

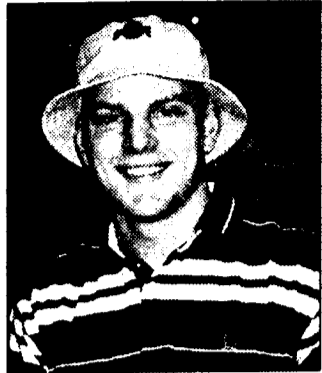
Question of the Week

by Jen Henderson, assistant news editor

"What are you doing to get ahead this week?"



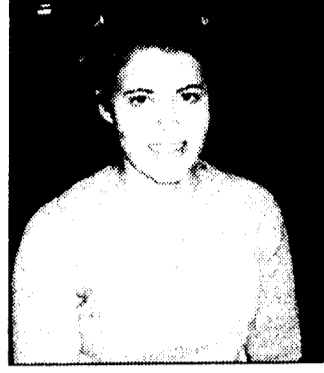
"I am going to Cocoa Beach, Fla. to lay in the sun for 10 days."
Tami Quigley
Psychology, 06



"I am going to Florida with my family. I can't wait to get out of the snow and go to the sun."
Ryan Trejo
Business Management, 06



"I'm visiting my cousin at IUP and working."
Jackie Duffy
Comm, 06



"I'm going home to work for the week."
Krysta Howe
Bus. Management, 06



"Working."
Jim Statsworth
Accounting, 06

Evening of Dubious Taste celebrates bad writing

by Erin McCarty
news editor

While loud parties, colorful beads, and greasy food were the order of the day for many members of the Behrend community on Mardi Gras, a contingent of literary-minded folks gathered in the Studio Theatre for a celebration of their own. The Evening of Dubious Taste is a yearly event showcasing some of the most poorly written or off-color material the contributors can find. After the presentations, everyone is encouraged to partake in some dubious food provided by the organizers.

This year's evening kicked off with a reading by Dr. Greg Morris, which he titled "A Jewel Beyond Price."

"Most of us have probably had the experience of falling in love with a writer," said Morris, with exaggerated drama. "Well, that happened to me here." He went on to reveal that the poet he had discovered at this very event was Jewel Kilcher, and he proceeded to read some of her least accomplished works, taken from her volume of poetry.

Dr. James Kurre and his wife, Gail Kurre, both members of the Comedy Troupe In All Seriousness, were the only faculty members from outside the English department who participated. Gail Kurre regaled the audience with a song, to the tune of "If I Only Had a Brain," bemoaning the agony of extended constipation. James Kurre presented a list of dubious things that included Michael Jackson, commercials dealing with bodily functions, and singing cats.

Dr. Brad Comann introduced his reading as an essay he had written for a history class as a freshman in high school. In actuality, it was a grossly skewered history of the world

containing assertions such as, "a myth is a female moth," "Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree," and "Lincoln's mother died in infancy, and he was born in a log cabin he built with his own hands."

Student presentations included a reading by Nicole Johns of a love letter written to her when she was 14; a reading by Susan Rhode from "Cosmic Banditos," a book adept at not getting to the point; and a recitation of "The Scotsman," a song seeking to answer the age-old question, "I wonder if it's true what they don't wear beneath the kilt?"

The evening's most highly anticipated presentation was "Brush Up Your Shakespeare," a song from the musical "Kiss Me Kate." Dr. Dean Baldwin and

Dr. John Champagne performed this song together, harmonizing on the choruses and accompanying their singing with choreography, much to the delight of the audience.

This was followed by Morris' traditional reading of "A Flash of the Knife," a story that has been the culminating act in Dubious Taste since its inception. The purple prose was brought to the highest level of hilarity by Morris' masterful intonations.

The evening ended with an array of generic food, of which the most dubious items were zebra cakes, cheese in a can, and Vienna sausages.

For a slightly more sedate literary event, check out the fiction reading by Gary Lutz on March 27 at 7 p.m. in



PHOTO BY ERIN McCARTY / BEHREND BEACON
English professors Dr. Dean Baldwin and Dr. John Champagne show off their skills as song-and-dance men, as Vicki Baldwin accompanies on the keyboard.

Irish American Club off to strong start

by Courtney Straub
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Through the hard work of Brandi Hovis, Jenn Crawford, and Scott Soltis, the Irish American Club was formed last spring. This January, the club was able to join the Multi Cultural Council.

"The MCC was very glad to welcome us in," said Soltis, president of the Irish American Club.

Mary Connerty, the advisor for the club, has many connections to Ireland. She visits Ireland as often as possible because she has family living over there. She once ran a marathon in Dublin and has done research for her book in Ireland.

"I was thrilled to be asked to be the advisor," said Connerty.

The club meets every Wednesday at noon in the MCC suite. Being of Irish descent is not required for joining the club.

"We are always actively looking for members," said Soltis.

The first program for the club is a trip to Ireland over spring break. Ten students and three staff members are going. For the first three days of their trip, they will be in Castle Ward doing conservation work. Castle Ward was built in the 18th century. The students are will help work on the gardens so they look as they did many years ago.

For the last three days of the trip, the group will visit Dublin. Because the group is visiting Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, it will get to see, for itself, the tensions between the two regions.

"We will be experiencing all sorts of culture firsthand," said Soltis.

On March 17, the Irish American Club is holding its second program, an Irish Festival in Bruno's. The entire place will be decorated with balloons and shamrocks. A slide show will feature pictures from the trip and Irish music. Tables will have interesting facts on them about Ireland and being Irish.

The club has also been planning future events. It wants to make the trip to Ireland an annual event and, in the fall, will hold another festival.



PHOTO BY KHALIF RHODES
(From left, from back) Irish Club members Colleen Farver, Karie Kohlmeyer, Jen Crawford, Scott Soltis, and Brandi Hovis look forward to their trip to Ireland.

Internships available at Disney World

by Erika Jarvis
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Along with midterms, research reports, group projects and all the study that comes with four years in college are the internships that help broaden majors. Through internships students can gain hands-on knowledge that they normally wouldn't be able to get in the classroom.

So what kind of internships should you be looking at? Well, normally it helps to get an internship in the field of work you'd like to pursue.

Internships are offered year round. It's a lot to juggle when you're going to classes and squeezing in an internship when you're not doing homework.

Yet, what if you could find an internship at your college? Well, look no further! Walt Disney World offers internships in Orlando for college students while they take college-level courses. Sound like fun? Well, it is. You get to work at Disney World, every kid's dream, and earn college credit for it.

Jobs range from working at hotel on the Walt Disney World lot, running rides at any one of the parks to even dressing up as a Disney character. Unlike most internships, this one actually pays its interns.

After you have completed your experience in the Walt Disney World College Program, Disney offers advanced internships geared more towards a major. For example, internships are offered in Marketing, Hospitality, Human Resources and Finance.

After a long day of working as a life guard at the water parks, signing autographs as Aladdin, or even working as a vacation planner, you can relax back in your apartment complex, courtesy of Walt Disney World. Here, you can kick back and hang out with your fellow students and coworkers who are from all around the world. The diversity in Orlando is what this program is known for. You have the opportunity to make friends from every continent, from every walk of life.

Don't forget that you are in Disney World, working and learning and broadening your horizons. As a bonus for working for the Fortune 500 Company you receive free admission to all the parks Disney has to offer, along with a discount on merchandise, resorts and more. Along with the parks, you can partake in the night life in Orlando at Pleasure Island. Disney also treats their workers very well with the Mickey's Retreat at Little Lake Bryan. Here you can sail, swim, canoe, play volleyball and just relax on your day

off. The best part about these internships is that they are year round. Fall internships last anywhere from June to January, and spring internships start around January and tend to end in August. Summer internships are also offered, yet college level courses are not offered during this time.

Disney is recruiting on campuses across the country, including Erie. What do you need to do to get this amazing opportunity? First you need to go to www.WDWCollegeProgram.com and fill out the online application and print it out. Second, you need to go to the presentation closest to you. Walt Disney World is coming to the Mercyhurst College's Old Main on March 19 at 5 p.m. Attend the presentation and sign up for an interview time with the representatives. An interview will occur within 24 hours of the presentation. After that, sit tight and just wait. You will be notified within three weeks about your place in the program.

An internship like this on your resume can give you an "up" on the competition when applying for a job. Also, if your internship works out, the contacts that you will have made will be great.

New ODK members inducted

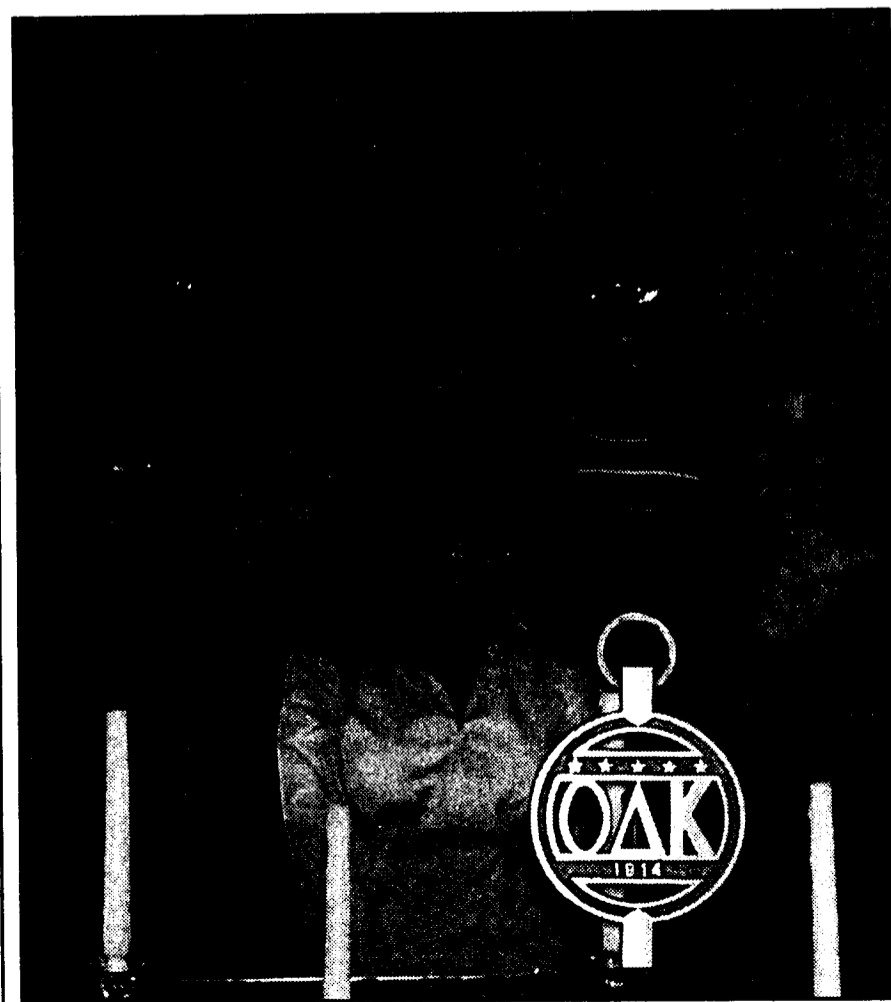


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Newly inducted members of Omicron Delta Kappa smile for the camera.