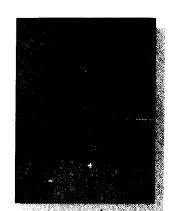
How can an SGA candidate get your vote?



"Persuade me that they are highly qualified for the position." George Morgan III, PLSC 08



"Must speak for the students." Josh Hannold, PSYCH 04



"Don't make promises they can't keep." Kassy Hindman, COMBA 06



"They must be honest and responsible." Becky Nyutu, **DUS 04**



"Free candy and tuition." Brooke Dodds, COMBA 08

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Alumni night offers networking tips

By Tiffany Mak staff writer

The Career Development Center, in cooperation with the Behrend Alumni Society, will be holding an Alumni Networking Event for all students. Participating students will learn about the experiences the alumni have had and put what they have learned into practice.

As part of their mission, the Behrend Alumni Society is focused on helping current students develop their professional skills as well as creating bonds of friendship that can last a lifetime, according to Rebecca Grimaldi, assistant director of development of alumni relations.

The goal of the networking event will be to inform students of the basics of networking, clear up any misconceptions or questions they have about networking and show students the skills necessary to network successfully.

Students who find themselves uneasy in front of their future employers in an unfamiliar situation are welcome to take part in the event "Networking Part 1 - Ties to Help You Succeed" on Tuesday from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in Reed 3.

Within the hour, students are given a chance to learn the skills they need to network with others. A positive networking relationship requires time and commitment to build what job seekers need to establish trust and show interest in their audience's concerns. A demonstration of construction relationships by showing genuine interest and making connections beyond an introduction will be shown to students.

"The Behrend Alumni Society and its executive board are very interested in ways that they can connect with current students and share their experiences and

advice," said Andrew Watters, director of CDC

Along with the techniques students acquired in Part 1 of the program, they are encouraged to attend the second session, "Networking Part 2 – Learn from Experience" on April 4 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Logan House.

This session will give students the opportunity to practice their networking skills with the Behrend alumni. The alumni will share their observations and suggestions for ways students can continue to improve their skills.

"The students benefit from the practice and experience of talking to people on a professional level in a conversational setting rather than the strict confines of an interview," said Grimaldi.

A ratio of two to three students per alumni is expected at the Logan House event in order to make it very realistic for students to go to a social networking event and practice their skills.

"Each time I've attended I've learned things that have helped me improve my networking skills," said Samantha Cibula, COMBA 08, who has participated in two of the Alumni networking events at Penn State Erie.

Although students are not required to attend both, they are recommended to use the skill they learned in the first session to perfect their interaction skills through real conversations with the alumni in the second session.

"It also gives students a great opportunity to engage in conversation with PSU alumni and learn how they have found their path to success," said

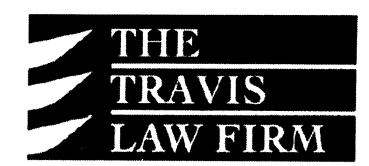
Light refreshments will also be served at the second session. It is required that students RSVP to the CDC by March 29. Students may contact the CDC by calling 898-6164 or stopping by the office located downstairs in the Reed Union Building.

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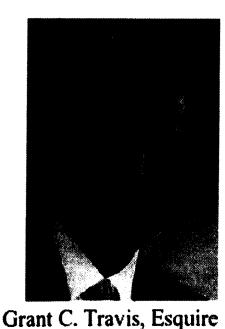
Throughout the talk Shaw will be referring to the literature that he found on the ethics and philosophy of joke telling. Ted Cohen is one of the main philosophers that Shaw will be commenting on. He says Cohen has "probably written the most sophisticated philosophic theory about jokes.'

Shaw's talk is the fourth in the series and there will be two more to follow in April. The talk entitled, "The FBI and Gay Subversion: The Case of the Mattachine Society" by Dr. Douglas Charles, lecturer in History, will be given on April 14 in the Smith Chapel Living Room from noon until 1:30 p.m.

The final talk of the series will also be held in the Smith Chapel Living Room from noon until 1:30 p.m. on April 21.



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