

Photo by Jason Blake

The Behrend Lions in action last week in Erie Hall. The men's and women's basketball teams have won the AMCC Championships-full story page 10.

Singled out provides a unique night at Perry Hall

by Ryan Cannon
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On a desolate Thursday night, some Behrend students were fearing the harsh reality of spending the upcoming Valentine's day weekend alone. So it was decided to hold a singles "Dating Game" style game show. It was entitled "Singled Out," and many of Behrend's lonely hearts arrived at Perry Hall to find true love or something to occupy their time. One of the two was definitely accomplished.

Approximately fifteen men and seventeen women participated in the game, while a crowd of fifty attended to watch. The game was structured so that a male or female, selected beforehand, sat out of view of the contestants, but could be easily seen by the audience. This person then had to choose a topic and, out of the given choices, eliminate one characteristic of the opposite sex con-

tants that was undesirable.

For example, one guy chose the topic "First date" and had three choices: booty call, kiss goodnight, and call me. He chose to eliminate all of the girls with a "call me" personality.

When all but three contestants had been discarded, the remaining were asked to perform a specific, humorous task like woo the mystery date using a favorite pickup line. One guy proudly proclaimed, "Pick me because I look like Leonardo DiCaprio." He was then booed incessantly and sent back to his seat. Finally, the one contestant who endured all of the questions and banter was considered to be the winner and placed back to back with the mystery date. The two were then turned around so that each could discover their soul mate at exactly the same time.

After four rounds of this, with the audience depleting after each round, the show finally came to a close.

When the chaos caused by Cupid's arrows had calmed, four couples had been created. Amy Vay, a communications major and one of the lucky participants to get a date, responded, "I'm excited for my date; I think he's hot." Kristie Vitron, another communications major and a surviving spectator immediately added, "I'm excited for Amy and her date; they're a cute couple."

Everyone involved with "Singled Out" did a terrific job, and their noticeable efforts were appreciated. The evening was enthusiastically hosted by Behrend students Brian Jurkowski and Lisa Bichsel, and superb music was provided by Bryan Dzambo, Dan Pyewell, and Sean Mascoll. The show was planned by Ron Romanski, Jamie Salapek, and Marcy Shattuck.

The group also hinted that there might possibly be a "Family Feud" style event planned for the future.

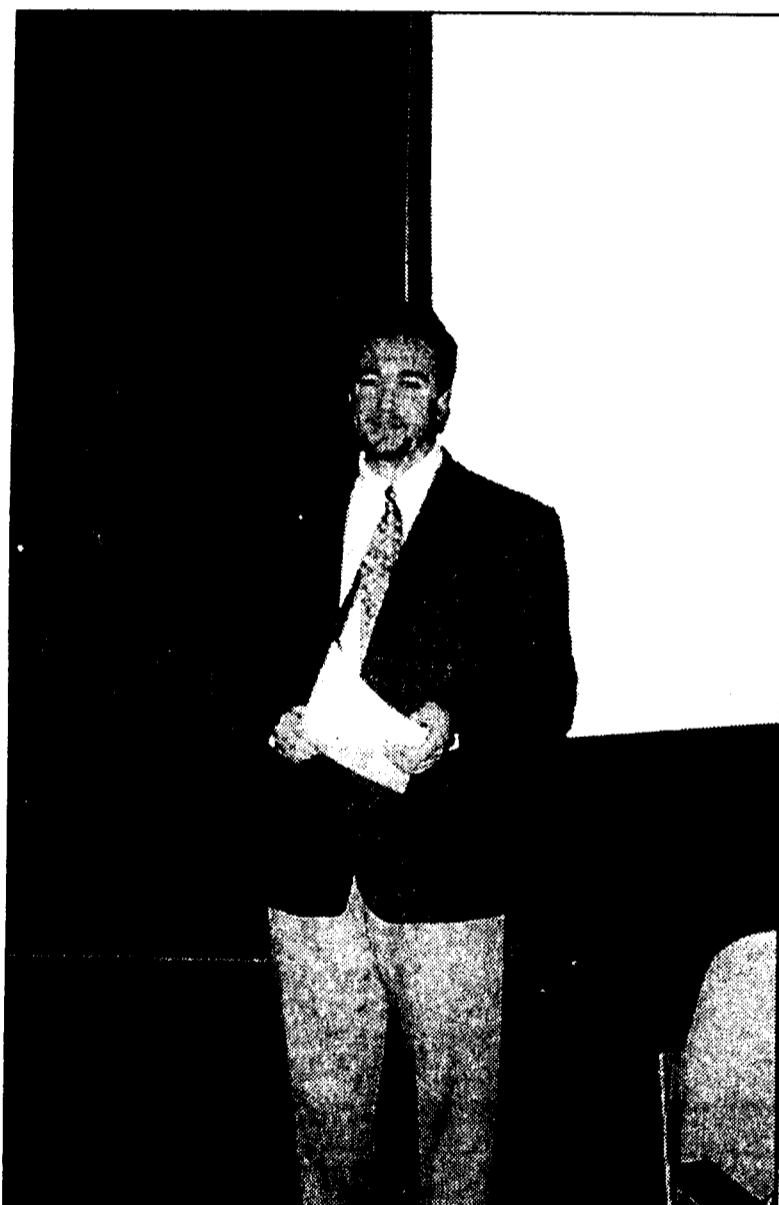
SGA elects new officers

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The Student Government Association will be undergoing a series of changes in the next couple of weeks. For starters, SGA has elected a new treasurer, Jennifer Miles, a sophomore finance major. Miles is looking forward to making a difference. "I would like to make the processes easier for treasurers and other officers, in regards to what their individual organizations need."

In addition to electing a new treasurer, SGA also elected a new University Faculty Senate Representative, Sean Mascoll, a junior communications major. Mascoll notes that "I realize that this is a hard challenge but I am willing to accept it on behalf of the students at Penn State Behrend. I would like to thank SGA for having the confidence in me to fulfill my duties."

In addition to these new elections, SGA has been dedicating large amounts of time to raising funds for the upcoming dance marathon, "THON." However, there are two empty senator seats on the SGA senate, and on Thursday February 25, SGA plans to elect students to fill these empty positions.



SGA President Buck Goedicke

Beacon file photo

Student Activity Fee Committee Meets For Final Time

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"It's all Darwinian, only the strong survive," Michael Zampetti, 08 History, said at the suggestion of fundraising for student activity money. The Student Activity Fee Committee met on Tuesday night for the last time before April. The committee gathered to decide the final allocation of the \$220,000 student fee fund for the 1999-2000 school year. In attendance were three faculty and administration members including Ken Miller, Acting Dean of Student Affairs, and six student representatives including Buck Goedicke, President of Student Government Association.

At the 4 pm start of the meeting the budget was \$51,901.29 overbudget. The next four hours were spent deciding which student groups needed money and how much they were to receive. It was a slow tedious process, but all groups that had prepared a proposal for money were given thorough consideration.

The considerations taken when distributing money to groups already es-

last year, attendance at the group's functions and estimated attendance at next year's functions. When money was distributed to smaller groups, such as hall councils and to groups with proposals new to the committee this year, such as Student Activities hosting a formal "Snowball" dance, consideration was given to estimated costs and attendance.

The committee also looked for activities with different varieties for students. "It's an opportunity to give them something they usually don't get," said Gretchen DeHart, 09 Psych. Some of the groups that benefited from this were The Roundtable, for a trip to a professional theater in Ontario; they were allotted all the money they asked for. The Lion Ambassadors were given the funds to offer students swing dance lessons again next year. The Almy Hall Council was also given money to take students to a Pittsburgh Pirates baseball game.

Some groups were not allotted the specific amount they requested but the committee took into consideration that the additional money they would need could come from different funds. The

ted for student requests also. The Just In Time Fund can provide money to students as well. The money in that fund came from the first 10% of the \$220,000; it is a pool of money that students can access anytime in the school year for funding.

With the budget almost \$52,000 over its limit, the idea of student fundraising was brought up to the committee, but on average was quickly voted down. "It is very hard to fundraise on a college campus," said Tara Campbell 07 PE. Students don't really have the money to spend to buy candy bars and hoagies from a different group each week.

The meeting ended with the money fairly distributed and the committee on budget. Talks were given about how to improve the overall distribution of the money. Since the first year of the committee in 1995, they have been looking for ways to put more of the money directly into the students' hands. A survey of around 100 Behrend students was taken in January by the committee and the overwhelming consensus was that students want quality programs, not just



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