

Education Fraternity at Behrend looks for national recognition

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The Behrend chapter of Kappa Delta Pi has a national chapter application that is pending approval with the national headquarters in West Lafayette, Indiana. Kappa Delta Pi, an international Honors Society for education, started in Colorado, Illinois in 1907. This organization stands for the pursuit of excellence in education, and they want to obtain the highest standards of teaching excellence. Kappa Delta Pi signifies many aspects of education.

Professor Marcia Janson, an advisor and alumni of Kappa Delta Pi, was part of the biggest chapter of the organization, which is the Beta Gamma Chapter located at Indiana

University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Katherine Wolfe is another advisor and Dean Baldwin overlooks the education program, as well as Kappa Delta Pi, here at Behrend.

Kappa Delta Pi, here at the Behrend College, will benefit the students and it seems to be the best choice for Behrend students that are involved in the educational program. Once the organization is approved of, the perspective members, totaling about 25-30, will be initiated as members of Kappa Delta Pi. It is anticipated that if Kappa Delta Pi is approved, it will be towards the end of the Fall semester, 1998. Behrend already recognizes this organization as Kappa Delta Pi in order for it to receive funding through SGA.

Kappa Delta Pi is involved with the community and does many community based projects. Some of the programs they may be working on are in association with the Special Olympics, with day care centers, inner-city youth, and Reading is Fundamental Week. During Reading is Fundamental Week they collect old books and distribute them to disadvantaged schools. They may offer a tutoring program for students along with various other activities and programs.

In order to become a member of Kappa Delta Pi, since it is an honors society, one must meet national requirements. Mike Linhart, 04, General Arts and Sciences and elementary education, said, "One must obtain a 3.0 to at least get into the organization." Linhart is the president of Kappa Delta Pi. After someone is initiated as a member or pledge, they remain a

member for life, as long as they pay their dues and are active, even if ones GPA slips from a 3.0. If a person is interested in Kappa Delta Pi but does not have a 3.0 and they are in the education program, they can become a pledge. Linhart said, "There are no standards to become a pledge of the group and you get full rights as a member, except you can't vote on the procedures or events that the group plans on doing." This organization is open to anyone who is interested in the education field and would like to see educational standards raised.

Students who become involved in this organization are going to benefit from the organization because it offers a lot of opportunities for an individual. It gives one an opportunity to attend conferences, receive tips on interviewing and what information to provide in a portfolio when going for a job, among many other things. Kappa Delta Pi is an international organization that prepares its members for the future. According to Linhart, "We are an interest group that has expressed an interest, and have taken the proper procedures and now are awaiting approval of receiving a charter." The perspective members are dedicated to this organization. Linhart said, "I believe that this program will be very successful. Word of mouth is the best advertisement, and once we start implementing some of the programs this is possible."

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Saturday, November 21st: At 10 p.m., Behrend will have its first Pajama Party sponsored by Trilogy Entertainment and MCC. It will be held in Reed Commons. The charge is \$2 with PSU ID and \$3 without PSU ID. No jeans allowed. Pajamas are a must.

Jennifer Fontecchio would like to send a special thank-you to Sigma Tau Gamma for helping the setup of events. Please come out and be apart of one or more of these exciting festivities. All are welcome.

The Beacon needs editors for the Spring semester

Applications for editor in chief should be submitted to Ken Miller in the Dean of Student Affairs office. Applications should include a description of qualifications, editorial philosophy, assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of the Beacon, and a plan for organization of the editorial staff. Applications are due Friday, November 20.

Applications for other editorial positions should be submitted directly to the Beacon office in the Reed Building. Those applications should include a brief statement describing qualifications.

Please call 898-6488 for more information

Police And Safety REPORT:

11/5/98 Reported that a rug was stolen from Niagara Lobby.

11/5/98 Complainant reported that while working at Bruno's he was hit in the eye with a laser pointer. Couldn't tell what area it came from. Complained of blurred vision but did not request first aid.

11/5/98 Complainant reported that something exploded in the recycling bin in Lawrence Lobby. Individual found what they believed to be some chemical wrap in Aluminum foil.

11/5/98 Someone stole one of the benches on the Niagara North West porch.

11/7/98 Complainant reported that the benches from Perry Hall were stolen. It was found that the benches were on the porch of Niagara.

11/7/98 Individual reported a bat inside the theater. Despite the efforts of the cast, the bat could not be captured prior to the opening of the show. No problems reported during the performance.



What did you think of the Goo Goo Dolls concert?

"I thought it was really good and both bands played well. A little too crowded though."

-Jake Rowley, 03 PLET



"I liked it a lot and it was what I expected it to be. They played the songs I thought they would."

-Matt Slavonic, 03, MIS



"Better than I expected it to be. It wasn't as jammed packed as I expected and it had a good atmosphere."

-Meeghan Trumbull, 03, Biology



"I thought it was a good event for the school. They should have sold more tickets because the gym wasn't that crowded."

-JoAnn Fabrizio, 03, Industrial Engineering



"It was good and we should continue to get more good bands like that at Behrend."

-Greg Cooper, 03, Psychology



Question of the Week