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Students
elect new
SGA
senators

by Karl Benacci
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On February 2-3 the SGA held an election to determine who would occupy the three vacant SGA seats.

There were five students running for the three open positions. KIm Moses received the most votes (130), followed by Brandi Hovis (120), and Jason Nachman (65). Matt Grimmke and Matt Wiertel also ran for the seats.

Jenny Zhang was the uncontested winner for the University Faculty Senate Representative position tallying 115 votes.

In the past, the whole college would vote in the April elections, while senate seats that opened during the school year were filled by elections within SGA. However, because of the large number of empty seats that needed to be filled this semester, SGA felt that the whole college should be included in the decision.

The SGA seats were unoccupied for a number of reasons. Last semester one senator transferred and a few senators knew that they couldn't dedicate the time that was needed for SGA.

The SGA senate is made up of eleven senator seats, two freshman seats, six council seats, and four executive board seats.

Some of the duties and responsibilities of the senators are to reflect the interests and ideas of the students of Behrend at meetings of the SGA, serving on at least one committee, and helping in the general operations in the SGA such as serving office hours.

SGA President Andrea DiPlacido commented on the election by saying "Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all those who participated."

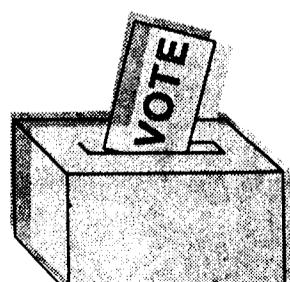
SGA holds their meetings in Reed 114 every Wednesday at 5:30. Students are encouraged to attend the meetings to offer suggestions. More information about SGA can be obtained at their office in the Reed Union Building.

Elected Senators

Kim Moses - 130 votes
Brandi Hovis - 120 votes
Jason Nachman - 65 votes

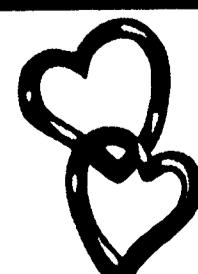
University Faculty Senate

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ERIE HALL HAS SERVED A VARIETY OF FUNCTIONS AT BEHREND

BY JASON SNYDER

Erie Hall's days as an athletic center will soon be coming to a close with the completion of the 1999-2000 Behrend basketball seasons. The facility has had an interesting history serving the function of an athletics and recreation center, with many memorable moments occurring its 48-year history.

This week, the Beacon will feature Part One of "The End of an Era" which will cover the earlier history of Erie Hall. Next week's edition of the Beacon will talk of the memorable moments that have occurred within the walls of Erie Hall and will include athletes', coaches' and students' feelings towards the time that they have spent in the facility.

The construction of Erie Hall was completed in 1952, four years after the opening of the college. Before Erie Hall was built, Behrend's athletics and intramurals were held at the Lawrence Park High School. Because of the increase in athletics and activities on campus, everyone at Behrend saw that there was a strong need for a building that would hold the activities.

During an Advisory Board meeting in January 1949, Penn State's S.H. Campbell proposed that Behrend based its plans for a new gymnasium on plans being used at Penn State's Hazelton Center. The board agreed with the plans, under the direction of the board chairman Edwin N. Nick. The project was to cost \$75,000. The money was raised by the citizens of Erie.

The original idea of Erie Hall was not only for athletic activities. It was also to be used as an assembly hall. It was used for dramatic and musical productions as well as a place for lectures and a gathering place for an organization that would eventually be called R.O.T.C.

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END OF AN ERA

Basketball teams hope to extend Erie Hall history

by Matt Wiertel
sports editor

The Penn State Behrend basketball teams are primed to host the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (AMCC) championships on February 23. Currently, both teams are undefeated in AMCC play, but have some key games left to play before wrapping up the season title.

At this time, the men's team is 8-0 in the conference and 17-2 overall. Last season, the team advanced to the AMCC championship against La Roche. Unfortunately, the men's team did not capture the AMCC title last season but they did win their first-ever Eastern

College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Southern Regional Championship.

The men are on an eight game winning streak, but they still have three conference games remaining on their schedule. A key upcoming match-up for the Lions will be against second place Pitt-Bradford. Behrend will host Pitt-Bradford on February 5 at Erie Hall.

The women's basketball team also is primed to defend the AMCC title that they won last year. Unlike the men's squad, they did not advance to the ECAC championships, but they hope to change that this season.

This season the women are 8-0 in the conference and 15-5 overall to date. With an

eight game winning streak, and three game conference advantage over second place Frostburg, the women have plenty of momentum going into the playoffs. Due to the fact that their remaining schedule is against AMCC opponents, all of their games until the end of the season will be key.

Leading the list is the February 12 game against Frostburg, which could decide if the Lions will host this season's AMCC championship.

Officially, the last regular season game will be played at Erie Hall on February 16 but at this rate the season will remain alive for a short time longer.



Acting Dean of Students Ken Miller, during his student interview on February 3.

that we can find a way to get commuters more involved on campus.

The administration plans on making a final decision between the candidates sometime in the near future.

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