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Homecoming, a crowning success

by Doreen Foutz
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This past weekend's Homecoming festivities crowned a King and Queen, in addition to smores by a bonfire and a championship soccer match.

The victory of the chariot race Friday night was taken by Alpha Sigma Tau sorority and Delta Chi fraternity as approximately 200 people watched.

The Dirges were the main entertainment Friday evening at the crowning of the homecoming king and queen.

Harry Bortmes, nominated by Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity was crowned King, and Shanna Cotti, nominated by Theta Phi Alpha was crowned queen.

Greek Week, a competition between fraternities and sororities, preceded Homecoming weekend.

After participating in such activities as "dizzy bats", tug-of-war, egg toss, and greek sing, Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity and Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority were recognized as the winners of greek week Friday evening during the festivities.

The bonfire Friday night drew a large crowd despite the cold



They wear what under those kilts? Highland dancers entertained crowds at the Homecoming carnival Saturday.

Josh Pie/Staff Photographer

temperatures. Many enjoyed roasting hot dogs and making smores.

Alumni soccer games were played along with volleyball matches. The carnival featured

free caricatures and Behrend's own Geoffrey Bach an escape artist/magician.

A Scottish dance group from Buffalo, New York of which Bill Baxter, assistant professor of

After the dinner, comedian Richie Byrne "had people howling with his insights on family life," Chris Rizzo, director of Student Activities said.

Homecoming queen:

Shanna Cotti

Homecoming king:

Harry Bortmes

Greek Week Champions:

Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority and Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity



Jen Colvin/Editor-in-Chief Rockin' in the cold night: The Dirges, a PA favorite played for the Homecoming crowning.

physics, is a member, also performed during the carnival. Students and faculty danced along with the group, and enjoyed a fun filled day.

The festivities were capped off with 220 people at a Murder Mystery Dinner in the Reed Union Building Commons. In addition to great food, entertainment was provided with a country style.

Metzger named Fellow

by Kirsten Wright
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Robert D. Metzger, this year's recipient of the Alumni Fellowship award, will be at Behrend today and tomorrow. President Graham Spanier will present Metzger with the award tonight at 5:30 p.m. in the commons of the Reed building.

For the next two days Metzger will be conducting business seminars and meeting with students and faculty.

Metzger has been an active participant in the University community since he attended Penn State. He has been on the Penn State Board of Trustees since May of 1995, and on the Penn-State Behrend Council of Fellows since the spring of 1994. Some of his other activities include, a life membership of the



Alumni Fellow: Robert D. Metzger will be awarded the Alumni Fellowship tonight by Dr. Spanier.

Penn State Alumni Association, the Nittany Lion Club, and the President's Club.

Besides Metzger's numerous affiliations with the university, he is the President and owner of

the Warren based North Penn and Pipe Supply Company. He also serves on the PNC Bank Advisory Board and is the treasurer of the Pennsylvania Oil and Gas Association.

Roundtable Society announces events

by David Papesch
Collegian Staff

The Roundtable Society, a club for English majors and anyone interested in literature, held its second meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 1.

At the meeting, several upcoming activities were discussed, such as coffee houses and a Halloween party.

The Roundtable Society and the History Club will be sponsoring a Halloween party on Friday, October 25 in the Reed Commons. All Behrend

students are invited to attend the party dressed as their favorite literary or historical figure.

More information will be posted around campus and available in *The Collegian* at a later date.

If anyone is interested in becoming a member of the Roundtable Society or are

interested in finding out more, the next meeting will be on Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 4 p.m. in front of the Studio Theater.

If anyone has any questions, or would like more information, please contact Brian or Mike at 898-2578.

Experts scrutinize debate

By MELISSA STUTZMAN
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As the hoopla surrounding the presidential debate winds down, voters are left to separate substance from rhetoric.

And while both candidates said it was their priority to address the issues and not insult each other, James Campbell, professor of political science at Louisiana State University, said there was a little bit of both taking place.

After Sunday's presidential debate, voters began to analyze where the candidates stand

Both candidates spoke about a number of issues and addressed them adequately, considering the short amount of time given, Campbell said. Nonetheless, they both found time to criticize each other's records, he added.

One of the hot issues the candidates discussed was gun control and the Brady Bill. While President Bill Clinton spoke about his successes with the bill and the assault weapons

ban, Republican nominee Bob Dole suggested a system of automated background checks.

Robert O'Connor, associate professor of political science, said the technology does not exist across the country right now to enact automated checks. He added that the Brady Bill has been successful in terms of gun control. "The choice right now is the Brady Bill or nothing," O'Connor said. "The president supports an automated check once the technology for it is in place."

Campbell said he does not see why automated checks

would make spending cuts, O'Connor said it is possible that the deficit could balloon.

"A tax cut where you haven't targeted how to pay for it is not really intelligent or responsible," O'Connor said.

Campbell said the economy is in better shape now than it was four years ago, but questioned how much of that is to Clinton's credit.

"The results the economy is enjoying now are not necessarily from President Clinton's actions; but from what the Republicans did for 12 years before he took office," he said.

The candidates also mentioned issues relating to downsizing the federal government and eliminating its accompanying bureaucracy. Dole accused Clinton of trusting the government instead of the people and Clinton claimed the government is actually smaller than it was when Presidents Ronald Reagan and George Bush were in office.

David F. Linowes, professor of political economy and public policy at the University of Illinois, said except for the elimination of several small departments and cuts in the military after the end of the

Cold War, the federal government is the same size it was as when Reagan was in office because there have not been any changes in the major structure.

"There isn't enough restructuring," he said. "Over-bureaucracy and over-staffing still exists."

Linowes served as chairman of the President's Committee on Privatization under Reagan. As chair of the committee, Linowes said he found much of the work done by the government could be completed just as effectively by the private sector.

The next presidential debate takes place Oct. 16 in San Diego with a less structured format, allowing citizens to ask questions instead of reporters.

O'Connor said voters should look for more of the same, with maybe a surprise from candidate Dole.

"It's the end of the fourth quarter, and he's down by a couple of touchdowns," O'Connor said. "If you're Dole, you have to be thinking about what you can do to break the American people out of their current thinking about the candidates."

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THE WEEKEND FORECAST BY JOEY STEVENS

TODAY
BECOMING WINDY, COLDER, CLOUDY. SOME SHOWERS (MAYBE SOME WET SNOWFLAKES AT HIGHER ELEVATIONS INLAND)
52° LAKE FRONT
48° INLAND

TONIGHT
Shower or two early then gradual clearing, cold, diminishing winds.
40° Lakefront
34° Inland

FRIDAY
Partly sunny, still quite cool
50°

SATURDAY
Mostly sunny, milder afternoon.
60°

SUNDAY
Mix clouds & sun, perhaps a shower.
58°

Edinboro lecture today, Healthy Choice Walk

Helen Free, former American Chemical Society President, will give a lecture today at Edinboro University today. The speech entitled "The Many Faces of Careers in Chemistry" is to show examples of "what chemist's do" and illustrate some fascinating choices available while giving insight into the life of an industrial chemist.

A second lecture at Mercyhurst College titled "Dynamic Communication Skills for Career Enhancement" is scheduled at 8:00 p.m.. This will include a social hour and dinner before the lecture.

Healthy Choice American Heart Walk

On Sunday October 13 Behrend's Matchbox Players will be walking to fight heart disease in the Healthy Choice American Heart Walk. Funds raised will be used to support programs in research, community service and public education on America's #1 killer. If you would like to help the fight, make a donation by placing it in an envelope with your name and send it to the Matchbox Players c/o Tony Elliot 145 Academic.