

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How do you feel about living through Erie's snowiest winter on record?



"It was too cold — nothing happened in Erie."

Jeong Son
Electrical Engineering, 04



"I'm looking forward to the spring weather, when it's warm."

Julie Flagella
DUS, 02



"I'll never live in the north again — I'm probably going to move south after this, I hate the snow."

Kelly Storolis
Accounting/Finance, 06



"It sucks."

Nick Trimble
Plastics Engineering, 02



"I think it's great — it's better to live in the snow than just in the cold."

Will Schermer
Electrical Engineering, 09

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STUDENT SERVICE WEEK

see that plans for this annual semester event took place. Their responsibilities included contacting Behrend's many student organizations as well as offering suggestions for service activities. Leary, president of the Panhellenic Council, and Forero, coordinator of the Diehl Adopt-A-School Program, worked collaboratively in the preparation for this week. "Service Week helps Behrend reflect a positive image to the community and should be continued for many years to come," Leary commented.

The week started with an Easter egg painting session at the Brevillier Village Retirement Community. The event was sponsored by Lambda Sigma Honor Society and brought holiday cheer to residents.

Tuesday's events included activities with the Child Care Center and a visit to the City Mission by Reality Check, a student service organization. Reality Check sorted clothing that was donated for the individuals at the Mission. Although only two people were able to attend this event, their generous efforts were greatly appreciated.

Women Today and Multi-Cultural Council, along with the support of the Erie Rape Crisis Center, sponsored a guest speaker on Wednesday evening. Katie Koestner, founder of Campus Outreach Services, travels to college campuses to speak about date rape. Koestner also served as a highlight of Women's History Month.

Thanks to the Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils, along with the Lion Ambassadors and Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, over 50 members of Behrend's community were able to make the campus a cleaner place. Their duties included the cleaning up of certain areas requested by the maintenance crew, as well as other parts of Behrend.

The week will conclude with Bingo at the Brevillier Village. Sponsored by Reality Check, students will meet at the R.U.B. Desk at 5:30 p.m. on Friday.

Throughout the week, SGA sold paper "cans of food" to raise money for the Second Harvest Food Bank. Every dollar donated equaled \$17 of food for needy individuals. Also throughout the week the Joint Residence Council made Easter cards for the residents of Brevillier Village. Reality Check will deliver the cards during Bingo on Friday.

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KOESTNER

knowing this nice guy for barely three weeks, agreed to go on a simple date.

The date began with dinner at a "restaurant with cloth napkins" — a fancy restaurant. And it progressed with Koestner inviting Peter back to her dorm room, though only to dance and listen to music. But Peter assumed her invitation meant much more, and he took advantage of that assumption. By morning Koestner was no longer a virgin and she was no longer quite so naive.

But, in her speech, Koestner indicated that this was only the beginning of her nightmare. She described a college administration that was unsympathetic and wary of her accusation. She portrayed a student body that was cynical and increasingly vindictive — almost half of the students signed a petition declaring her a liar. She admitted that her father, an FBI

agent, seemed to cast at least some of the blame on her. And Peter was allowed back to school after one semester of suspension — a suspension that does not appear on his academic record.

Koestner urged students to be more aware of the circumstances surrounding rape. She presented an alarming statistic: 84% of rape victims know their rapist; only 16% of rape crimes involve the lonely woman in the dark alley scenario.

Also mentioned was her disappointment that more men hadn't appeared for her speech. She reminded the audience that one in four men knows or is related to a rape victim. She also said that men can be raped as well, although male rape is not often discussed.

Koestner's final appeal to the audience was to consider the ramifications of rape. She alluded to communication problems

surrounding language, behavior, and appearance. She said that it is important that people comprehend what mutually understandable consent means. And she envisioned a time when men and women could take a stand against rape, threats, and jokes despite the risk to personal dignity.

Koestner's story has been widely told by the mass media. She has given interviews on the *Oprah Winfrey Show*, *Good Morning America*, *MTV*, *Entertainment Tonight*, and dozens of other local and national programs. *TIME* magazine featured her and her story on the cover of its date rape issue. Koestner also completed a project with HBO, the Lifestories docudrama "No Visible Bruises: The Katie Koestner Story." Of the latter, though, Koestner said on Wednesday that the HBO story was only 15% hers.

DEBATE

part, their earlier views on expanding and retaining business and industry. Another audience member asked the candidates to describe their experiences that would enable them to control a budget of more than \$220 million.

The final question asked by the moderator was how much of a priority the candidates found tourism and the development of the Bayfront to be. All the candidates expressed the importance of tourism and the county's need to take advantage of it. Schenker cited the fact that Erie County is last in the state in the business travel sector, and that the creation of the Convention Center should help. Robison again fell back on promoting the county: "We have to promote Erie County to Erie County." She said that there have been too many divisions in the county and wants to ensure that they don't continue. She was quick to say that while money may be going to the waterfront, tourists still must travel through the outer-lying regions of Erie County to get to the Lake. Finally, Greco explained that she would attempt to have the private sector assist in the promotion of the county.

The debate ended with five-minute closing statements from the candidates.

During the debate, a few interesting connections to Behrend were made. Greco had once been the Public Relations Director at the college

and explained how the Reed Commons, where the debate was held, had been the library when she was there. And Schenker graduated from Behrend. He was the vice president of student government and was on the committee that chose Dean Lilley. Schenker is also the brother of Behrend Registrar Robert Schenker.

Behrend students had a mixed reaction to the debate. Aimee Peterson, a member of the College Republicans thought the debate went well. "In all, I thought that the debate went well. Spectators were able to hear the candidates' ideas on several issues and get acquainted with their personalities. The questions addressed were pertinent to the county's concerns and the concerns of many students." Peterson did have some objections, though. "I was disappointed in some of the candidates' responses. On the issue of bringing jobs to Erie County, some of the candidates lost perspective on the audience that they were addressing."

Jared Hawk, another student in the College Republicans, agreed with Peterson's latter statement. "I was a little disappointed that the debate did not center more on student issues. Of course the candidates said that we need more 'high-tech' jobs to keep students around but nothing was mentioned about Erie's lack of graduate programs."

The Republican primary elections for Erie County Executive will be held on May 15.

SGA ELECTIONS

A debate between these candidates will take place on Monday at 12:15 in the Reed Commons.

The only other contested position in this year's election is for the secretarial seat. Candidates include Bridgette Ramdhanie and Cori Lesniak.

Only eight students are running for a senate seat on Behrend's student government out of the eleven seats open for the position. This will ensure seats for the candidates on next year's student gov-

ernment.

These candidates are Michelle Armstrong, Sundeep Bhatia, Jennie Ellison, Bill Hogan, Kristin Grudowski, Alex Marroquin, Kim Moses and Emily Wyman.

Elections will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday outside Bruno's in upstairs Reed. Students can vote from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday and from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

"I think it's important for stu-

dents to vote for these positions because SGA is responsible for many things that affect students, such as student organizations' budget allocations," said Sunny Webb, an active member on SGA's election committee.

Last year's election turnout was its largest on record with 490 students voting in the presidential election. SGA's lack of contested positions should see a decrease in this number.

DO YOU KNOW...

- What your Body Mass Index (BMI) is?
- What your Cholesterol level is?
- What your Blood Pressure is?
- What your Bone Density is?
- What your body fat vs. muscle percentage is?
- What it feels like to explore a real Labyrinth?

Join the "Spring Screening" Health Fair 2001

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11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
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