

THE BEHREND BEACON

Friday, September 29, 2006

A Penn State Erie Student Publication

Vol. LIII No. V

"I can barely even remember the doctors, much less the police officers asking questions."

- Terrel Owens
Dalls Cowboys

WHO'S INSIDE

"If men and women were allowed to live in the same apartments, it would allow for more options for people to stay on campus"

-Ben Raymond
Communications 08
page 4

Local businesses now support LionCash for Behrend students

By Lenny Smith
staff writer

Penn State Behrend and Scott Enterprises are working together to expand the reach of LionCash. Beginning soon, students will have the option to use their LionCash at several businesses owned by Scott Enterprises.

Scott Enterprises owns a vast amount of the businesses in the Erie area. Students will soon have the opportunity to use their LionCash at Quaker Steak and Lube on Peach Street, Applebees on Buffalo Road, Boston's Gourmet Pizza and Splash Lagoon, both on Peach Street. These LionCash capable locations join other locations that include the Sheetz, UPS Store, and Quizno's Subs, all on Buffalo Road.

Behrend students can now take advantage of this new opportunity, as well as Scott Enterprises. Marketing Manager, Jennifer Pulver, stated, "We are bringing our relationship with Penn State to a new level and allowing the students to experience the best restaurants and Splash Lagoon, an exciting entertainment venue."

President of the Student Government Association (SGA) Meredith Straub believes that this new development will bring lots of benefits to the students. "I'm very excited to see this new development," she says. "The Behrend campus isn't really near a lot of businesses and this will give students the opportunity to eat at a sit down restaurant while still using their Penn State money."

Students say that convenience is one of the biggest benefits of the alliance. "I'm excited about it because you don't have to carry cash to these places and have to worry about it. It's really convenient," freshman Melanie Fuhr said.

Freshman Shane Amsler agrees, saying, "It's a great idea especially because almost all the stores in State College accept it [LionCash] and plus it's your parents' money."

Although students are generally excited about the expansion of LionCash, some say it will not affect how much they eat off campus. Freshman Jenny Schwab said, "I probably won't eat there more often because it's not part of my mean plan." Fuhr and Amsler agree that it won't affect how much they leave campus because they don't have a form of transportation.

With the assistance of the SGA, Scott Enterprises will coordinate several promotions on campus. The first promotion that they are working on is a ten percent discount at the participating locations throughout the month of October. Also, at different SGA sponsored activities throughout the year, discount cards donated by the participating restaurants will be handed out to those people who are participating.

Director of Student Activities Kris Torok said, "They really showed an interest in helping us with different activities like Senior Week and alcohol awareness. It's a win-win situation. We are getting discounts and it's not costing us anything."

Straub added, "I enjoy seeing our campus being partnered with local businesses, it brings pride to the school."

Students would also like to see LionCash accepted at other establishments in the Erie area. The most common responses included the Millcreek Mall, tanning salons, and Wal-Mart. However, students will have to wait for these changes while they find use in the newest edition to Penn State LionCash.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Splash Lagoon, located on Upper Peach Street, is one of the Scott Enterprises businesses that are now accepting LionCash as a method of payment. Many other businesses are joining in.

Photo project remembering Katrina



Thomas Beck

Weber (left), and Heintz (right) are in charge of the Picture Project which is dedicated to the remembrance of the Hurricane Katrina.

By Miranda Krause
copy editor

A project that began to restore memories during Hurricane Katrina became a heart-warming and inspiring act of kindness that reaches out

to the hurricane victims as well as many others. The Picture Project, started by Sue Weber, Dennis Heintz, and Karla Anderson of Erie has restored many pictures for Hurricane Katrina victims, but has made one family in particular very thankful for the cause.

The idea for the Picture Project began when Weber, Picture Project

coordinator, heard Ann Weiss speak about the effort she made to return the pictures she had found at the Auschwitz-Berkeinau concentration camp while on a tour in 1986. After gaining control of these precious photographs Weiss made every effort to return them to the families and the survivors. Weber then contacted Karla Anderson and she, as well as Heintz, formed the idea of the Picture Project, with the main point to "Salvage Memories One Print at a Time," according to the website. Afterwards, dozens of calls were made and WJET TV 24, United Van Lines, Kodak, and Wal-Mart got involved.

Weber Heintz and Anderson made multiple trips to Biloxi, Mississippi about four weeks after Hurricane Katrina struck to begin setting up the organization. Then the weekend before Thanksgiving, more trips were made to place boxes at local Wal-Marts labeled with two signs. One sign explained the project and another asked people to write the zip code of the location in which the photographs were found.

continued on page 2

Contents

News.....	1-3
Editorial.....	4
Humor.....	6
Student Life.....	7-8
Sports.....	9-10

Contact Us

Newsroom:
898-6488
Fax:
898-6019

E-mail: jah1005@psu.edu

Our offices are located downstairs in the Reed Union Building.

Behrend student involved in accident, police investigating

By Chris LaFuria
news editor

Police are investigating an accident that occurred late Sunday night, Sept. 24, shortly after 10 p.m. Behrend sophomore Shane Miller, 19, was traveling eastbound on East 38th Street when his vehicle was struck on the driver side. The other vehicle was headed south on Davison Street when he ran a red light, striking Miller. Miller's car was forced completely off the road and onto the curb of Family Video

After the collision, Miller, who sustained minor injuries, escaped through his passenger side. After witnessing the damages to the other

driver's car, Miller went to determine the level of severity. When help arrived, the other driver, name unavailable, took off, attempting to flee the scene. When a passerby witnessed the other driver fleeing, he immediately and forcefully returned him to the scene of the accident.

Erie police and paramedics provided aid to the injured parties. The driver was rushed to Hamot Hospital to be treated for his injuries. Police are awaiting the results of a Blood Alcohol Content Test to see if alcohol was a factor in the accident. Read the Beacon next week, as more coverage of the accident will follow.

KAOS spreading on campus

By Jerry Pohl
staff writer

When Gamer's Club President Mallory Blasic signed up to be a player in her club's own game at Club Rush, she had no idea of the adventure she was about to have. The game is one of stalking, paranoia and killing, and its players know it as KAOS: Killing As Organized Sport.

The game is organized by the Gamers Club, and is open to the whole campus. Each player of the game is given a target with only a name and a picture. From this information they must stalk and kill their prey, before they are killed by their assassin. Those who think the game is easy will be surprised at the crafty moves required for success, as an initially overconfident Blasic found out on the first day of the game.

Blasic's target was Jon Alquist. To eliminate her target she could use a Nerf gun, water gun, or her bare hands if she gets the drop on him. She used the Internet to find out that he lived in Perry Hall and decided to strike immediately.

Alquist was not home dur-

ing this first visit, but when he returned the message "elimination is nigh" was scrawled on his marker board. Blasic returned to his room again that night. A new message appeared on the marker board: "I know what you look like." She noticed several men patrolling the hall with Nerf guns. Alquist's door opened and there he stood, ready to fire on the ambushed Blasic.

She ran down the hall looking for any reprieve from the soldiers on her heels. Rounding a corner, she saw an open door and rushed in heedlessly. She was relieved to find it was the room of her friend Dave Exler. She hid under the bed and listened as the troops were told no one was hiding in the room. With the help of friends Blasic escaped Perry Hall that night.

After days of unsuccessful attempts to kill Alquist after his classes, Blasic's friend Mike Schumacher convinced her to again take the fight to Perry. With Schumacher's encouragement, Blasic attempted the risky stratagem of confronting Alquist on his home turf, his room.

In the end, Blasic shot Alquist in the arm, and he

honorably accepted his defeat. Reminiscing on the adventure, Schumacher remarked, "This story was pretty good. You know what it needs? A plot twist." He then aimed his Nerf gun and shot Blasic, having been her assassin the entire time.

Blasic dropped to her knees in anguish. She was out of the game, mere minutes after felling her first target.

Schumacher explained his strategy: "I figure if I let her kill him then that's one less person I have to worry about, then I can get her when her guard's down...I was taking huge risks by letting her live a second longer. She could have gotten suspicious and stabbed me and it would have been over. I had to make sure the deed was done and get out quick."

Schumacher will now be given a new target by Logistics, the mysterious coordinator of KAOS. The game will continue until only one remains, then accolades will be awarded and a new round with more players will begin. Anyone interested in playing the next round can contact Logistics at: kaoslogistics@gmail.com.



Jerry Pohl/ THE BEHREND BEACON

Blasic (left) and Alquist (right) fight their epic battle as Alquist's friends talk casually. Blasic's assassin's hand can be seen behind her. Kaos is a new game that is spreading on campus.