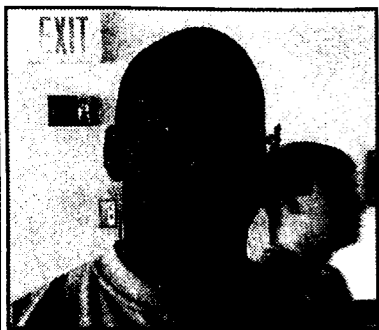


**QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

*Do you know who ran for SGA and what their platforms were?*



"I sort of know who's running — I don't know their platforms."

David Young  
Plastics Engineering, 06



"No, I don't have a clue."

Ian Karley  
Plastics Engineering, 08



"I know who's running, I don't know platforms — Keenan and Traci are running against Clint and Brandi Hovis for president and vice president."

Kristin Betschart  
Biology, 04



"We know that Keenan and Traci are running, and that someone's platform is to get unfinished business done and another is to support students more."

Celene Yanosko  
Mechanical Engineering, 09  
Marcus Kalivoda  
Mechanical Engineering, 10



"No, not really."

Russel Eberlin  
Engineering, 02

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**ARC BLOWOUT**

The Blow Out will begin at 3:00 or 4:00 p.m.; the final time is still undecided. Admission is free with student ID. The organizers are trying to make sure that there are plenty of things to draw people in. "... there will be free t-shirts to the first five hundred student through the door," said Schiesser. Students will not have to pay for any of the games or food. "Everything is free," said Schiesser.

"There will be picnic type foods, games, giveaways, tournaments, and even events in the pool," said Motta. The first four hours are dedicated to

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**EMPTY BOWL DINNER**

Sarah Orr, a Behrend student and member of Reality Check, organized the dinner. Orr said that she got the idea last fall during Second Harvest's Bread Box Awards. A group of students from Edinboro had done something similar and mentioned their work at the Award reception, and Orr thought it would be a fun event to bring to Behrend.

Reality Check was going to hold the Empty Bowl Dinner last fall during the Feed the Need food drive but got too busy with other projects. Then they tried to arrange the dinner for last month's Service Week, but again could not fit the event in.

All the funding for the event came from the Student Activity Fee. However, Panera Bread on Peach Street also do-



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ABOVE: Sarah Orr, member of Reality Check, organized the Empty Bowl Dinner.



LEFT: Reality Check members serve soup to the hungry students carrying souvenir bowls.

**SGA ELECTION RESULTS**

present for the announcement (165), Sundeep Bhatia (158), Melissa Davis (154), Jennie Ellison (154), Michelle Armstrong (143), Bill Hogan (124), Emily Wyman (107), and Alex Marroquin (102).

Another concern of this year's election was that none of the elected winners are commuter students. According to Julie Lafferty, Commuter Council president, this lack of involvement is a result of SGA's misrepresentation of commuters.

"Commuters don't get involved in campus life because people at Behrend don't care about commuter life," said Lafferty.

Lafferty also thinks low turnout is a result of this misrepresentation. "The reason commuters don't vote is because they don't have much representation in SGA. This contributes to the low turnout because 75 percent of this campus is commuters."

The voting format is also questioned by many people, including Miles.

"I'm hoping that the newly elected officers will switch to a web-based election for next year," said Miles. "That may increase turnout."

The only other contested position in this year's election was for SGA secretary. Bridgette Ramdhanie won convincingly, 177-97, over Cori Lesniak. Last year, the secretary position was uncontested.

"I am glad that I won the election because it means the student body supports me. I will support them in turn," said Ramdhanie, who ran on a platform stressing her experience and dedication.

Only nine students ran for positions as SGA senators for 2001-2002. This guaranteed membership in next year's SGA for Kim Moses (205), Kristin Grudowski

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the food, games, and the tournaments. Hot dogs, hamburgers, cotton candy, and sno-cones are some of the fun foods students can get free of charge. "They are going to have inflatable games like sumo wrestling and jousting." Some of the fun includes a caricaturist, face painting, and pie throw. There is even talk of a toilet race.

The tournaments will consist of 3-on-3 basketball, 6-on-6 volleyball, ping-pong, and three-point shot. First, second, and third place winners will receive prizes. Sign ups for the tournaments have not yet officially been posted. Students interested in signing up should keep an eye out for posters hung in the Reed Building or for emails.

"They're buying rafts and beach toys for the pool, and they are going to play *Jaws* on a big screen too," Motta said. People will be able to sit on the rafts and lounge around the pool to watch the movie, which begins at 9:00 p.m. The pool will also be open for free swim before the movie.

"Even if you don't like the athletic activities there are still lots of things you can do," said Motta. The main event will be three bands, Distorted Penguins from 8:30-9:30 p.m., Grapevine 10:00-11:00 p.m., and Buzz Poets last. The fun will last all evening.

In the week leading up to the celebration, the ARC will be buzzing with entertainment. On April 19, the ARC will be home to the Shaggy concert, and on April 21 professional wrestling comes to Behrend.

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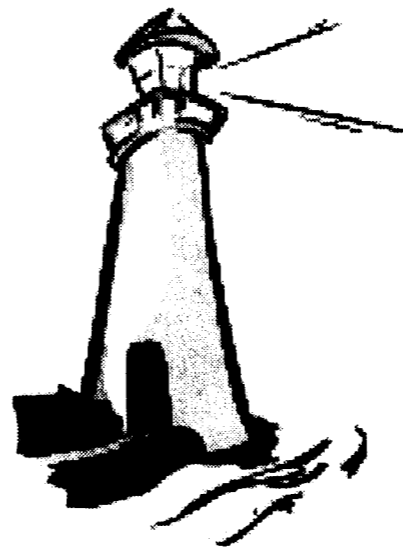
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TOP: Current SGA President Jen Miles presided over the SGA Debate held Tuesday, April 3, between the two pairs of presidential/vice presidential candidates.



BOTTOM: Brandi Hovis and Clint Lewis, shown here at the SGA Debate, won the election for president and vice president, respectively.

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