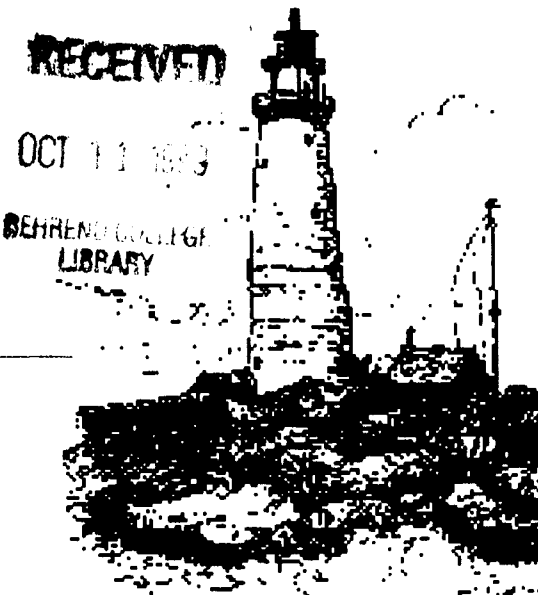




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Annual career fair attracts job-seekers

Students, companies make fair another success

by Karen McKim and Rebecca Weindorf staff writers

On Tuesday of this week, the Business, Humanities, and Science Career Fair was held in Reed Commons. Thanks to the Career Development Center, sixty companies were in attendance at the job fair. Some of the companies that volunteered to come were Country Fair, Inc., Erie Insurance Group, the FBI, Giant Eagle, Home Depot, Mellon Bank, SPRINT, U.S. Army, IBM, and several other companies from around the Erie area.

One of the advantages of having the job fair was that it exposed students to the opportunities that the Erie area offers in the workplace. Several companies had opportunities for both those who would want to remain in Erie or would be willing to relocate, which gave students a variety of jobs to explore and ask questions about. All companies present were willing to answer the questions that students had.

All students, regardless of semester standing, were welcome to attend. But the fair was geared especially for those who are about to enter the job market. Seniors had the chance to hand over resumes right on the spot to companies for their consideration. In general, the fair was for those who wanted to get an idea of what they wanted to do after college, and to get to know people from different companies in the Erie area.

Opportunities for relocation and employment in different states were also offered by several companies. Assistant Vice President and Employment Department Manager for Erie Insurance Ann Scott said what her company is looking for right now are computer science majors, but that all areas are being taken into account. The company offers a training class



Behrend student looks into career with the FBI. The Career Fair was held on Tuesday in the Reed Wintergarden.

for adjusters-students from any major that are willing to relocate. The company's field offices are divided into the three regions: Mid-Atlantic Region, Midwest Region, and South-eastern Region. If you're interested or want more information, visit their Web site at www.erie-insurance.com or call 1-800-458-0811.

Giant Eagle had representatives from both the local and the corporate branches at the job fair. The company likes to promote employees from inside the corporation. Co-Manager of Harborcreek Giant Eagle Fran Poniatowski said, "We are looking for students who can work after college so they can then work their way up to management positions." For more information, contact the Giant Eagle Position Hotline at (412) 967-3671 or

log on to their Web site at www.gianteagle.com.

Vicki Waite of Mellon Bank said they are looking for students with sales experience who are willing to work in the local area. Since the bank has branches all across Pennsylvania and the United States, students willing to relocate are also welcomed by the company. Waite said what is most important to the company is that an employee be capable of "selling to the customers."

The company invites students to visit their Web site at www.mellon.com.

With the help of Delta Sigma Pi, the Career Development Center (CDC) was able to put on another successful career fair for Behrend students. The job fair was an excellent way to ex-

pose students to open positions within the visiting companies, especially for those who were interested in immediate placement after graduation. Kim Burkey, 07 Accounting, said, "The job fair was an excellent opportunity to see what companies are out there and what qualities they are looking for."

If you weren't able to make the job fair this year, and if you have questions about job placement and opportunities, the Career Development Center is always available for questions or meetings for students.

Mary Beth Peterson is the director of the CDC; you can contact her with any questions you may have at (814) 898-6164 or access the CDC Web site from www.pserie.psu.edu/career/cdcindex.htm.

AΣA first to complete 30-day alcohol moderation management

by Jason Snyder editor-in-chief

On Tuesday, October 12, Behrend's Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority will complete a feat never before accomplished by any organization at Penn State Behrend. The sorority has abstained from alcohol for 30 days and has attended moderation management meetings held every Sunday.

Other Behrend organizations have attempted the 30-day moderation before, but have never completed the program. Shawna Pelasky, Coordinator of Greek Life and Student Leadership Programs, sees the 30-day moderation as a "wonderful step for the chapter (AΣA) to make." She added, "Even if some didn't have a problem with drinking, it allowed them to evaluate the practices of others."

AΣA president Elizabeth Steck sees the 30-day moderation as an opportunity to learn about alcohol and its effects on yourself and others. "This has been very beneficial for us. We learned more about ourselves and alcohol," said Steck.

Susan Daley, Behrend's Staff Psychologist, was joined by Acting Associate Dean of Student Affairs Linda Lombardi Nestor; Coordinator of Health and Wellness Services Patricia McMahon; who is also the advisor of AΣA; Health nurse Joye Dado; and Personal Counselor Allison Parr-Plasha to lead AΣA in their goal to abstain from alcohol for 30 days.

The meetings that the sorority attended are usually mandatory meetings for students that have been caught drinking underage or drinking excessively. However, when Steck met with AΣA advisor Patricia McMahon last year, both agreed that the weekly meetings would be beneficial for the sorority. This led to AΣA voluntarily joining the program.

McMahon commended the women of AΣA saying, "I am extremely proud of the women of AΣA, that they stuck with it." She added, "It was extremely successful in helping the women of AΣA to look at decisions they make concerning their health and wellness. It impacted their lives and touched many lives at Behrend."

Daley was very impressed with the women of AΣA in how they approached the leaders of the moderation management meetings and asked to take part in the 30-day program. She said, "They wanted to go for it. And they did! They really hung in there and are to be commended." Daley sees the program as a "tremendous challenge."

Upon the conclusion of the moderation meetings this past Sunday, an evaluation of the program was given to the 22 members of AΣA. The results of the survey speaks volumes for the success of the program.

In the survey, 21 out of 22 participants felt that the program helped them understand what moderation management is about. One of the participants revealed that they would seek further help. Of the 22 participants, 17 said that they would tell a friend about moderation management, while 21 also said they would support someone who is trying to cut down. All members said they benefited in some way from the program. On a scale of 1-10, the average response as to the overall satisfaction of the presentation was 7.9.

The results of the survey proved that the program "forces you to make positive life-style changes," said Daley.

Daley, along with the other leaders of the program, will continue to check up on the members of AΣA to see the long-range effects of the program.

Franken kicks off Provost's Speaker Series

by Mike Frawley managing editor

On Wednesday, October 6, this year's Provost's Speaker Series opened to a large crowd in Erie Hall. The lecturer for this event, who was one of the biggest draws for a speaker in recent years, was Al Franken.

Among many topics, Franken commented on his own prospects for running for political office. "I thought that I had done too many drugs to run, but with Bush running I guess I didn't." Franken's lecture was titled, "An Evening with Al Franken." This year's Speaker Series is titled *Taking Charge Politics, Finances, and Personal Freedom*. Franken's lecture was a perfect opener for this series.

While Franken is best known for his work on *Saturday Night Live* as an Emmy-winning actor, writer, and producer, he has also worked on many other products that have established him as a premiere political comedian and satirist. He has appeared on *Comedy Central's Politically Incorrect*, the

Tonight Show with Jay Leno, and the *Late Show with David Letterman*. He has also written various movies, including *Final Days*, a parody of the final days of the Nixon administration, which put his name on the map. Franken has also written two best selling political satires, *Rush Limbaugh is a Big Fat Idiot* and *Why Not Me: The Inside Story of the Making and Unmaking of the Franken Presidency*. These best selling books helped him to start his own short lived sitcom on NBC, *Lateline*.

Many events were scheduled with Franken on campus for students to participate in, including a press conference, a round table discussion, dinner at Logan House, and his speech in Erie Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Throughout the day Franken answered many questions from students on many different topics. Franken informed students that he felt that they were not as politically active as they were when he attended college, but the students are more involved in community activities, such as mentoring, tutoring, and charity when

he was in school. He still found it disturbing that students are so out of touch with politics in general. "But, we had a war going on to protest against when we were in school," Franken commented.

Many questions that were asked by students and faculty alike had to do with Franken's feelings about *Saturday Night Live*. Franken said that he valued the time that he spent on the show. He enjoyed being able to comment on an event right away, if not the day after an event occurred. "The show has had its ups and downs," Franken informed the audience. But his appearance on the *Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Saturday Night Live* reminded Franken about how special an experience it was to be a part of the show.

Franken's speech kicked off promptly at 7:30 p.m. after a short introduction by Dean and Provost Dr. John Lilley. Franken immediately had the crowd in Erie Hall laughing by making a quip about Dr. Lilley. Franken's speech, which was simulcast on WPSE, covered a myriad of

topics. Some of the topics and jokes that the audience enjoyed most dealt with the upcoming presidential race, the media, gun control, and the V-Chip. "We should have a twenty-six chip system," Franken informed the audience. He then went on to outline what some of the other chips could block out. "The B-Chip would block out all shows dealing with Leona Helmsley. The C-Chip would also block out all shows dealing with Leona Helmsley," Franken said.

Franken's speech was very well received by the audience. Franken had to pause numerous times to let applause die down so that he could continue. After his lecture Franken did a short question and answer period with the audience. Franken fielded many questions about his thoughts on politics and his time on *Saturday Night Live*. The highlight of the question and answer period was a student telling Franken of his problem doing math.

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GOT MILK? The AΣA sisters got their ample amounts of calcium during their 30-day moderation.

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