



THE BEHREND Beacon

March 15, 2002

Vol. XLIX

RECEIVED

16 Pages, 2 sections

MAR 18 2002

No. 23

BEHREND COLLEGE
LIBRARY



Spring 2002

WEATHER

Friday's forecast:



Chance of Rain

High: 62°

Low: 38°

Check page 2 for the weekend weather outlook.

INSIDE

NEWS

PIZZA WITH THE PROVOST

The final Pizza with the Provost of the semester took place Wednesday. Topics of conversation included the new fall schedule, the Perry Hall addition, and SpongeBob SquarePants. See page 2.

FORMER BEHREND PROFESSOR DIES

Kiyoe Mizusawa, a psychology professor at Behrend from 1969 to 1990, died on Feb. 25. A memorial service coordinated by Dr. Zachary Irwin took place on Wednesday. See page 2.

HIKING THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL
Dr. Ian Marshall, an English professor at Penn State Altoona, spoke on Thursday about hiking the Appalachian Trail and finding literary inspiration. Read about his presentation on page 3.

INDEX

- Behrend News...1-4
- Calendar...5
- Editorial...6
- Nat'l Campus News...7-9
- Features...10
- Humor...11
- A&E...12
- Sports...1-4B

CONTACTS

NEWSROOM: 898-6488
FAX: 898-6019

E-MAIL:
behrcol5@aol.com

Offices are located downstairs in the Reed Union Building

Tributes, performances highlight ABC's fashion show



PHOTO BY ROB WYNNE / BEHREND BEACON

Behrend students show off the latest fashions at Behrend's fourth annual fashion show. The event, which was sponsored by the Association of Black Collegians, included tributes for Sept. 11 and Aaliyah.

by Nicky Galloway
staff writer

The fourth annual fashion show sponsored by the Association of Black Collegians took place Thursday in the McGarvey Commons.

The talent show was "original and well-planned," noted Cheon

Graham, a senior at Penn State Behrend. The show was a mix of stunning clothes and impressive entertainment. The audience got involved and psyched, cheering for the models as they glided down the runway.

"Between the models, the clothes, and the audience, SCORCHING!" exclaimed senior

Behrend student Kim Moses, who aided sophomore Victoria Anderson in pulling off the event. "The hard work was well worth it. . .In the end it always pays off," commented Anderson after the fashion show concluded. The stage director, Nana Osei-Bonsu, also participated in the show as a model and dancer.

The fashion show began with a touching tribute to Sept. 11, with models showcasing patriotic fashions in red, white, and blue. The models designed all of their outfits, using both their own clothes and clothes from TJ Maxx, Value City, and Dots. The fashion show included outfits for a variety of occasions including club clothes,

casual clothes, work clothes, swimsuits, pajamas, lingerie, and cultural fashions.

The show also exhibited clothes from the '60s, '70s and '80s, and Africa. The most popular clothes for the women were miniskirts and color pairings of black and red, and black and white. Open-toed sandals are definitely in for spring footwear this season. For the men, there was a lot of sportswear, and dark denim paired with collared shirts in pastel colors.

Performances by many students broke up the runway fashions. Three of the most popular acts were the steppers, Alex and Neffi, the two drummers who beat on buckets, Adeola Adegbonmire and P.J. Stackhouse, and Natasha Gayle, Norine Scida, Nicole Green, and Olga Nacalaban who sang "Back to Life."

In the second to last scene there was a tribute to Aaliyah, the singer, by Aleigha Powder. The tribute included a brief biography of the singer with a list of her accomplishments. Aaliyah was "an inspiring African-American to women everywhere" and "her music will live on in our hearts." Powder explained.

The show also included a variety of giveaways for students who correctly guessed songs and who could answer questions about the black organizations on campus. Sharise Finley, a Behrend junior, took home two prizes. "[The fashion show] was awesome," said Jodi Barker and Colleen O'Donovan, two freshmen. It also proved to be interesting and informative.

Behrend students combine labor and leisure in service-filled Alternative Spring Break

by Erin McCarty
news editor

While many Behrend students spent Spring Break soaking up the rays in Cancun, tearing up the town in Toronto, or catching up on homework in Erie, 14 Behrend students spent their vacation in service to others during the annual Alternative Spring Break.

Kelly ShROUT, advisor of the service organization Reality Check, and Maria Madigan joined the students for the week-long trip to Virginia Beach, a destination the students chose. Making the trip were Andrea Drayer, Michael Rigoni, Michael Hammill, Laura Haushalter, Neela Dey, Laura Evans, Casey Stimpson, Lauren Piera, Jestin Carlson, David Reichert, Nicholas Pflugh, Michelle Fisher, Sunny Webb, and Keenan Hansen.

"They picked a warmer place, and then we got there and it was 32 degrees the first day," said ShROUT. "They were a little surprised by that." But even if their first day at the beach wasn't exactly swimsuit weather, the students enjoyed spending their free Sunday strolling along the boardwalk and taking in the sights and sounds. Many chose to have an old-fashioned photograph taken of themselves. Though they had fun with this blast from the past, they were grateful to not have to experience it full-time in their living arrangements.

"It was really cool sleeping in cab-



PHOTO BY ERIN MCCARTY / BEHREND BEACON

Reality Check president Jestin Carlson and advisor Kelly ShROUT were two of the 16 people who attended this year's Alternative Spring Break in Virginia Beach. Their primary project was to build a boardwalk so handicapped visitors could enjoy the beach.

ins located in a beautiful state park, sitting around the fireplace, and cooking our own food," said Rigoni, Finance 08. The cabins were fully

BREAK

equipped with appliances, and when continued on page 3

Miller enlightens Lenten luncheoners with memories of Montana mission

by Christine Kleck
staff writer

Before a larger crowd than she had originally anticipated, an anxious Nicole Miller began what was to be a very enlightening and enriching speech about her experience at a mission within a Montana reservation.

As the second student speaker and fourth one overall in the "Soup for the Soul" weekly lunch and reflection hour, sponsored by the Protestant and Catholic Campus ministries, Miller began her speech by asking everyone to close their eyes. She then began to vividly describe her experiences.

"We spent two days on a train without a shower and six hours on a bus...this coming from someone who doesn't even go downstairs without showering," Miller, a sophomore advertising and public relations major, said.

The Lambda Sigma honor society member and peer minister from Sheffield, Pa was able to participate in the summer trip because of her affiliation with her Lutheran parish's youth group. Miller claimed she found her "Godly life" that summer. Selected to speak based on her religious beliefs and activities on the Behrend campus, Miller is greatly admired by those she works with.

"She always has an energy and spark about her for life and for living - it is connected to God," said Sister Mary Drexler, SSJ, Catholic Campus Minister, and assistant to the "Soup for the Soul" Lenten reflection series. While doing yard work and painting

houses on the reservation, Miller said that the most rewarding part of that experience was learning about the culture.

"Time isn't important to these people, they told me to take off my watch. They just go with the flow," she said. She went on to describe meals on the reservation and the connections to Christ that were made

SOUP

continued on page 4



PHOTO COURTESY OF LYNN McNEIL
Student Nicole Miller was the fourth speaker in the Soup for the Soul series. She spoke about her experiences at a Montana mission.