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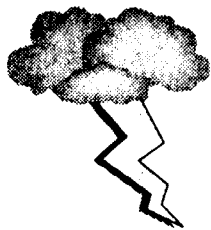
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SPRING 2001

### WEATHER

FRIDAY - Thunderstorms



High - 57  
Low - 44

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In front of the Astrodome's largest crowd to date, Stone Cold Steve Austin made WrestleMania XVII the most memorable ever, turning his back on the Texas faithful.



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## Hovis, Lewis win SGA election

### Voter turnout down from last year's election

by Jason Snyder  
editor-in-chief

Turnout may not have been as high as last year's Student Government Association elections, but at least it was closer.

Brandi Hovis and Clint Lewis beat Keenan Hansen and Traci Hamm 190-126 for the positions of president and vice president for the 2001-2002 academic school year.

"I thank everyone that voted and supported us in the election. I cannot wait to start working towards our platforms for the student body," said Hovis.

According to a statement provided by Hovis and Lewis, their platform includes taking care of "unfinished business."

The president/vice president elect, also wish to increase involvement in SGA and SGA involvement in organizations on campus.

Current SGA president Jen Miles is very confident that Hovis and Lewis can work with the senators to get their goals accomplished.

"They have both served SGA exceedingly well during their terms as secretary and treasurer," said Miles.

"They have the knowledge and the background to understand the prob-



PHOTO BY JASON SNYDER

lems that face the student body as well as the clubs and organizations that fall under SGA," Miles added.

Only 316 students turned out to vote in this year's presidential election, a far cry from the 490 students who voted last year.

"There was a lot of controversy that surrounded last year's election. It's

unfortunate to say, but controversy breeds publicity which increases turnout," said Miles. "Keenan, Traci, Brandi and Clint didn't want controversy, so turnout wasn't nearly as high."

"I wish that there would have been a better voter turnout, but that is something to work on in the future," said

Hovis.

In last year's controversial election, Miles and Clint Skillen won in a landslide over Demian Blair and Mike Frawley, 401-89. This year's deficit was only a 64-vote margin.

"I am happy the election was a close race," said Hovis of this year's election. "It showed that all of the candi-

dates for every position were very qualified."

This year's results were announced to a crowd of 20 people outside Bruno's. All four candidates were

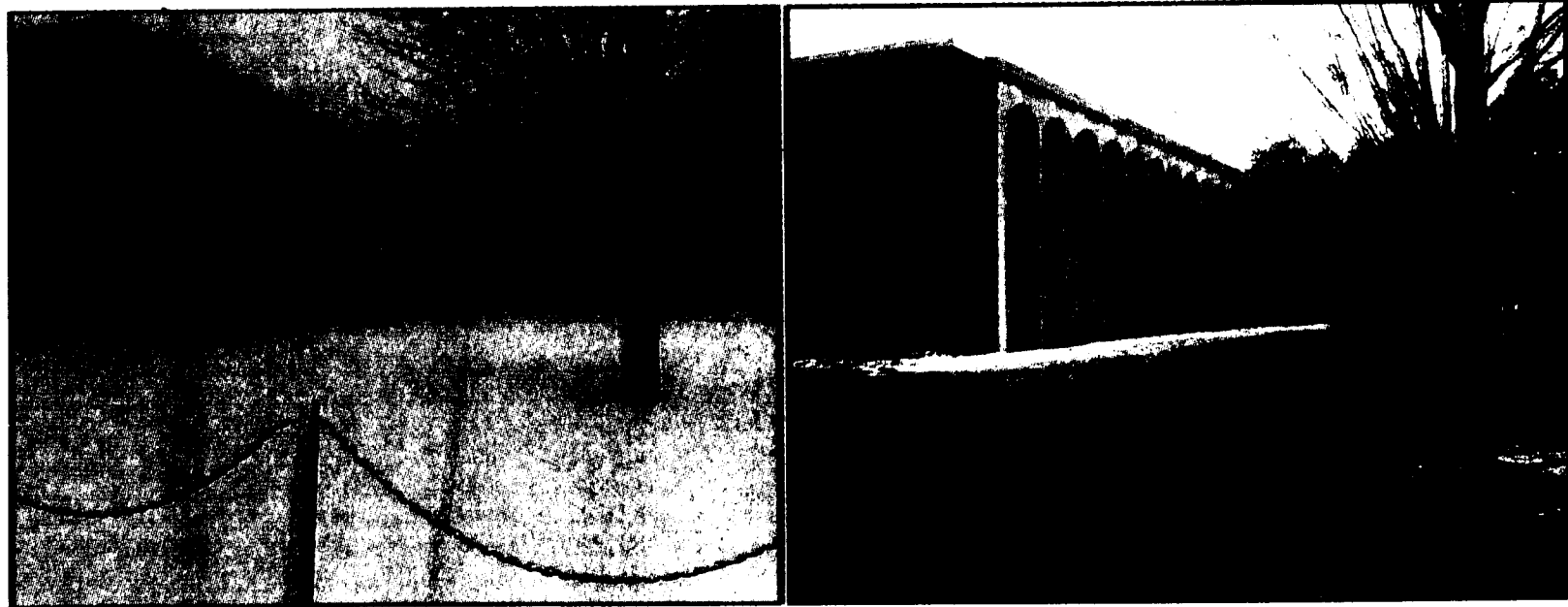
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<b>PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT</b>	
Brandi Hovis/Clint Lewis	190
Keenan Hansen/Traci Hamm	126
<b>SECRETARY</b>	
Bridgette Ramdhanic	177
Con Lesniak	9
<b>SENATORS</b>	
Kim Moses	205
Kristin Grudowski	165
Sundeep Bhatia	158
Melissa Davis	154
Jennie Ellison	154
Michelle Armstrong	143
Bill Hogan	124
Emily Wymann	107
Alex Marroquin	102
* write-in vote	
Winners in Blue	
Losers in Red	

Winners will begin their terms at the beginning of the 2001-2002 academic school year.

Brandi Hovis (far right) and Clint Lewis (back) are congratulated by Keenan Hansen (left) and Traci Hamm (middle) after the official results were announced for 2001-2002 SGA president and vice-president. Hovis and Lewis were announced the winners by just 64 votes.

## April Fool's...two days late



PHOTOS BY BECKY WEINDORF

Noon

5:00 p.m.

One would think that mother nature was playing an April Fool's joke in Erie this past Tuesday, as two inches of snow seemed to prolong winter well into April. However, by 5:00 p.m., the snow was gone and renewed hope surfaced that spring is really here.

## Empty Bowl is feast for Behrend's Reality Check

by Hillary Hawranko  
staff writer

A bowl of soup, a piece of bread, and some water may not sound like the ideal meal to many, but for a lot of people, it's a feast. On Tuesday, Reality Check, a Behrend service organization, sponsored the first Empty Bowl Dinner at Behrend. Those who participated gave a donation of \$2 and received soup, bread, and water. The meal that was served demonstrated what some people who are less fortunate than others eat to survive. Proceeds benefited the Second Harvest Food Bank in Erie.

This event turned out to be a success even though it was never held before on Behrend's campus. Thirty-five guests attended, the majority being Behrend students. The Empty Bowl Dinner was able to raise \$100, the equivalent of \$1700 in food

for the hungry in Erie. The amount of money raised for the Second Harvest Food Bank was not the only positive feature of Tuesday evening's event, however.

Two students who attended the Alternative Spring Break in Baltimore, Md., were able to share their experiences with the other guests. Robin Sampogna has taken previous mission trips and felt that the one to Baltimore would be a different experience. Sampogna, along with 10 other Behrend students and Father Jeff Lucas, visited Christopher's Place, a group home for men recovering from drug and alcohol addiction.

During their stay, Behrend students ate dinner and played games with the residents. It made these people happy to have visitors there to talk to and share their experiences.

Also while in Baltimore, the Behrend group vol-

unteered at Our Daily Bread, a soup kitchen serving between 600 and 1,000 hungry people a day. The volunteers were able to interact with the less fortunate while serving them warm meals. Sampogna commented that her experience in Baltimore allowed her to "learn about what else goes on in the world."

Also speaking at the dinner was Pamela Weber, a representative of Project Hope. Project Hope is a non-profit organization in Erie that works with the homeless in Erie and the connection between homelessness and hunger. She also gave tips on what students can do to help.

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## Spring Fever moves to the ARC; more events added

by Jeff Miller  
managing editor

With the Athletics and Recreation Center now open, Behrend has a prime place to hold events on campus. Because the gym provides a large indoor area, the school is utilizing the ARC to hold the "ARC Blow Out." "We wanted to do an ARC celebration," said Kris Motta, assistant director of Student Activities. The Blow Out will be held on April 27, the last day of classes for the spring semester.

The rumor around campus was that Spring Fever, held every year in the apartment quad, was canceled to fund the Shaggy concert. Spring Fever was not canceled, however, it was just moved to the ARC. This was done to increase the amount of money that could be spent on one event. The money from Spring Fever, the ARC dedication, and Finals Blow Out was combined to form one giant event. With the combined money, a single event gives Behrend the opportunity to make it bigger than ever.

Dan Schiesser, a residence coordinator, is heading up the ARC Blow Out, but he has a lot of help. The Resident Assistants class is providing much of the coordination. The Lion Ambassadors, Lion Entertainment Board, Athletics department, and Student Activities are also helping to organize this major event. Student Affairs and Student Activities are providing the funding.

### ARC BLOWOUT

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