

Speaker Series Committee to form in March

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as he put it. His following poems were representative of the time he spent in central Nevada.

Diana Hume George was the third reader. She presented some older works, "Geneses" and "Phantom Breath," and also some excerpts from her piece, "White Woman living With Native Americans." She considered this piece a "memoir in progress." Last year she read an essay about hitting a raccoon while leaving the Indian Reservation where she had been living. Her story this year was also about Native Americans, except this year the story told of how her interest in Native Americans began. Her essay started with her experience as a fifteen year girl sneaking out to a carnival, followed by a brief synopsis that ended at the birth of her half Native American child.

Ann Pancake, a first year teacher here, entertained the audience with an excerpt of her story of a family living in the mountains. The story was about two sisters, one of whom had just lost a fetus and was refusing treatment.

After Pancake's presentation, George asked if anyone wanted to read from the audience. George was able to persuade Professor Chester Wolford to read next. The Business/English teacher was shy to follow Pancake, who had won the Thomas Wolfe Prize. He read a moving essay concerning his journey to the Johns Hopkins Hospital Oncology department. He discussed his piece as a result of his "love-hate relationship with creative non-fiction."

The final reader of the night was Kathleen Crown, who is a prospective creative writing faculty member here at Behrend. One of her poems was about the Holy Ghost as the female part of the holy trinity. She also presented some sonnets as part of a 'crown sonnet cycle' where the last line of one is the first in the next. The final poem of the evening was about Crown's link of the World Wide Web to the New Jersey Turnpike. George concluded the evening by commenting how Behrend's guest had "Crowned the evening."

by David Young
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The Speaker Series has always brought big names on campus to speak. In the past, the has included former Vice President Dan Quayle, Jesse Jackson, and Greg Louganis, just to name a few.

Sometimes, maybe the names are to big. When Greg Louganis came to speak, he was literally surrounded by autograph seekers making it a challenge to move things along. As Director of Student Activities, Chris Rizzo put it, "It was like a scene from a Hollywood opening night." Despite the confusion, the very gracious Louganis gave out many autographs and photos to people at the lecture.

The Speaker Series will choose its committee for next year in March, and students should expect next year to bring the same quality speakers as in the past. Meetings and negotiations will start this summer.

Every year a new group of people, headed by Chris Rizzo, meet and decide who will come and speak at Behrend. This year the Speaker Series brought the likes of David Lauren from Swing Magazine. Bob Woodward of the Washington Post will speak in March. Although booking speakers sounds easy, there is a lot

more that goes into the process of deciding who will be speaking at Behrend each semester.

The Speaker Series has a budget of around \$60,000. It is funded by the student activities fee and is also paid for by the office of Student Affairs.

The committee is made up of a mix of faculty, staff and students. Two faculty representatives from each school at Behrend are chosen along with approximately five to ten students and three or four more staff members. Invitations are sent out to the elected committee members.

After the committee is set, the selection process can begin. The committee will meet to brainstorm about things such as what theme they would like speakers to address and who they might want to come and speak. Proposals are then sent out to about twenty nationally recognized speaker agencies. Then every speaker from each proposal is looked at in depth so that a final decision can be made on which speakers to book.

Any student interested in being on The Speaker Series committee contact Chris Rizzo at <clr4@psu.edu>.

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- 2/17/99 Complainant reported theft of items from her resident room.
- 2/18/99 Complainant reported a faculty vehicle parked in front of the studio theater.
- 2/18/99 Complainant recieved harassing voice mail.
- 2/22/99 Noticed additional vehicle damage done in the new athletic field.
- 2/22/99 A non-student who resides off campus made a complaint against a resident student.



What Are Your Plans For Spring Break This Year?

- "I am going to buy a ninja motorcycle."
Kim Fowler, 02, Bio
- "I have a dentist appointment on March 9th that I have to go to."
Shawn Hayes, 02, Chem
- "I am going over the falls in Canada."
Chad Knight, 06, MIS
- "I am going over the falls with Chad."
Katie Spyker, 01, PE
- "I plan to carve a new beating stick to keep all the ladies away."
Josh Meals, 02, MIS
- "I am going to Canada to win some money, see some strippers, and drink some beer."
Shawn Koscho, 04, MIS
- "I am going to Florida with some friends."
Meghan Hedges, 04, DUS
- "I am going to Montreal for Spring break."
Adam Gutheridge, 04, BA

Question of the Week