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4th Annual Date Auction raises \$1600 for the disabled



SOLD: Josh Meals stands patiently to see who will finally end his bidding. Meals was sold for \$130. PHOTO BY JEFF MILLER

by Jessi Dearolf
staff writer

For those looking for a date or perhaps just an entertaining evening, the date auction was the place to be. The ladies of Alpha Sigma Alpha held their fourth annual date auction on Tuesday to raise money for the Special Olympics as well as the S. June Smith Center.

The auction took place at the Reed Commons, and there was a two dollar charge, all of which was dedicated to charity. The bidding started at 9:00 p.m. and lasted until about 10:30 p.m. All together, 14 men and 10 women were auctioned off, with the bids ranging from 20 dollars all the way to 160 dollars. The quality of the date that the bidder received all depended on the amount of money that they bid.

The men and women being auctioned off tried many different tactics to raise the stakes and bring in more money for the charities. Some of the moves that they used to tempt the bidders included flexing, strutting, and even removal of clothing.

Kurt Haibach, from Tau Kappa Epsilon, tried to seduce the ladies by ripping off his shirt and throwing it into the audience. After he removed his shirt, he began walking back and forth across the stage on his hands.

One highlight of the evening came from a group of students who watched the event from a classroom above the Reed Commons. They watched from the window, holding up signs that read "Free Dates" for all to see.

Though they could not hear what was going on, they had a bird's eye view of all the bidding action going on below.

The top money makers of the night were Josh Meals and Elizabeth Steck. Steck, the president of the sponsoring sorority, went for the high price of the night which was 160 dollars. After a see-saw bidding session, Meals was finally sold for 130 dollars. "That was crazy," said Meals when he met up with his date. "I thought I was going to go for like six dollars. I never expected to go for that much." The highest bid last year for either men or women was \$90.

On average, the men went for about 55 dollars and the women went for about 50 dollars a piece. As the bids started to get higher and higher, many students had to run out to the MAC machine to withdraw more money to pay for the dates that they wanted. After the bidding frenzy was all over, the bidders had spent a grand total of 1,600 dollars on their dates. This total doubled last year's total of \$800. Prizes for the winners included free movie rentals, dinner at Don Pablo's, and even tickets to the Weird Al Yankovic show. Many local businesses also contributed.

Steck thanked all the participants and businesses that took part in the event.

Of the event, Steck said, "it was a fun event that Behrend doesn't usually have."

Overall the date auction was a great success. The evening provided much laughter and supported a great cause. The sisters of Alpha Sigma Alpha did an excellent job of providing a fun and entertaining way to earn money for great charities.

Music rings through Wintergarden for 10 years

by Erin Henninger
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On October 14th, your craving for culture can be satisfied in the Wintergarden of Reed by The Cavani String Quartet. This internationally acclaimed group of musicians is presented to the students, faculty, and community members as part of the Music at Noon: Logan Wintergarden Series.

Last month, the Manhattan Wind Quintet appeared on the Penn State Behrend campus, filling the student union with several selections of classical music. The group not only entertained its audience, but educated them on how they shaped certain songs not necessarily written for five-part harmony, so that they could perform them. Also, the performers described certain parts of the selections for the audience to listen for, enabling them to distinguish between the different movements, or to reinforce a particularly wonderful part. The music alone was sufficiently entertaining, but when paired with the insight of the musicians by whom it was performed, made for an hour and a half program that no one should have missed.

Music at Noon: The Logan



PHOTO BY JEFF MILLER

The Manhattan Wind Quintet plays for the Logan Music Series in the Reed Wintergarden.

Wintergarden Series was established by Mrs. Kay Logan, trustee of the Harry A. Logan Jr. Foundation that was designed to support the fine and performing arts. Since the late 1980s, she has been showing her support of Penn State Behrends arts and education. Mrs. Logan was principal flutist with the Columbus Symphony for twenty years, and currently is involved with Chamber Music America

and the Chatauqua Institution. Other groups appearing for the Music at Noon: Logan Wintergarden Series include, The Chestnut Brass Company (November 16), Western Wind (January 13), Hesperus (February 8), Pacifica Quartet (March 14).

Be sure to have your lunch in Reed on October 14th, and make music at noon a monthly dose of culture.

Accessibility improvements to be made on Behrend campus

by Shannon Weber
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A grant was given to Penn State Behrend in the amount of \$200,000 from the Erie Community Foundation to build elevators in two key locations on campus—Reed Union Building and the glass-enclosed staircase near the suites. The University will match the funds to construct the elevators.

Provost and Dean Dr. John Lilley said this gift is very important to the College. Lilley said, "We've wanted to make these facilities accessible for

years. The Erie Community Foundation's gift will allow us to make the as welcoming as possible to all students, faculty and staff as well as to members of the community."

These additions will give people easier access to the upper area of the campus where a growing number of resident students are being housed, according to Edward Blaguszewski, manager of university relations at Behrend.

"The Reed Union Building is central to student life. It's the most

heavily trafficked building on campus," said Ken Miller, interim dean of student affairs. The RUB houses a number of offices, including Student Activities, the Career Development Center and the Office of Student Affairs.

The Erie Community Foundation became involved because the RUB is also used for events open to the public. They made the gift during the corporate phase of Penn State Behrend's capital campaign.

There will be no publication of the *Beacon* next week due to Fall Break.

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