

The Price is Right arrives on campus

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Lawrence Hall Council presented the first annual game show to mock *The Price is Right* this past Thursday in the Reed Lecture Hall. The show was a surprising success and the many students that attended greatly enjoyed the event.

This spoof of a beloved game show was splendidly hosted by Dan Schiesser, Residence Life Coordinator, who played the part of Bob Barker. Keith Cerroni, 02/DUS, Kris Lynch, 04/Mechanical Eng., and Andrew Moore, 02/Graphic Design, assisted Schiesser and truly put "Barker's Beauties" to shame. Not only did they display prizes and games, but they also wore tight, revealing dresses that they looked damn good in.

Out of the sixty enthusiastic audience members, twenty-four received the thrill of a lifetime and were selected to "come on down" and be a contestant on the game show. The show began when four contestants were asked to guess the amount of M&Ms in a jar, and the one who guessed most accurately moved on to play a game for prizes. A contestant with "Maria" on her name tag had to first put three items, Advil, a bag of popcorn, and Tide, in order from least in price to most expensive.

She did this successively and received three chances to putt for a \$25 Olive Garden gift certificate. Unfortunately, she missed all three putts.

Four more contestants were then chosen, and one advanced to play for candy and a collection of classic John Belushi movies. The lucky contestant won by identifying the correct value of the prizes to be \$46.32. The next finalist of the four participants won \$25 worth of snacks and pop.

The three finalists then were given the opportunity to "spin the wheel," and the one who was the closest to one dollar without going over was placed in the Showcase Showdown. The fortunate person to win did so with a pitiful two spin total of fifty cents. Please note that the wheel was slightly lopsided, so that the most that anyone could receive on one spin was thirty cents.

This marked the midpoint of the game-show, and the second half continued in much of the same fashion. Once one contestant advanced past the other three people, he or she then played for prizes like board games, candy, and Behrend Apparel. The final game played was the famous "Plinko." For those of you that do not watch *The Price is Right* religiously, the object of this game is to drop Plinko chips down the Plinko board into the slot that will give one the largest winnings. The contestant

won ten movie bucks for Tinseltown.

The new three finalists each spun the wheel, and the winner advanced to the Showcase Showdown with a total of sixty cents. In the Showdown, the contestants had to guess the total value of a Tao-Bo tape, blow-up couch, and a nineteen-inch color TV/VCR unit. Gregg Hedglin, 02/Elementary Ed., was the grand prize winner. Upon winning the prizes valued at approximately \$350, he said, "I was anxiously awaiting battle of the bands on Friday, and I needed something to kill time. So, I came, and I recommend it to everyone." He then frantically scurried up to his room with his new TV, so quickly, that he appeared to think that someone would take it off of him and say that this whole thing was just a joke.

The Price is Right mock game show was well organized and resulted in being a wonderfully entertaining event. Linda Lombardi, Acting Associate Dean of Student Affairs, commented, "This was one of the best student organized programs that I have been to at Behrend. Two thumbs up to the Lawrence Hall Council!" The most appropriate final comment on the conclusion of this event was made by Bob Barker's new competition, Dan Schiesser: "Get your pets spayed and neutered."

The Force is with our Wire Services Editor

by Katie Galley
wire services editor

Yes, folks, it's only 20 days now until the new *Star Wars* movie opens! Excitement is in the air, at least for the mass sum of us who worship *Star Wars*. In case you have been in a cave for the last 22 years, here is what you have missed.

May 25, 1977. George Lucas releases a little movie called *Star Wars*. The movie plays in 32 screens across the country. And so the craze begins, at least for the people alive back then. It was over a full year later that this fan was born and in my deprived childhood, I admit that I never actually saw *Star Wars*. I know, it is extremely sad. What is even worse is the fact that in 1997, when the movie returned to the theaters, I was literally dragged into the

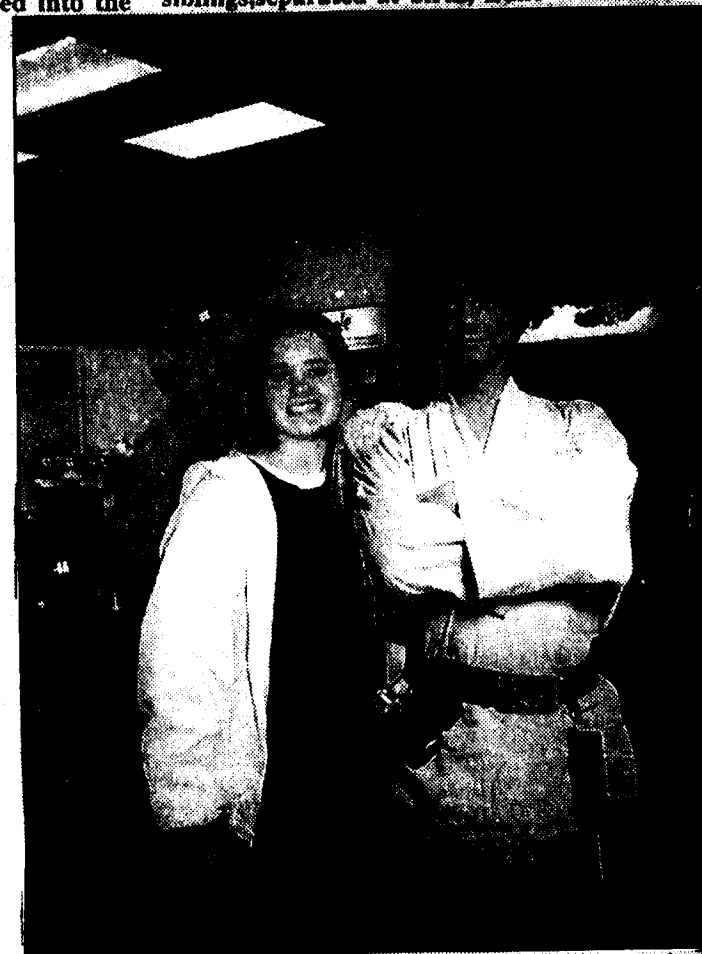
theater to see the "Special Edition." I didn't want to see this "space movie." What did I know?

I spent the first hour being truly annoying. I laughed at the special effects; "You can see a box around the plane!" I asked dumb questions, "Why do they want to blow up Earth?" You get the idea. But then something happened. I grew intrigued. This movie was kind of cool. I found myself cheering for the Rebels and booing the Imperials. And so an obsession was born. Thank you, George Lucas.

Back in 1977 when *Star Wars* was released, many people noticed that the title was *Star Wars: A New Hope - Episode IV*. George's brilliant mind started the "space story" right in the middle. During the next 6 years the story unfolded with Episodes V and VI: *The Empire Strikes Back* and *The Return of the Jedi*. Lucas told the tale of twin siblings, separated at birth, Luke

Skywalker and Princess Leia Organa, and their fight to win the galaxy back from Darth Vader and the Imperials and restore order to the universe.

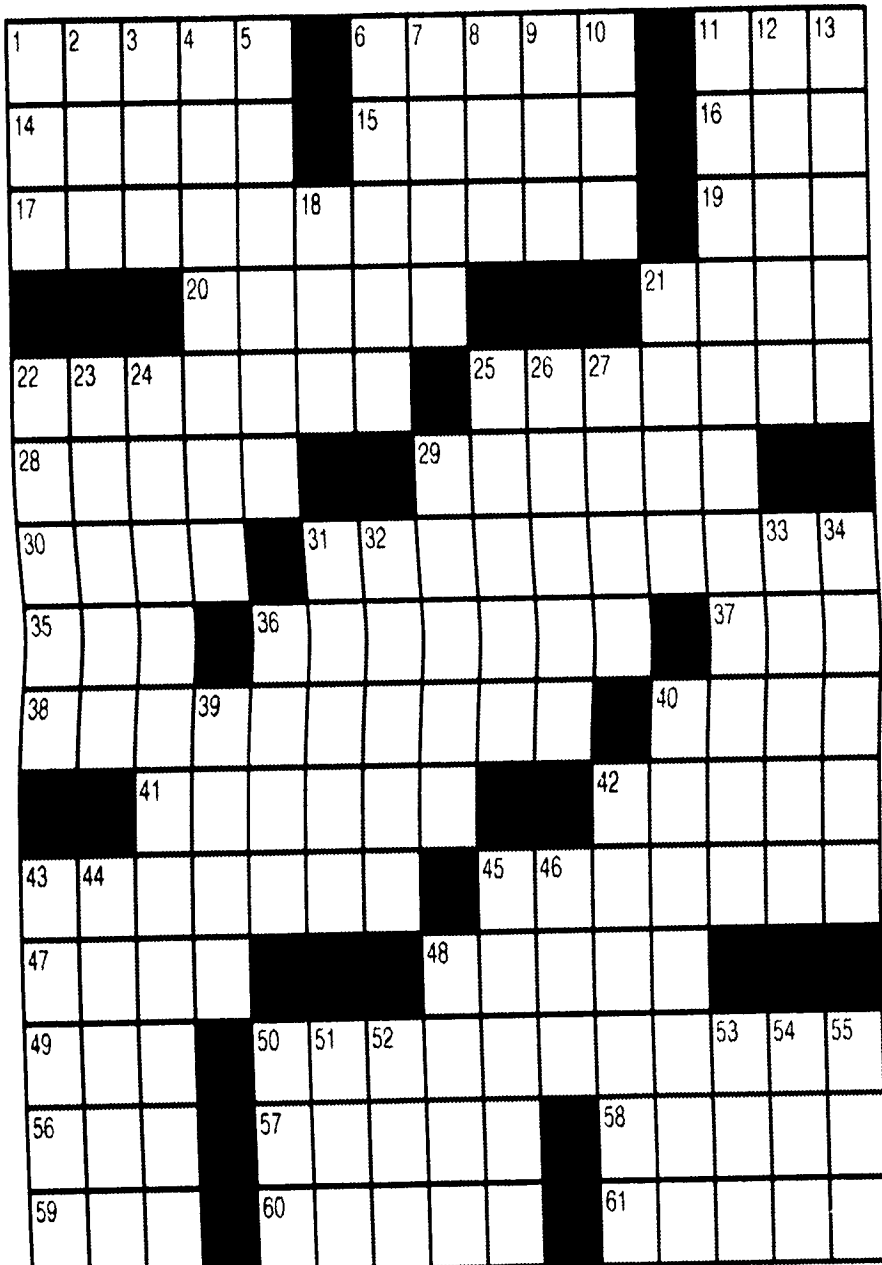
In the new *Star Wars* movie, *The Phantom Menace - Episode I*, the story starts at the beginning. We learn all about Luke and Leia's mother, Queen Amidala, and the fall of the galaxy from the Jedi to the Imperials. With the combined effects of the star-filled cast (Ewan McGregor, Samuel L. Jackson and Liam Neeson, and yes -- even Yoda) and the stellar special effects, this movie should prove to be as great as the original. Take my advice though: don't wait 20 more years to see this movie when it is inevitably re-released in the theaters. Go on opening night, camp out if you must, bring along rations, do what ever you must, but see this movie!



The Beacon's own Katie Galley poses with Mark Hamill in character as Luke Skywalker.

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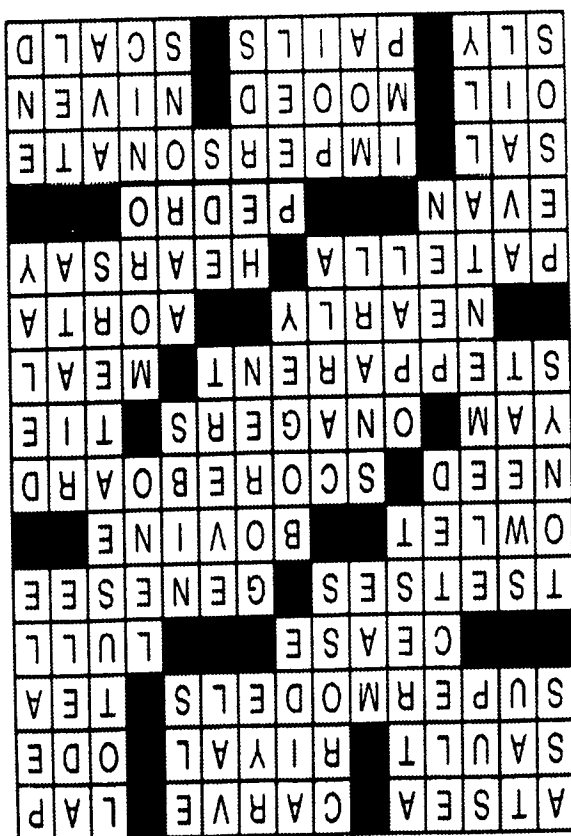
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