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NEW H&FS MANAGERS

"Behrend Housing and Food Services is in the unique position of operating in a positive work environment," Geering said. "The spirit of cooperation allows teamwork and higher expectations. We all try to raise the bar and offer more to the students of Behrend. I would like to continue to build positive relationships with the college administration and the students of Behrend. The road ahead is paved with opportunities and I hope that we can all work together to take advantage of them."

Bruno's Cafe has also received a new manager. Replacing Fred Fenstermaker is Michael Lindner, a 1999 graduate of Penn State. Lindner has spent most of his working life in various areas of food service, including pizza, dining room supervision, and operations management. Most recently, he worked for the past three years as the assistant manager of the Redifer Dining Commons at University Park.

"[Lindner] has jumped into his new position with enthusiasm and energy," said Geering. "Look for some positive changes in

the future at Bruno's."

Lindner has already begun to make small changes. The amendments which have been implemented so far concern how the employees do their jobs, but bigger changes focusing on customers are on the way.

"I am mostly focusing on learning how Bruno's and its customers interact, so that we can make some positive changes in the coming year to keep our customers satisfied and coming back for more."

One aspect of Bruno's that Lindner finds particularly impressive is its interior design and layout. He was also struck by the overall atmosphere, which he said is "very unique." Lindner's impressions of Behrend have been positive, as have his impressions of Erie.

"It offers a lot of extracurricular activities and opportunities that I look forward to taking advantage of in the coming years," Lindner said. In the meantime, Bruno's will keep him on his toes. "I like the fact that Bruno's is constantly busy and always changing, so it keeps me challenged all the time."

PORAC'S NEW ROLE

faculty comprise Porac's saddest memories of her time at Behrend, while some of her most pleasant memories involve working with the student advisory committee, which she commends for its work on the survey sent to graduating HSS students last year, and the school's program chairs.

"I started out at Behrend with a very collaborative style," she said. "I wanted to make connections between the programs, and my approach was not successful. I learned to separate the culture of each program."

Porac expanded the existing list of program chairs to include languages and fine and performing arts, and she sees the program chairs comprising an executive committee for the school. Her advice to her successor is to continue to use a more individual approach. She also hints that an increase in office space is an improvement which many would like to see.

"I intend to remain at Behrend for the foreseeable future," Porac said. She looks forward to a more intensive return to teaching. Her experience is extensive; in her 25 years on the faculty at the University of Victoria in British Columbia, she estimates that she taught 8,000 undergraduates. Most of those classes were large, and Porac relishes the opportunity to teach small classes here at Behrend.

"I am quite fond of Penn State and Behrend," said Porac. She is particularly impressed by the Behrend library, which she sees as a great resource, and the overall commitment to keeping the campus up-to-date technologically. "There are many exciting aspects of Penn State that I want to become more involved in," Porac said. "When one door closes, others open."



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Dr. Clare Porac, director of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, is resigning her position so she can go back to teaching psychology. Porac will remain at Behrend.

POLITICAL SCIENCE JEOPARDY

Two of three finalists, Webb and Frederick, were returning contestants from last year. Frederick won a close first round with \$800. Categories included Former Soviet Union, War on Terror, and American State Urban Politics. At the end of the second round, Webb, returning champion, was in the lead with \$7,820.

The topic "Bushspeak" started off the last round of Final Jeopardy. Webb won with the answer "What is rats?" to the question, "George W. Bush said no subliminal messages were intended against Al Gore in political advertisements in which large names of this animal appeared."

Webb's final total of \$10,200 topped Frederick and Beichner for a choice in a plethora of \$25 gift certificates. The other

eight contestants who participated also received gift certificates, along with the time-keeper, "Vanna," and the score-keeper.

"I thought it went very well," said Speel about the night. Speel said he spent between 20 and 30 hours preparing half of the 153 questions asked during the game. Political science professors Dr. Matt Davies, Dr. John Gamble, and Dr. Celise Benassine composed the remaining questions.

Speel entertained the audience with a "Simpsons" Mayor Quimby impression, questions about the band Destiny's Child, and jokes regarding Rick Schenker follies. When asked what he liked best about this year's set-up, Speel said, "The buzzers were colorful."



PHOTO BY ROB WYNNE

Dr. Robert Speel, associate professor of political science (left), hosted Thursday night's Political Science Jeopardy. He was assisted by other political science professors, including Dr. John Gamble, professor of political science.

PROVOST SEARCH

candidates, Cale said. "I feel that everything is going according to schedule," commented Cipriani, the one undergraduate student on the committee. If the search process proceeds as it has been, according to Burke, the new provost should be selected hopefully no later than July 1.

Three new fraternities coming to campus

by Alicia McGrail
staff writer

Greek life at Behrend continues to expand with the planned addition of at least three new fraternities in the upcoming year.

The addition to the four frats already active on campus should facilitate a larger and stronger Greek system, as well as create more choices for prospective pledges.

Tim Meyers, president of the Behrend Interfraternity Council, said more options for students interested in involvement with a Greek organization would lead to more participation. "If when pledging you don't feel that any of the existing fraternities represent your values, you can tailor your own Greek organization based on these values."

Another benefit in adding new fraternities includes the fact that they may be easier to get into than existing fraternities, and that anyone interested in helping found the new organization may design some of the rules it is governed by.

Before a new fraternity can be created, the organization must first be formally nationalized in what is a somewhat complicated and tedious process. First, Behrend must complete a questionnaire sent by the Headquarters of the National Interfraternity Council, which will specify what kind of fraternity the school wishes to adopt.

Next the questionnaire is sent back to the National Headquarters for consideration. A list of approximately eight fraternities that meet the criteria is sent back to Behrend and presented to the Interfraternity Council e-board and Coordinator of Greek Life and Leadership Programs Maria Madigan. These presentations will last an entire day.

The committee ultimately selects the top three fraternities and Madigan contacts those three and invites a chapter onto campus. Once they accept, the fraternities are free to start recruiting members.

Greek life on campus is expected to expand with these three new fraternities and the expected recognition in the spring of a former fraternity that has been on suspension for about two years.

It is estimated that the number of fraternities on campus will double in size, rising from four to eight within a year or two, and extending Greek life to even more students.



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

"Who is more important: the Director of Homeland Defense or the Secretary of Defense?"

~asked by Kelly Walsh



"Right now, I'd say the Secretary of Defense as long as things are going well in this country."

Mandy Slomski
Psychology, 01



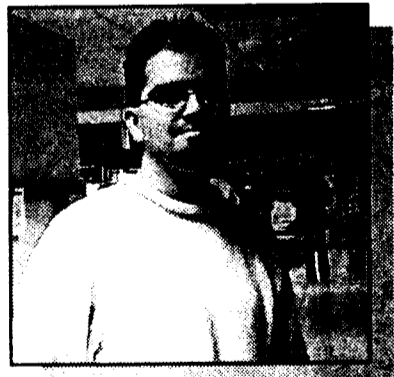
"Secretary of Defense — go to the source of the problem."

Emily Allen
Political Sci, 01



"Tom Ridge because our safety is most important right now."

Adrian Joseph
Forest Science, 03



"Secretary of Defense because foreign policy is the entire reason we are in the war."

Will Koehler
InterVarsity Christian Fellowship Staff



"They are equally important."

Bill Fader
Mechanical Engineering, 01