

what's going on at Behrend:

16 tuesday

Noon-1:00 p.m.- Performance by The Toughcats at Bruno's cafe

11:00a.m.-2:00p.m. - The Lambola Sigma Honor Society is collecting winter coats and accessories outside of Bruno's cafe

17 wednesday

11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.- "A Major Showcase: What can you do in a major in..." Event hosted by the Academic/Career Planning Center. Held in McGarvey Commons
4:00-5:00p.m. - Entering Your Major event. Held in Reed 150
9:00 p.m.- Reed 117 \$1 ticket, Inception

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18 thursday

Noon-1:00 p.m.- Soup for the Soul located in the Smith Chapel Living Room. sponsored by CCM and PCM
5:15-8:00p.m.- Dinner For Six sponsored by SGA. Held in McGarvey Commons
9:00 p.m.- Reed 117 \$1 ticket, Inception

11:00a.m.-2:00p.m. - The Lambola Sigma Honor Society is collecting winter coats and accessories outside of Bruno's cafe

19 friday

12:15 p.m.- Concert organist Dr. Jonathan Moyer performs at Smith Chapel. Free admissions
10:00 p.m.- Reed 117 \$1 ticket, Inception

Promote your event!

The Beacon is glad to display any events from any organization. Submissions are due Friday by 5:00 p.m. for publication in the next Tuesday's issue. To submit an item for the calendar, send an e-mail with information or attachments to editor@psu.edu.

While you should include all possible information, submissions may be edited due to space constraints.

Please contact the Beacon for special requests.

20 saturday

Thanksgiving!

21 sunday

Thanksgiving!

22 monday

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Pennsylvania ROTC Team Places in the Top-Ten

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Ranger Challenge is the name of a weekend long competition where University ROTC Battalions send their toughest, most well-rounded Cadets to compete for the "Iron Mike" trophy, and bragging rights for the next year.

The competition originated as a collegiate version of the annual Best Ranger Competition, held at Fort Benning in Georgia. Cadets compete in not only physical events, but skills, and knowledge based challenges, while pushing themselves through exhaustion.

Universities that offer ROTC programs in the Northeast Region of the U.S. belong to the second Brigade. Behrend falls under the "Pride of Pennsylvania" Battalion which is made up of over a hundred Cadets from Gannon University, Mercyhurst College, and Behrend.

Cadets from each of the

schools know each other very well and participate in Battalion activities together several times each month.

Preparation started last spring with Cadets meeting two days a week to train on skills that would be needed during the fall competition. During the Fall, training became a six day a week regimen.

Team potentials gave up sleep, valuable study time, and much of their social lives to commit to preparing for the competition. Most mornings Cadets would wake up at 0445 so they might be on time to an intensive 0530 workout.

The team was determined by competing in individual tasks pertaining to the competition tasks for the highest scores. Once the Fall Semester started, over forty "high-speed" volunteers came to try-out for the team in mid October, only a ten-person team remained. Training days alternated between test and training days and fitness

Congratulations to the winners:

Chris Hapster	Penn State Behrend
Eric Pelosi	Mercyhurst College
Greg Thompson	Pennstate Behrend
Jim Gallagher	Mercyhurst College
Julie Ross	Gannon University
Patrick Wallenhorst	Mercyhurst College
Sean Will	Mercyhurst College
Steve Marracco	Mercyhurst College
Tyler Payne	Penn State Behrend
Zack Forrester	Mercyhurst College

"smoke-sessions".

Cadets departed on Friday October 15th and traveled by

van for eight hours to Camp Smith, New York, a few miles away from West Point.

Once on site they began preparing for the arduous weekend full of events. The competition kicked off with a 0415 wakeup Saturday morning for an Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT).

Following the APFT cadet teams moved on to compete in a long list of events:

Weapons and communication in an Engagement Skills Trainer (EST); A team scenario mission involving: Military Operations and movement in Urban Terrain (MOUT), engaging enemy targets, Reaction to Unexploded Ordnance/Improvised Explosive Device props, and treatment and evacuation of a casualty under enemy fire; construction and crossing of a "single-rope" bridge over an obstacle; Land Navigation; Weapons disassembly, reassembly, and functions testing; a written exam covering ROTC course material from Freshmen to Senior study levels.


Sunday morning the tired teams awoke at 0500 am to

prepare for the final event, a six mile ruck run.

The team departed carrying a 35-40lb pack and an additional 20lbs of weight in the form of weapons, helmets, and water.

Although far cry from a cross-country race, CDT Tyler Payne from Penn State Behrend, led the way in the formation carrying the Pride of PA Guide-On (unit flag). The course route wound its way directly up a steep gravel road to the top of Bear Mountain and back.

The Pride of Pennsylvania Battalion finished the competition top-ten in every event but one. Overall the team placed 7th out of 23 teams, while competing in the hardest division. Another 20 teams competed the following weekend. The final results have yet to be posted. The team for the fall 2011 season is starting to plan their training for next year's competition.



SGA

Corner

what we've been up to lately:

Members within SGA are deciding on official names for Bruno's future convenient store, which is planned to open by Fall of 2012. So far, the names that have come to mind are "The Gallery" and "Molly's". What do you think? Join the conversation on SGA's Orgsync feed.

what we're up to soon:

SGA is in the process of creating a ride variety apparel, including future options such as t-shirts, hoodies, polos, sweaters, and jackets. You can vote on which clothing item you support by participating on the online poll found on SGA's new Orgsync page

Important dates

Wed. Nov. 10
Elizabeth Kearns, manager of Brunos, will be a guest speaker at SGA.

Wed. Nov. 17
Mike Lindner, Director of Housing and Food Services, will be a guest speaker at SGA's weekly meeting.

what we're up to:

This Thursday, November 18th, SGA is sponsoring Dinner for Six. The reception begins at 5:15 and the dinner begins at 5:45 at McGarvey Commons. Dinner For Six is an enjoyable space

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Weekly Sudoku:

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1	7		8				4	6
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	5	3		7	8			
	1			4			7	
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	2	7						4
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		1		8			5	

difficulty: 2/5

Facebook status of the week:



Neil Peters

"When hope is lost and it's truth I'm seekin', I turn my eyes to The Behrend Beacon. For the looming night brings only sorrow, I know the Beacon will light the morrow. I sit alone in a solemn vigil, by the news rack while others quibble. 'Cuz I'm under no silly delusion, about the breadth of my confusion. So when truth is the treasure I'm seekin', I turn my eyes to The Behrend Beacon"

Adam Fracassi (managing editor)

Neil that is why I miss you.

Katie Duffy (news editor)

We wed on the eve of the morrow.

Think you can outdo this?

LAST WEEK:

Tim Hubert won two free Otter's tickets

Tag the Behrend Beacon fan page in your Facebook status.

The most creative, shocking, revolting, or interesting status wins you 2 free Erie Otter tickets.

Facebook: "The Behrend Beacon"