

NEWS

Steinbacher Speaks Elven

by Thomas Martin
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Raymond Steinbacher gave a lecture on Friday Oct. 19 on the Elven language, created by J.R.R. Tolkien. Tolkien, a fictional writer, invented this

language for the purpose of adding more background to his novels *Lord of the Rings*, *Silmarillion*, and other related publications.

Many found the lecture quite

interesting, due to the fact that the language is almost developed enough to be used as everyday speech. During the lecture, Raymond spoke about the language's alphabet, pronunciations, word usage, and other aspects.

Although no official publications on this language explain directly how it is to be used, Raymond had done his own research and was able to transform his notes into an understandable lingo.

Tolkien fans, especially Steinbacher, realize that this language is one of the most imaginative peripherals to almost any piece of fictional literature.

Raymond hopes to possibly give another lecture; to speak in more detail about the language, and presently he is planning to run a fantasy role playing game for interested students.

Toga, Yorga, Others

by Julie Potochny
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Within the next few weeks, the Behrend College community will have the opportunity to experience cultural events in various areas of entertainment.

On Oct. 26 there will be a Halloween Dance in the Gorge Cafeteria from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. Be sure to dress in a costume.

Local rock band Friction, will appear at the Sadie Hawkins Dance on Oct. 27 from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the Gorge Cafeteria.

On Oct. 31, the Commuter Council will sponsor a Sixth Sense Party at 9 p.m. in the Gorge Cafeteria. These Halloween activities will include palm reading, handwriting analysis, and a seance.

A Toga Dance will be held on Nov. 2 in the Gorge Cafeteria from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m. Grab a sheet and join the fun.

Congressman Tom Ridge will be speaking in the Reed Lecture Hall on Nov. 2 at noon. Don't forget, Election Day is Nov. 6.

Coffee with the Provost will be held on Nov 15 at 9 a.m. in the Memorial Room in the Administration Building.

The Shining will be shown on Oct. 31 and Nov. 2-4, *My Tutor* will be shown on Nov. 7, 9 and 11. All movies will be shown in The Reed Lecture Hall.

On Oct. 31, Halloween movies will be shown. They will include: *And Now the Screaming Starts*, on Oct. 31 at 9 p.m. in the Wilson Picnic Grove, *Count Yorga Vampire* and *Theater of Blood*, both on Nov 1 at 9 p.m. in Lawrence Hall.

Photo Club Developing

by Dale Calvin
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"I don't have a camera!" "I don't know anything about photography!" "I can't take good pictures!" These may be some thoughts of students who might consider joining the forming Photography Club. What most of these students don't realize is that they don't need a camera or any photography experience to join. The only elements needed are interest and ambition.

Three weeks ago, several students brought up the suggestion of starting a Photography Club on campus. After asking others' opinions it seemed as though the interest for the club definitely existed. Sign-ups are being taken at the RUB Desk from students expressing interest in the club. Although the sign-ups ended last week, anyone interested may still join and is welcome to attend the formation meeting on Oct. 29, or the first regularly scheduled meeting on Nov. 7, both in the Reed Seminar Room.

Many have asked what the club will be centered around and what the discussions will consist of at the club meetings. The club's purpose will be to teach basic techniques and will hopefully progress into developing and printing for the novice. The use of the darkroom complex being built in the Hammermill-Zurn buildings is also a possibility for the future. If you are an experienced photographer, the club will enrich your skills and encourage motivation.

Again, a camera or previous experience is not needed! The club will offer something for all, whether you are an interested or experienced photographer.

What's Up?

Astro Club Preps Scope for Photos

by Thomas Milley
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The Astronomy Club's goal for the year may soon be attained. The club president, Jim Owens,

set the goal for taking good astrophotographs through the telescope for the year.

Last weekend, the writer and other members of the club, pitched-in and added several new components to the telescope which will soon enable club members to take photographs of the heavenly bodies.

The parts cost the club half of its budget, but the members agreed that the photographs will be worth the expense. The parts consisted of: a photographic adapter to couple the camera to the focuser, and a set of mounting rings for supporting a 60mm guide telescope which is being donated to the club, and a 2 diameter eyepiece focuser which is strong enough to support a 35mm SLR camera.

The guide telescope is necessary

to keep the main telescope from drifting away from the object being photographed. The camera attaches to the main scope, so you can't track through it.

Another club member, Jim Bobbert, is actively pursuing the construction of a drive corrector which will slightly alter the speed of the telescopes' clock drive, to enable the photographer to "track" the object he is photographing. In astrophotography, exposures are sometimes close to an hour in length, and it is necessary to track the object to keep it from drifting out of the field of view of the eyepiece.

We hope to be able to print a few of these astro-photos in the *Behrend Collegian* in the weeks ahead, so keep your eyes open for **What's Up?**

Roundtable to Read at Night

A Faculty-Student-Community reading will be held at Behrend this semester.

"This is a relaxed event, with free coffee and tea and doughnuts and cookies," said Dr. Diana George, who encourages Behrend faculty and students to come and read their poetry or excerpts from fiction or prose.

"Bring a friend. Bring a parent. Bring a pet," said George, noting that everyone is welcome, even if they don't want to read, but are interested in attending.

George also said it would be acceptable to read a favorite poem of someone else's.

The event, sponsored by the Roundtable Society, will take place on Thursday night, Nov. 1, at 7:30 p.m., in the Reed lecture hall or seminar room.

Discussing previous readings, former Roundtable President Ken Sonneberg said, "Hey, they're adequate. You can't function in the computer world if you don't go to these things."

"Rake up the kids and bring the neighbors," said third term Roundtable Treasurer Doug Saltzman. "These readings are extremely diverse and entertaining. I've enjoyed the ones I've gone to."

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