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KAP philanthropy...

Rape Crisis Center benefit

by Danielle M. Murphy
News Editor

Fifteen women will grace the stage Thursday in the hopes of being named Ms. Penn State-Behrend, but more importantly to benefit the Erie Rape Crisis Center.

The sixth annual pageant and fashion show, sponsored by Kappa Delta Rho, will kick off at 7 p.m. tonight in the Reed Commons. Admission is a \$3. Donations will be accepted for the Center during the pageant.

Pageant Chairperson Markus Rodriguez said his goal is to help the Center.

"For one thing, I hope to help the Rape Crisis Center," said Rodriguez. "We want everyone involved to have fun, but the bottom line is that we're helping the Center."

Community involvement is the key to the success of the pageant and fashion show said Rodriguez. For this year's event, the Center played an active role in soliciting support from area businesses.

"This year we had a lot of support from the Crisis Center, businesses and restaurants," said Rodriguez. "It's helped a lot."

Campus support is also important in attaining the goals of the pageant.

"We can't make it happen without the school's support," explained Rodriguez. "The administration's been there, we just need more student involvement."

Past shows have raised about \$200, this year Kappa Delta Rho is hoping to raise \$500.

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Blood drive '96



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Friends who give together, live together: Roommates Shannon Haslett (foreground), and Jill Ciciarelli, are helping save lives with the assistance of Nurse Pam Lowes. The Community Blood Bank of Erie, in conjunction with the Health and Wellness Center, sponsored the spring blood drive yesterday. Members of Theta Phi Alpha and Tau Kappa Epsilon also assisted in running the event. Student organizations were invited to join in the Campus Challenge, and compete for the highest number of donors.

SGA '96-97:

Butler & Epps win

by Doreen Foutz
Assistant News Editor

The Student Government Association election results are in. A close race has elected John Butler and Kim Epps to the offices of president and vice president, respectively.

"I feel that the election was a very close one, and the campus has chosen the best people for the job. We will do our best to make Student Government a well known association on campus in which students will want to become involved," said Epps.

The opposing candidates, John Merkel and Brett Kocijan, lost the race by only three votes, with a final count of 114 to 111.

Upset by the outcome, Kocijan said, "It was unfair. First, we were the only candidates who turned our petitions in on time. Steve Landon said the petitions weren't there. It was in the Student

Activites Office at 15:30, but he still said it wasn't there. Second, Steve never told us that everything was pushed back by two weeks. We put our posters up, and then I got a call the next day, practically yelling at me, saying that we could be disqualified for campaigning too early. Third, on the day of meet the candidates, our paper said that the program would start at 18:30. Luckily John Merkel and I were there at 16:30 because nobody told us that it started at 17:15."

Kocijan went on to say, "I think this campus is too anti-fraternity and too pro-minority just from everything I learned while running for office."

Student Programming Council President is Brandie Gladfelter who ran unopposed.

"I plan on making Student Programming Council what it is supposed to be. Many people

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We are the champions: SGA President-elect John Butler and Vice-president-elect Kim Butler will assume SGA leadership for the 1996-97 academic year.

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