the housing would not be on campus.

As for the transition for the new chancellor, the national search will start in August. National advertisements will

go out and there will be a search committee. Most of the prospective candidates for the office of chancellor will be from nominations and the process should conclude in March. Until the new chancellor is chosen, the staff at Behrend will be picking up tasks so the campus doesn't fall behind.

"We're very plan-oriented here at Penn State so that next person will have a play book," Burke said. "I'd imagine they'd like to put in their own plans as well. The person will probably be appointed far enough in advance that we can plan early."

Once the new chancellor is settled, Burke plans on moving back to northern New York in the Thousand Islands where he

plans to volunteer, read, write, travel, kayak, and fish.

Other questions asked by the SGA senators included adding new majors, more housing, and campus renovations. More housing is in Behrend's five-year plan. More University Gate apartments are being built and Tripp Hall is being planned and should be the size of Almy. Additional majors aren't a huge priority but more fine arts facilities and academic renovations are already underway.

For more information about the future of Behrend, go to the Behrend website for the campus's strategic plan.



Chancellor Burke works hard to incorporate student opinion into school policy.

Behrend student returns from South Korea deployment

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This past semester, a few of our Behrend students were missing from the usual hustle and bustle of the classroom, particularly one. Dan Smith, the Behrend Beacon's photographer, was stationed in South Korea for over a month during Spring Break and well into the weeks following Spring Break. As a member of the 171st Security Forces Squadron in

the US Air Force and Pennsylvania Air National Guard, Smith is constantly on standby to miss weeks or months upon end of school.

Previous to South Korea, Smith was deployed to Washington D.C. and Texas. In the late fall of 2010, Smith will be deployed to Afghanistan for an extended period of time. All these responsibilities of balancing education and work are a lot more difficult when work entails protecting our country and others.

Although Smith could not

disclose some of the activities the Air Force participated in while in South Korea, Smith said that his unit aided in the defense of South Korea. North Korea was threatening to attack South Korea, so U.S. troops along with troops from other countries were aiding South Korea. Smith remarked, "Most of the time we were carrying out a mission. Others were training in case the North Koreans attacked."

He did get the advantage to learn a few things while over in South Korea. "I once heard this

quote said by President Calvin Coolidge when I was deployed: 'the nation which forgets its defenders will itself be forgotten.'"

South Korea, compared to the United States, is not too different Smith says. South Korea contains most of the major clothing and athletic brands, and while they do not have any Wal-Mart or Lowes stores, they do have shops that sell food or other necessities.

Smith missed the English language, but admitted that the it is "on the rise [in South Korea]. English is really being taught in schools. Most of the clothes that they wear are all in English and a lot of things like Starbucks are in English." Many of the television stations are in Korean, but the movies are predominantly English with Korean subtitles.

Smith missed many other things besides English while over in South Korea. He missed "things that [were] going on with the family like going to the hospital." One of Smith's friends passed away during his absence and his uncle went to the hospital. He missed "things that [were] going on here at Behrend like [in] track and field [with] someone making it to a certain place or stats." Smith even missed "things going on with the newspaper."

When asked if he regretted deployment to South Korea, Smith confidently rejected this notion of regret. He gladly volunteered to represent his country. "Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile."



Dan Smith poses in South Korea.



Dan Smith shows Steeler pride in Korea.

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