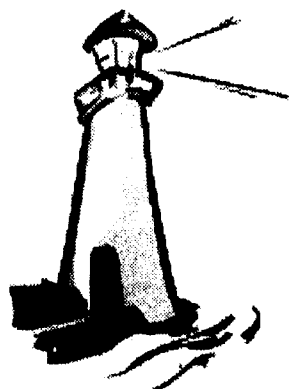




**SENIOR SPOTLIGHT**

Carly Cochran brings more than just points to her team. See Page 9.



# The Behrend Beacon

RECEIVED

FEB 13 2004

LILLEY LIBRARY



**GRAMMYS RECAPED**

Miss the show Sunday night? See the recap on Page 8.

Friday, February 13, 2004

A Penn State Erie Student Publication

Vol. LI No. 18

## Search begins for new Orientation Leaders

by Daniel J. Stasiewski  
managing editor

The Office of Student Activities is looking for a few good men and women to join the orientation team and take a leadership role in the annual fall welcome ceremony for incoming students.

Applications for orientation leaders are now available in the Office of Student Activities. Completed applications are due back at Student Activities on March 5.

Emily Gabrys, MANGT 07, who was recently named as Orientation Director, said in a phone interview that the early deadline will help promote camaraderie among the orientation leaders.

"I had a lot of fun getting to know my fellow orientation leaders," said Gabrys. Gabrys had been an orientation leader

the two previous fall orientations but was named director because of what Chris Fox Coordinator of Greek Life and the staff adviser of orientation programming, calls "excellent leadership skills."

Fox also hoped to promote a strong bond among members of the orientation team, which is why he and Gabrys are planning to meet with newly selected orientation leaders before summer break.

Orientation leaders do require training on general Behrend trivia and parent/student support. Gabrys said joining the team shouldn't interfere with anyone's schedule, but reminds potential leaders that "you have to be dedicated to it."

"It's hard to really market (the benefits) on a piece of paper to say this is what you're going to get out of it," said Fox. "But if you speak with

orientation leaders who have done it in the past, there's a sense of reward for helping a new student come to college the first time."

Gabrys also emphasized the rewarding experience of orientation, but also said being an orientation leader is potentially a first step for students to get more involved with other college programs.

Gabrys herself is also the vice-president of the Theta Phi Alpha sorority and the vice-president of Panhellenic.

Fox also emphasized the orientation leaders' campus involvement and went on to say that the leadership skills acquired by joining the orientation team are helpful outside of campus.

"The orientation director from last year just got an internship at GE," said Fox, who said the leadership experience the previous orientation director

received was one of the deciding factors in his hiring.

Fox said that being an orientation leader increases the marketability of a student for future employment.

Still, Fox and Gabrys both know that helping the incoming students is the primary benefit from joining the team. "(Orientation Leaders) are identified as people who can help in any way," said Fox. "Ease some of the anxiety that comes with going to college."

"It's a great way to get to know incoming students and faculty you don't know on an everyday basis," said Gabrys.

Come fall, orientation will follow the same schedule it did last year with on-campus students moving in on Friday and commuter students checking in on Saturday.

A new student survival series,

featuring workshops and programs that encourage student involvement in clubs and organizations, is planned for the fall orientation schedule.

"It's going to be more educationally based," said Fox.

Fox also said that leaders will be involved in every aspect of orientation weekend, which is why leaders will have to come to campus before any other students.

Orientation leaders will be required to train starting the Tuesday before move-in day. This also gives leaders an advantage as they can move in to their dorms before any other students.

Ben Jones, MISBD 04, said that's why he's applying for an orientation leader position for a second year.

"Being able to move in early is definitely worth being a slave to Student Activities," said Jones.

## Science building dries up

by Daniel J. Stasiewski  
managing editor

All is well in the Science building nearly two weeks after a burst pipe in the sprinkler system caused all classes in building to be canceled.

John Ream, director of operations, said the building systems including the boilers, electricity, fire alarm and laboratory air and steam are operational.

Last week the cold temperatures caused a pipe in the sprinkler system, parallel to an air duct, to burst, resulting in 5 feet 2 inches of water collecting in the basement of Science. Four transformers needed replacing and the boilers needed time to dry out in order to bring heat into the building.

Though the work is nearly complete, questions still remain as to the reason

CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

## Inside



**Ponsoll hits 1,000**

Senior forward Casey Ponsoll reached a milestone in his career Wednesday evening, hitting 1,000 points against Lake Erie. **SPORTS**, Page 10.

**Everything Valentine**

This week's features page is dedicated to Cupid, St. Valentine, candy hearts and hot passion tips. **FEATURES**, Page 7.

**TABLE OF CONTENTS**

- News.....1-3
- Calendar.....4
- Editorial.....5
- Greek.....6
- Features.....7
- A&E.....8
- Sports.....9-10

**CONTACT US**

Newsroom: 898-6440  
Fax: 898-6019

E-mail: behrcoll5@aol.com

Our offices are located downstairs in the Reed Union Building.

## Roos and Daquelente take crowns

L.E.B. representatives chosen in first basketball homecoming

by Ben Raymond  
staff writer



PHOTO BY LAUREN PACKER/BEHREND BEACON

On Wednesday the Junker Center resonated with cheers during the first basketball homecoming. Both men and women's basketball teams took home victories and students Dave Daquelente and Jeannie Roos were awarded the honor of being the first King and Queen.

A total of 582 people were in attendance for the basketball games against Lake Erie College. The night was more than basketball games. There were other activities in the main hall like Tarot card readings and caricature drawings.

After performances from the dance team and the cheerleaders at halftime, the nominees took the court for the announcement.

Students were nominated from a number of clubs and organizations and voted on by the rest of the student body. After all the votes were tallied the runners up were announced.

Tabatha Chase and Josh Smith came in a close second place. Screams echoed from the stands as Daquelente and Roos stepped forward to receive their crowns and new titles.

"I was speechless," said Roos, PSYCH 06, with a huge smile on her face.

"This is really great. I think that this is a good idea although I'd like to see a little more structure for next year," said Daquelente. PSYCH 06.

This was the first year the Behrend has held a homecoming event for basketball. In years past there have been homecomings for soccer and softball. These events weren't quite as successful as hopes had been. This year's event was a result of hard work by members of the Ohio Hall Council, who hope to form a homecoming committee next year.

"I think this is a great idea. It reminds me a lot of high school and that's cool," said Kevin Forte, COMM 02.

It only took ten determined and hard working students who came together and planned and set-up the two days of events. The students collected donations from various local businesses and sold close to 100 tickets for the Homecoming dance held Friday night at the Avalon Hotel in downtown Erie.

"The kids did a really good job with the fund raising and just setting this entire thing up, and I'm sure they will do an even better job for next year," said Residence Life Coordinator Jaime Russell.

Overall there was a very positive response to the event from students. There was a larger student turnout for the game; more than usual. Plans for another homecoming next year have yet to be made, but with the support of the student body this very well could be the start of an annual event at Behrend.

2004 Homecoming Queen Jeannie Roos and King Dave Daquelente were crowned Wednesday evening during halftime of the men's game against Lake Erie. The homecoming dance will be held this Saturday at the Avalon Hotel.