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SPC elects new president, plans events for semester

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The semester to come will offer reasonable solutions to the typical complaints of there being "nothing to do on the weekends at Behrend." Under the leadership of newly-elected president, Rob Ring, 02, Business Administration, Student Programming Council has planned many new activities for the remainder of the semester.

The comedians, performers, and musicians who entertain students at Behrend are selected from the annual conference of National Association for Campus Activities. Five members of SPC attended this conference in Toledo, Ohio, where they were able to preview and choose bands/comedians for performance at Bruno's. "We picked what would be best for our school," states Ring.

The results of this careful selection and scrutiny are available for students' entertainment weekends at Bruno's Cafe. SPC events, which happen every weekend during the semester, begin at 8:30 on Friday and Saturday nights.

Also, in the Reed Lecture Hall,

movies are shown at 10 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights (9 p.m. on Sunday nights). The cost of the films is \$1 on Thursday, \$2 on the following nights.

The upcoming events are as follows: January 30—comedian Buzz Sutherland, movie of the week—*Kiss the Girls*; February 2—comedian Frank Caliendo, movie of the week—*I Know What You Did Last Summer*; February 13—comedian Mark Eddy, February 14—M4 Virtual Reality, movie of the week—*The Game*; February 20—karaoke (Ring states that karaoke has been a "big success; we experimented with this last semester, and participation increased. Attendance rose, and students liked it; we decided to do it once a month."), February 21—pianist Richard Field, movie of the week—*Seven Years in Tibet*; February 27—band University Honey, February 28—comedian Leighan Lord, movie of the week—*The Devil's Advocate*; March 20—comedian Lynn Terfzer, March 21—Gentlemen Jugglers, movie of the week—*Starship Troopers*; March 27—comedian Sabrina Matthews, March 28—karaoke, movie of the week—*The Jackal*.

Ring states that the main goal of SPC is to "try to provide a place for people to go instead of doing alternative partying." Ring hopes that SPC can provide "a nice clean event where you're not pressured into doing anything."

Their main goals for the semester are to boost attendance and audience participation at their events. "We want to let people know there's always something to do on campus," states Ring.

Under the 1998 leadership of SPC, their membership has doubled from that of last semester. "We want to make everyone fully aware of what SPC is and who we are and what we do." Ring places great emphasis upon the importance of his fellow SPC leaders: "My job seems pretty easy because I work with a lot of great people; we all pull together as a team to accomplish our goals."

As the only student group primarily responsible for weekend activities for all students, SPC, under Ring's leadership, "looks upon this as a business; we deal in a professional way with the job. Our duty is to provide student programming to all of Behrend, and we take our job seriously."

New Student Programming Council President Rob Ring has overseen the planning of a full semester of activities.

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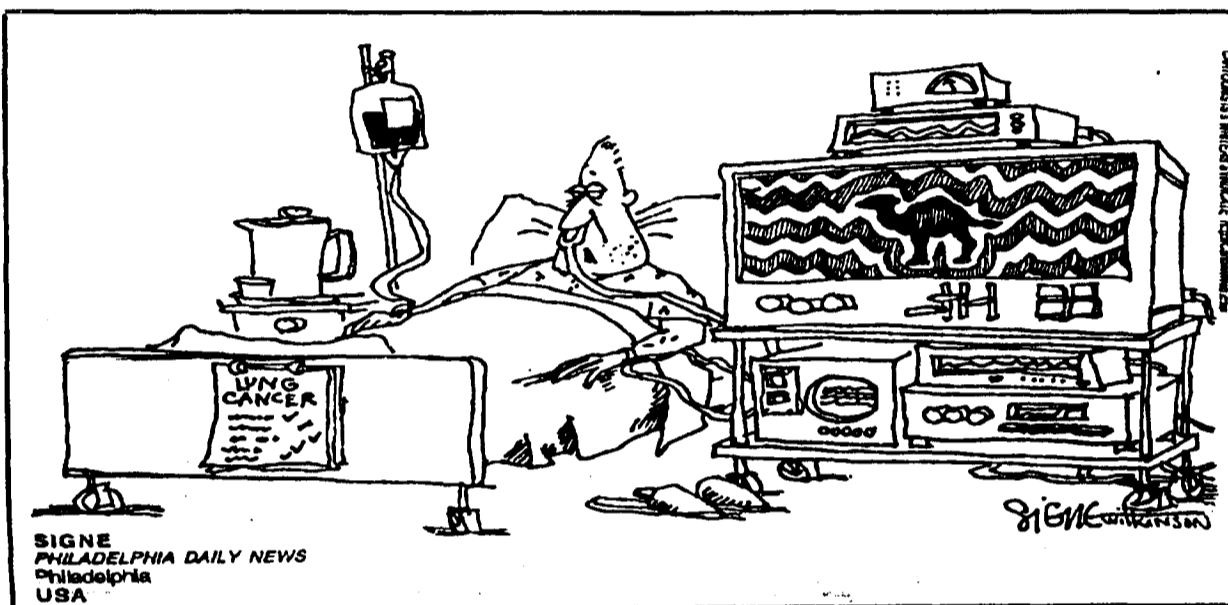
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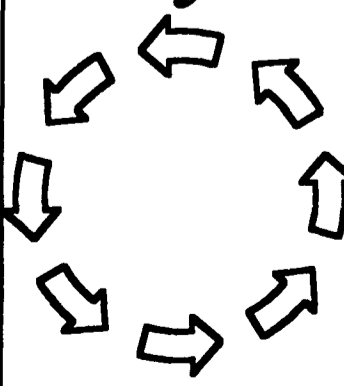
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