

A rainy day makes for a dry Cider Rock

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If you are reading this, you are more than likely a student of Penn State Behrend, and if you are a student of Penn State Behrend, chances are you weren't at this year's Cider Rock festival. The festival held this past Saturday resulted in an extreme lack of attendance. It was scheduled to be held in the apartment quad but due to bad weather, it was relocated to the Reed Commons.

"The decision to move it down to Reed had a significant impact on the amount of attendance," said Patrick Kiley co-founder of the annual Cider Rock festival. The lack of attendance at this year's Cider Rock was a disappointment, not only to its sponsors and coordinators, but also to the three bands and the few students who did actually come out. "I was both surprised and disappointed," said Kiley.

The festival started at 5 p.m. with activities held inside and outside of the Reed Commons. Some of these activities were Lawrence Hall Council's face painting, Alpha Sigma Tau's apple bobbing contest and Theta Phi's "Throw a pie at a Theta Phi," which gave students the opportunity to vent out their stresses by throwing

whipped cream filled pies at the sorority members. Although there weren't many students to participate in these various activities, one major attraction of the festival was the climbing wall, which gave students the opportunity to put their wall climbing skills to the test on an air filled wall of approximately 2 stories high. Along with free food and other activities, 102.3 The Point FM provided music and gave away CDs outside of the Reed Building.

The rock band "Hear No Evil" started the concert portion of the festival at 6 p.m. inside the Reed Commons. At this time there was not a considerable amount of students in attendance, and as the night progressed this considerable amount never showed up. The brown, white, and blue tiled floor of the Reed Commons could never be observed more clearly, as empty as it remained throughout the night. At 8 p.m., when the blues band "Fat Vinny and The Wise Guys" began to perform, the night was still extremely dry. The band's lonely music echoed through the hall as each selection was followed by the empathetic applause of the four Cider Rock staff in attendance.

While there wasn't a sufficient

amount of people in attendance to appreciate the performances, this is not to say that the performances were not good. In fact the performances were pretty good. It suffices to say that if there were an audience present, they would have enjoyed themselves. However, the lack of attendance got so pathetic that the last band "Freudian Slip" who was scheduled to perform at 10 p.m., didn't perform at all. It was decided after "Fat Vinny and the Wise Guys" performed that "Freudian Slip," should not perform, ending the entire festival at approximately 10 p.m. "It was a tough decision," said Kiley. "Most of the people left. It wasn't ethical to have them play for virtually no one."

Compared to last year's Cider Rock this year's festival was a drastic step down as far as student attendance is concerned. "It was astronomical last year compared to this year," stated Kiley.

As the lack of attendance in this year's Cider Rock was probably due to the relocation of the festival, Cider Rock coordinators will be looking for ways to avoid this problem in the future, as Cider Rock is still determined to be an annual event that adds fun and excitement to Behrend life.



PHOTO BY NEELA DEY

Students in the Reed Commons check out various events at this year's Cider Rock

"Them's Fightin' Words" at the Studio Theatre

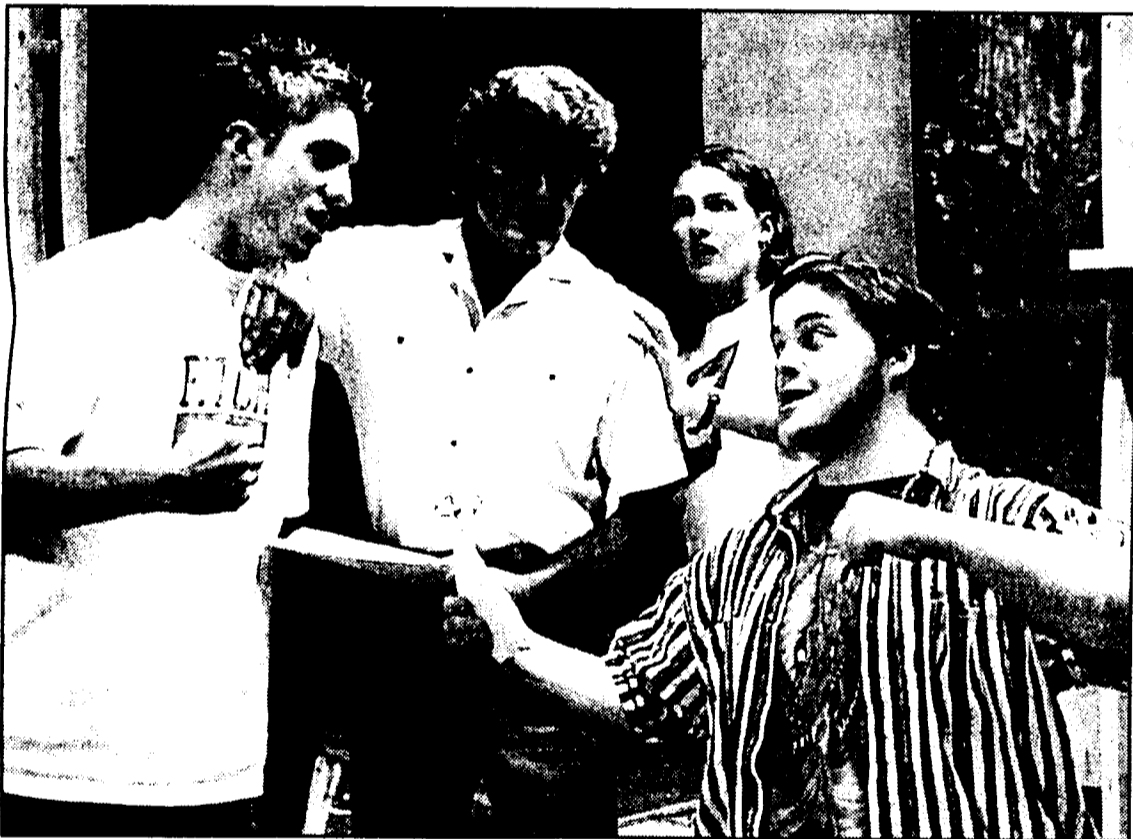


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Actors in Ten Little Indians rehearse a fight scene in preparation for opening day



Ten Little Indians, a murder mystery by Agatha Christie, will open in the Studio Theatre on October 20th and run through October 29th. Tickets go on sale at the RUB desk on October 6th, \$3 for students and \$5 for general admission.



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Happenings in Erie

September 29

Buffalo Sabres vs. Washington Capitals, NHL exhibition game, at Tullio Arena, 7:05 p.m.

Guy Lombardo's Royal Canadians with Al Pierson, Warner Theater, 8:00 p.m.

October 4

Warren Faidley, professional "storm chaser," Gannon's Zurn Science Center, 7:30 p.m.

October 5

Musician Art Garfunkel, at the Warner Theater, 7:30 p.m.



Fantasy sports are 'fan'tastic

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Have you ever wondered what would happen if Kobe Bryant and Allen Iverson played for the same team? Have you ever imagined yourself building a successful NHL team that could win its division? What would happen if you had the power to draft NFL players? You can find the answers to all of these questions in the world of fantasy sports. Fantasy sports can be played in a number of ways, but the most popular choice is through the Internet. There are many Internet sites that include fantasy sports, the most popular being ESPN's 3 play (www.espn.com) and Sandbox's wide range of differ-

ent games (www.sandbox.com).

Obtaining a fantasy sports team is surprisingly easy. All an individual needs to do is 1) Log-on to a website that has fantasy sports and register, 2) Choose which fantasy sport they'd like to participate in (sometimes a certain sport is unavailable due to it being out of season), and 3) Choose what type of league you'd like to be in. (Different leagues have different rules and regulations.)

After all that is done, individuals can draft their players, and when the season starts (if it hasn't already begun), they can do anything from trading players to choosing their starters. Running a fantasy sports team is basically like being the gen-

eral manager of that team.

Fantasy Sports has even had an impact at Penn State Behrend. Rob Wittman, the Coordinator of Intramural and Recreational Programs, has offered fantasy sports to the Behrend campus. "I think that it's been very good. The students seem to show more interest than I originally anticipated. It gives the students another type of competitive recreational opportunity that they can do at their leisure. Plus, it's free."

Andrew Markle, 09 Management Information Systems, stated, "I participate in fantasy sports because I am very competitive. The reward of actively playing in fantasy sports is worth it. If you are in the top couple teams out of 10,000 it makes you feel

good. I played baseball from the time I was 5 or 6 until I was 18 or 19 and played football all through high school, and I have always been a huge sports fan. Playing fantasy sports is just fun and keeps me up to date on stats and injuries when I don't get the chance to watch the games."

Grandin Rushlander, 07 Plastics, said, "I think it's fun to compete with friends and co-workers; a little competitive spirit in the workplace."

Fantasy sports continues to grow at a rapid pace, and it will be interesting to see how it develops as the time goes on. For more information about fantasy sports, visit www.sandbox.com.

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