

# NEWS

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## Question of the Week

by Heather Peterson, staff writer

What do you like to do in Erie?



"Go to the beach."  
Ashley Whalen  
Psychology, 01



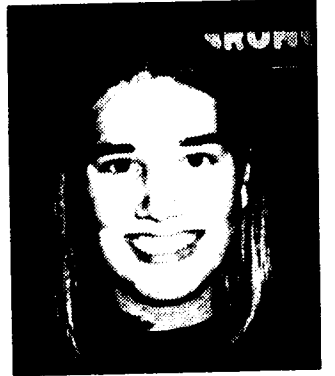
"Come to Behrend and enjoy the atmosphere."  
Mike Sharkey  
Engineering, 01



"Go to the movies or the mall."  
Tom Schuyler  
DUS, 01



"I like to go to First Assembly of God, a church up on Peach Street to learn about Jesus."  
Amanda Hovis  
Math, 09



"I like to go to the movies."  
Lindsey Stankus  
History, 03

# Modeling for a good cause

by Frank Majewski  
contributing writer

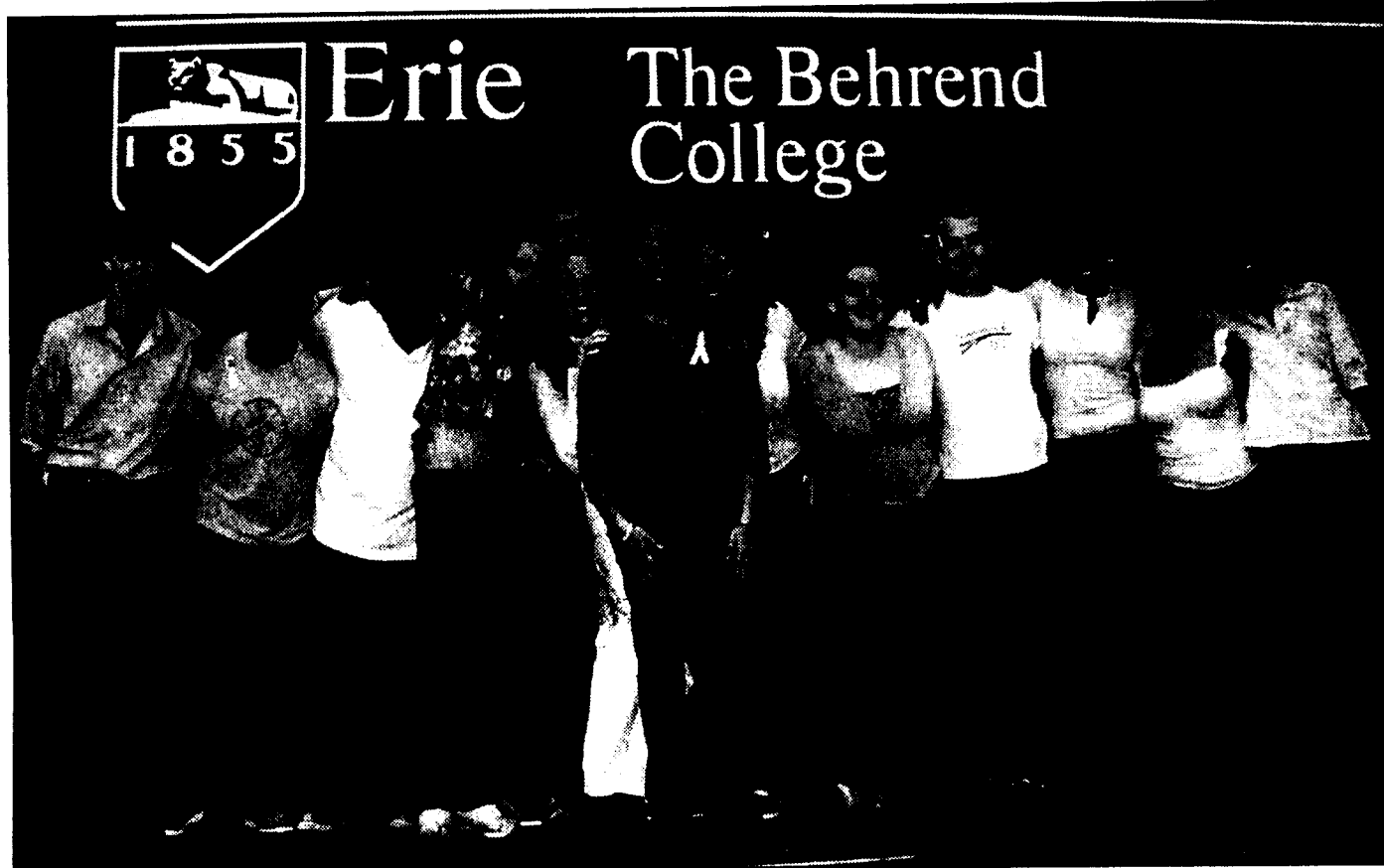
On Wednesday, the McGarvey commons looked like a bottle of Pepto-Bismol exploded. Pink ribbons hung from chairs. Pink ribbons were pinned on anything that moved, or didn't move. Everywhere you looked, pink was the color of choice. From light pink, to bashful, to blushing, to dark pink, even Pepto pink.

The pink takeover was a fashion show entitled "Think Pink." Women Today, under the direction of president Rachel Evans, presented the inaugural fashion show to promote Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

"We chose to do this event because we wanted to show people the way in which breast cancer takes the lives of both men and women, and to show it can be eliminated early in the stages of the cancer if people will self-check for breast cancer and get mammograms," said Evans.

Roughly 15 students transformed themselves into models and sported every shade of pink for the fashion show. Both male and female students took the stage. Pink stripes to pink glitter, and men wearing hot pink added to the fun-filled event.

"The fashion show was a lot of work and was in-process since the start of the semester," said Evans. "The event took a lot of cooperation and outside help from volunteers. We are so grateful for all the volunteers."



Students transform into models to raise breast cancer awareness.

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However, Women Today didn't make it an ordinary fashion show. There were no Right Said Freds or Derrick Zoolanders to be found on the catwalk. But there were plenty of students ready to strut their stuff on the runway carrying

large posters with breast cancer awareness facts.

Categories for the facts included "men and breast cancer," "prevention," and "how you can help." Each category had four fact cards and four models assigned to each card. When all members of the

category made their way around the catwalk, the group lined up on the stage to give the audience members one last chance to read the cards and take in the information.

"The fashion show was a fun way in which the facts could be given out without

just giving people literature which they would most likely throw away immediately," said Evans.

Women Today began thinking of the idea to use poster board facts in the fashion show last year when Carrie Rodgers was president of the organization. Though Women Today currently does not know if the fashion show will be an annual event to promote awareness, Evans does think that this year's show was a success despite a small attendance.

"Change always starts with a small group of people, and although we did not have a large turnout, those who did attend and volunteered will be changed," said Evans. "Those who participated were able to receive information about the risks of breast cancer and also were informed of ways in which they could help."

Women Today is listed under the Multi-Cultural Council. Activism in women's and gender-based issues are among the club's top concerns. "Women Today is not only for women," said Evans. "We have male members. We all fight for the equality and freedom from socially-imposed gender roles both for men and women."

# Students take on new leadership roles on campus

by Brian Mitchell  
staff writer

Interested in joining a club on campus? This semester four new clubs are forming. From science to bowling, there is something for everyone.

Behrend Computer Science Organization (BCSO) is a new active club

established this semester. Behrend is also in the process of adding three more clubs: Association of Computing Machinery, Behrend Equestrian Team, and the Behrend Kingpins (Bowling Club).

The Behrend Computer Science Organization meets once or twice a month in Science 118. During their meetings they work on computer projects, provide

tutoring programs, and prepare for competitions. Linux cluster is their big project this semester. This tutoring program enables the students to receive help in difficult courses.

Club members Lee Steen, Andrew Sobotka and Jon Lobaugh along with their coaches, Dr. Sue and Mr. Burcher are preparing for the ACM programming

Competition. The

organization hopes to grow throughout the years.

"I hope this organization draws more people interested in computers to Behrend College," said Lee Steen, President of BCSO.

The Association of Computing Machinery (ACM) is supposed to be approved in the next two weeks. This club focuses on learning high level computer programming and techniques. The research for ACM is heavily based on what is normally found in graduate schools and Ph.D. programs.

Future events for ACM include nationally recognized speakers and local programming competitions.

"This program is taking awhile to be approved because it is getting charted due to being a global organization rather than local," Steen said. "I hope this brings Behrend recognition nationally."

Steen hopes to grow a closer community for Behrend computer students world wide and not just in the community.

Not only are computer clubs being formed, a bowling club is taking the final steps to become active. The idea to begin a bowling club started when Luke Pietroforte (to be president) and his friends would often go bowling. Pietroforte thought it would be a good idea to start a bowling club because it would give students something to do other than worry about school work.

The club plans to meet once a week or month to hang out at the local bowling alleys and have tournaments amongst

Behrend students. Their constitution was recently reviewed by the SGA Constitutional Review Committee and will likely be voted on in the next two weeks.

"I hope to see the bowling club active after I graduate," said Pietroforte.

The Behrend Equestrian team had its first unofficial club meeting this past Tuesday to recruit other students who were interested. Approximately 30 students are interested in joining. The Equestrian team has submitted a constitution and will likely be voted on in two or three weeks.

The team members will train twice a week with trainer Lew Tumble. They will learn skills and techniques for Equestrian riding which will help them prepare for meets. The team is divided up in different sections for training based on experience.

"The good thing about this team is no one has to have experience to join," said Anita Brock, president of Equestrian Team.

At this point, the team is working on their finances, so they are able to have training more often. They are trying to get financial aide from SGA and SAF and put on some fund-raising events. Their first meet is Feb. 22 at Wilson College.

"It's very promising to see new clubs forming," said Scott Soltis, SGA President. "As long as there are students with underrepresented interests, there will always be a need for more clubs. I am very encouraged to see these ideas becoming realities."

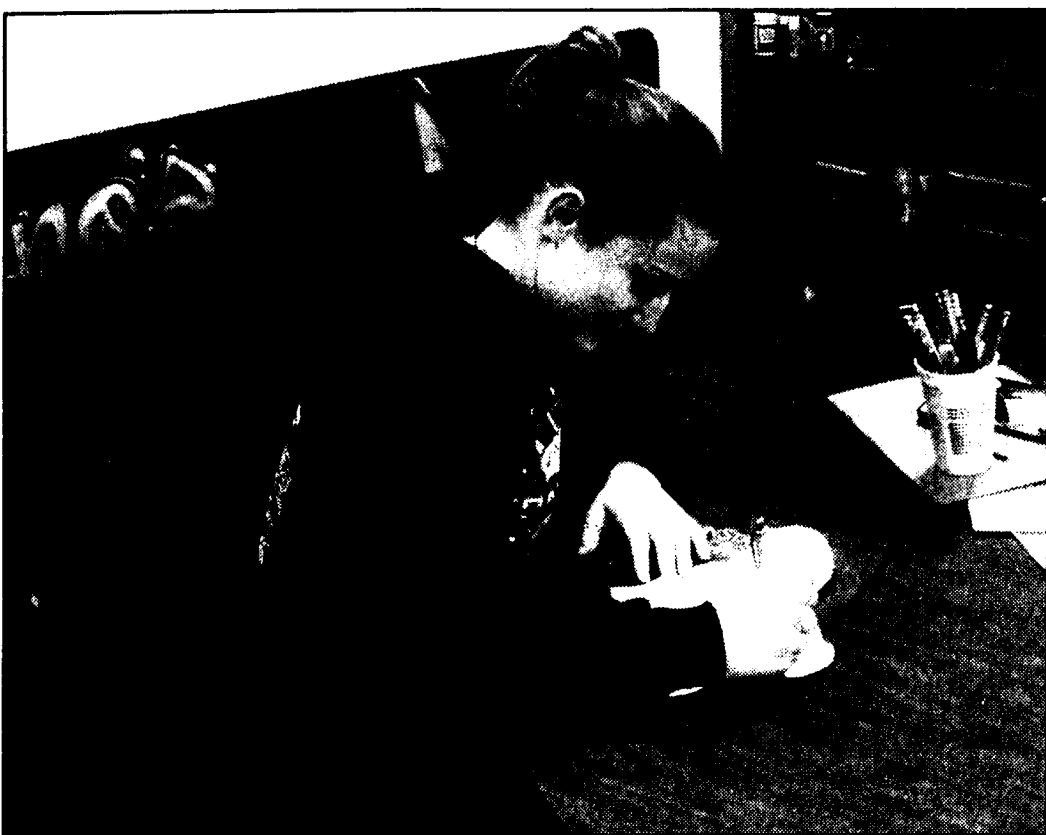


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Jen Bragen COMBA, 03, treasurer of the Equestrian Club, works on posters for club recruitment.