

Greek Week unites students with fraternities and sororities

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Any student present on the intramural fields this past Tuesday night may have witnessed an odd looking event. On the field, there were groups of students drinking Surge and running around a bat. They were trying to avoid collapsing from dizziness as they ran toward the finish line. This "dizzy bat" contest was just one part of "Greek week." Activities are occurring nightly throughout this week.

Greek week is when fraternities

The activities that will take place this week include:

- Monday: the egg toss and the eating contest
 - Tuesday: dizzy bats and the three legged race
 - Wednesday: obstacle course and tug of war
 - Thursday: Greek sing
 - Friday: the chariot race
- Buck Goedicke, Zeta Beta Tau, 05, Mechanical Engineering, stated, "that he will be in Greek sing and is also a judge."

Theta Phi Alpha sorority won both events on Monday. Sig Tau Gamma fraternity won the egg toss and Sigma Kappa Nu fraternity won the eating contest. In the eating contest, each sorority and fraternity had two people representing them to see how much they could eat in two minutes. The sororities had to eat jello and the fraternities had to eat raw hot dogs.

On Tuesday, Theta Phi Alpha sorority and Delta Chi fraternity won the three legged race. The winners of the dizzy bat contest were Theta Phi and Sigma Kappa Nus. In the contest, each Greek member had to run to the rest of their team so that the next person could go.

The results from the first two days had Theta Phi Alpha sorority and Delta Chi fraternity in first place.

Stacy Lane, Alpha Sigma Tau, 05, Mathematics, commented, "Everyone gets along, it is friendly competition."

The events continue on Thursday and Friday night. Each event will begin at 7:00 pm. Greek sing will be held in the Commons and the chariot race will be on the intramural field.

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-Joe T. Dagata
President IFC

and sororities compete in various activities to gain points for their individual organization. Whoever has the most points at the end of the week wins. According to Greek leaders, it promotes Greek life on campus. Greek week, "brings all of the Greeks together in the spirit of competition," stated Carl Grande, Delta Chi, 03, Accounting. Michelle Soder, Theta Phi Alpha, 07, Psychology, added, "It is a time to put all Greek letters aside and focus on being Greek as a whole. It is also a time to have fun." Students on campus can see a variety of fun activities.



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TUG OF WAR: Participants in Greek week enjoy themselves in a friendly match of "Tug O' War."

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schedule later appointments to check for STD's and pregnancy as well as suggest or arrange for counselors.

The Erie County Rape Crisis Center and Victim Witness Services offers counseling free of charge to all victims. They receive funding from the state, various agencies, and one very appropriate source: the perpetrator. "A portion of all fines given to offenders goes to our funding," says Porfilio with a smile. All treatment is strictly confidential, but the agency does strongly suggest all victims report their attacks to the proper authorities.

Many victims feel embarrassed or ashamed, making it difficult for them to retell their ordeal in great detail to anyone, even if it is someone wearing a badge. "Remember, it is not your fault," says Porfilio. "It is important to report your attack for your sake and others'. Chances are, you're not the only person this individual has victimized." Unfortunately, it is estimated that only ten percent of all rapes are reported.

"There have been no reported incidents at Behrend in the last four years," says Bill Donahue, head of police and safety. This does not, however, include off-campus incidents and may not reflect the actual case, as the vast majority of all rapes go unreported. In the event of an attack, the Behrend Police should be notified.

There are ways to avoid becoming a victim, all of which can be practiced by anyone. "Use common sense—don't walk alone late at night, don't be alone with people you don't know very well, and if you're in a situation that doesn't feel right, get out of it," says Porfilio. Make sure your desires are known. "If you say no, say it clearly, and make sure the other person knows you mean no," says Donahue. Both Porfilio and Donahue warn that many rapes occur while the victim is intoxicated. "Alcohol can put you in a prime position to be victimized," warns Donahue.

What's the most important thing to remember if you're raped? Says Porfilio, "It's not your fault, call the police, and get to the hospital."

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Light said, "The basic purpose of this program is to create public awareness through education efforts of environmental and economical issues related to the Lake Erie watershed of Pennsylvania."

Research will be conducted in and around Lake Erie and specifically Presque Isle and Presque Isle bay. A couple high priority issues to be addressed in this area are non-point source pollution and the clarity of bay and lake water. Development of the Sea Grant program in Pennsylvania will include: the establishment of an office to be modeled after extension programs in agriculture and engineering; the set up of an advisory council; the selection of some high profile issues and current situations the program will address and plan action for; becoming partners with other Sea Grant states bordering the Great Lakes; and to institute a "State of the Coast" newsletter.

The program's budget comes from a combination of different sources, with a three year total of approximately \$800,000. Federal funding will supply about \$480,000. The State government and Penn State University will each give about \$150,000 to the program.

There are four stages of development to this program which will have to occur for Behrend to become a full Sea Grant college. The first stage entailed small projects

and research performed in Pennsylvania, through other Sea Grant state programs, which Pennsylvania has already done to become part of the program. The second is a Coherent Area Plan, which is a small focused effort that takes place within one state. The third level of the Sea Grant program is an institutional program done with other states, specifically for Behrend, Indiana and Illinois, this stage begins some more focused research. The final stage is for Behrend to become a full-fledged Sea Grant college. To complete the fourth phase, the Behrend campus will eventually have to merge efforts with University Park. The program's purpose aligns with the same principles that the Land Grant worked for a century ago. Instead of improving the cultivation of land, the Sea Grant program gives aid to the marine environment. The Sea Grant program is to take place at the State's Land Grant university, which for Pennsylvania is Penn State University, specifically University Park, making their involvement in the program necessary. However Dr. Light mentioned that University Park had the same chance to make a proposal for this program, but took no action toward it.

Dr. Light plans to hire specialists in coastal environments and coastal economic development, as well as a part time staff assistant to work in the Sea Grant office. Behrend students will be able to play a modest role in this program with opportunities for internships and work study.

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relative amount of clothing between the men and the women. The men were often shown fully dressed, while women were wearing little. The ads also perpetuated stereotypes of older women, such as mothers and mother-in-laws. Women were also portrayed as little girls, and occasionally there were little girls dressed up as women. After seeing

the slides, Tara Casey, 03 Accounting, remarked, "I'll never look at ads the same way again."

Matlin made a strong argument about the way genders are portrayed in the media. There was a comment from the audience that Dr. Matlin was looking too deeply and finding too much meaning in the article. She explained that she tried not to look too deeply, but the things she found in a large number of ads were too consistent to ignore.

Community blood bank comes to campus

by Andrea Zaffino
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The Erie Community Blood Bank came to campus yesterday and received over 90 donations from students and faculty at Behrend. Kevin Cotti, a third semester DUS student who volunteered at the function said, "It's going real well, much better than last year." The Blood Bank operated between 10:00 am and 4:00 p.m., the time span the facilities were available on campus. David Hughes, a nursing supervisor working with the blood bank said this was a good outcome, however it is still not enough. He said, "The Erie community goes

through forty to one-hundred pints of blood a day, so the ninety pints we retrieved today will most likely be gone by tomorrow." These numbers stress the importance of the donations. All the blood collected by the Community Blood Bank stays within the Erie Community. Hughes said, "The Blood Bank is the sole supplier of blood to Hamot, St. Vincent, Corry, and Union City Hospitals, and the VA hospital, the Metro Health Center and Millcreek. Community Hospital." Hughes further stated that, "By staying within the Erie community this lowers any risk of contamination." The Community Blood Bank's visit was sponsored by Theta Phi Alpha and Tau Kappa Epsilon.



Question of the Week

The computer room said they have upgraded equipment. Do you see any improvement?

"I think it's easier to access the programs now; for computer illiterate people like me."
Chris Venaski, 07, English

"I like the fact that they have eliminated the old computers (ie: 386's). However, the old windows NT setup (with file manager) was more user-friendly."
Laurel Disbrow, 03, EE

"I like the fact that now you can surf the net faster. It doesn't seem to take as long ... I think it's also more user-friendly."
Jennifer Arnold, 02, History