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Founders' Day was celebrated Monday, October 30 at Penn State Behrend. Founders' Day celebrates Mary Behrend's gift of her 400-acre farm and two million dollars to Penn State University. In the Memorial Room of the Glenhill Farmhouse, Behrend enjoyed its 47th anniversary with a reception sponsored by the Lion Ambassadors.

The reception included yearbooks from Behrend's past as well as pictures capturing Behrend's growth as a college. Freshman Bianca Collins said, "I enjoyed attending the Founders' Day celebration. By looking at yearbooks from past classes, I was able to form a bond with Behrend that I didn't have before. Learning Behrend's history and about the people that have gone to school before at this campus have helped me feel more connected to the school as I experience all the triumphs and traumas of my first year."

Community involvement

by Doreen Foutz
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Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity and Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority visited the Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children in Erie on October 30. This was the third visit by Sigma Tau Gamma.

"This is the third year we've done this and it's something that we wanted to do for the community," said Brendan O'Donnell, philanthropic chairman for Sigma Tau Gamma. "This is our big charity project for this semester."

"It's really good to be able to

get out and help those who are less fortunate or aren't in a good circumstance right now, and be able to bring some happiness in to their lives," said Joe Mottillo, secretary for Sigma Tau Gamma.

Sig Tau Gamma and Alpha Sigma Alpha members entertained eighteen children at the hospital, playing games and passing out Halloween candy.

"Everyone was having fun and stuff. It just felt good to see them happy and having fun," said Meghan Naim, of Alpha Sigma Alpha.

"It was nice to see everyone work together. This project was

a great way to show the community that we don't just care about ourselves in college, that we do enjoy doing things in the community," added Valerie Petro, of Alpha Sigma Alpha.

"It kind of touched me to see these kids, some of them had limbs [that were] kind of deformed, and it just made me feel sorry for them," said O'Donnell.

"It's not really that hard to take two hours of your day and do something good for someone," said Mottillo. "Each year it seems to get better and more fun."

Exploring Saturn

BEHREND - Dr. Roger Knacke, head of the Division of Science at Behrend will present a lecture, "The Rings and Moons of Saturn," on Thursday, November 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Reed Lecture Hall. The lecture will be illustrated with slides of Saturn taken with the Hubble Space Telescope.

configuration. Following the lecture, there will be astronomical viewings of Saturn and other celestial objects with Behrend's small telescopes, weather permitting. To make reservations for the lecture, call the Division of Science at x6105.

This is an excellent time to study Saturn, as the Earth is passing through the plane of Saturn's rings. The rings will not be visible edge-on again until the year 2009. Knacke will describe current observations of planetary rings, as well as searches for new Saturnian moons that take advantage of the reduced glare from the rings while they are in the edge-on

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SGA Report

by Sean Siekkinen
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The Student Government Association holds its weekly meeting every Wednesday at 5:15 in Reed conference room 114.

A controversy over funding and budget allocation arose during last night's SGA meeting.

Commuter Council President Steve Landon sparked the debate with his motion to provide a per-semester stipend for SGA's vice-president, Dave Miller. All other Executive Board members currently receive such payment.

Dean of Student Affairs Dr. Chris Reber thought that, considering other SGA decisions involving budget allocations, the motion was out of order. Reber cited votes to provide SGA with money for a new copier, an answering machine, and refreshments for an upcoming event in his argument against the stipend. SGA has also decided to withhold its usual mid-year supplemental budgeting for student clubs and organizations in an effort to reduce its negative budget balance.

"I think you really have to ask about... spending any more money on this group," Dr. Reber said. "It's not that Dave [Miller] doesn't deserve [compensation]... it's looking at the whole picture."

Other clubs who legitimately need money are having a hard time getting funds from SGA, according to Reber.

Director of Student Activities Chris Rizzo thought that the organization needed to look at other options in lieu of setting aside a stipend for the vice-president.

"Maybe what the Senate needs to look at is a re-distribution of responsibilities," he said.

Rizzo is worried that SGA would be setting a precedent with the motion, leaving the door open for future SGA members to ask for paid restitution to match an increase in responsibilities.

Landon defended his motion and responded to the criticism about SGA budget practices.

"We're a service organization," he said. "We're elected to represent [student clubs'] best interests."

Landon feels the spending decisions have been justified, since the copier and answering machine will be for the use of all student organizations. And although clubs will not be given the usual opportunity to submit supplemental budgets, organizations in need of funding will be able to individually petition SGA.

"To insinuate that we're being selfish... is really not being fair to the Senate," Landon said.

President Timothy Mallon sided against the motion, saying, "I'm not comfortable with the Senate giving itself a raise when everybody else is hurting for cash."

After the heated discussion, the voting was closed ballot. The motion was defeated by a narrow margin. Seven senators voted in favor of the stipend, eight voted against, and one abstained.

Other subjects covered last night included the appointment of John Butler to the Undergraduate Studies Committee on Faculty Council, as well as the expulsion of two senators. Commuter Senators John Anderson and Charlene Terril were ejected from SGA due to excessive absenteeism.

The regional SGA meeting will be held at Behrend on Sunday, November 5 at 2:00 p.m.

Bill Mattory reported that the student/faculty phone directory would be published over Winter break, and will be available next semester.

Commuter Senator Mike Woycheck reported that the Public Relations Committee will be introducing a media campaign in hopes of increasing student awareness of the organization.

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