



Water polo hosted its annual tournament this past weekend. See page 13.

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## Keg party incites hearing

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On Friday night Police and Safety Services responded to a call that kegs were present in the apartment quad. Officers arrived shortly afterward and spoke to the coordinator on duty that night. Officers went to the apartment in question and knocked on the door. When the resident came to the door, the officers explained why they were there, and asked if they could come in. The student consented, and when officers entered, they found approximately 40 to 50 people inside.

"Everybody was cooperative," said James Amann, manager of Police and Safety Services. "The officers searched the apartment and found two empty half kegs, which were confiscated along with the tap." No arrests were made.

"If everybody is going to be cooperative, then there's a less likelihood that somebody will be arrested," Amann went on to say. "The officers got up there, everyone was cooperative, and the whole thing was done without a fuss."

However, residents of the apartment must still face Student Affairs. According to Penn State policy, "No keg, barrel, or other container of alcohol which requires a tap is permitted in the residence halls or apartments regardless of the individual's age. Possession of kegs, taps, and other tapping paraphernalia in or around the residence halls or apartments (including parking lots and walkways) is inappropriate and will be confiscated. Violations of this policy will result in termination of the Housing Contracts of those persons responsible."

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# Real World celebrity speaks on college life

by Justin Curry  
news editor

"Real World: Hawaii" star Ruthie Alcaide was on campus Tuesday evening to discuss problems facing college students today, ranging from diversity to binge drinking.

According to mtv.com, the native-born Hawaiian was adopted and raised by a Filipino foster family, who discouraged Ruthie and her two sisters from educating themselves. She did not contact her foster family until after enrolling at Rutgers University.

Ruthie spoke to an almost-packed McGarvey Commons, speaking on her life friends as well as issues plaguing college students today.

Alcaide's appearance was funded through SGA and SAF and was sponsored by Trigon.

Trigon president Kara Daniel, MKTG 06, said "I thought Ruthie's message was extremely good because not only of her age, but also of her experience in life."

Daniel was not alone in her thoughts. "I just thought that she provided a lot of perspective on diversity," said Sara Grant, INTBL 06. "I thought she was funny and related her experiences to everyone out there, especially when it came to binge drinking."

The majority of Alcaide's message revolved around her college experience while attending Rutgers.

When commenting on her friends, Alcaide said, "Half of my friends were like, the 'hip-hop' group on campus, while the other half were more of what

you considered 'country.'"

Alcaide explained her struggle with trying to entertain all of her friends, because she figured that if they were friends with her, that they could all get along. Wrong she was.

"I remember at this one party, I had them all over. I started playing some hip-hop and my hip-hop friends were really getting into it, and the country half was just standing up against the wall."

So she tried to please her country friends with music they would like, with the same result happening with her hip-hop friends.

"So I went up to the lab," Alcaide said, "and mixed hip-hop and country together, and everyone ended up having a good time."

Alcaide explained to the students that people are a lot like that mix, basically all the same but just put together differently, like music.

She also encouraged students to join diverse organizations, even if they have no diverse connections to the group themselves.

"If for nothing else, join the Asian organizations for the food," laughed Alcaide.

Another topic Alcaide was adamant about was the importance of traveling outside of your comfort zones.

"Traveling is so important, it makes your world so much bigger and you have a new respect for the people around you and your home," said Alcaide.

Alcaide moved from diversity and traveling to sexuality. As a known bi-

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PHOTO BY JUSTIN CURRY/BEHREND BEACON

"Real World: Hawaii" star Ruthie Alcaide spoke to students in the McGarvey Commons Tuesday evening. She discussed matters of diversity, sexuality and college life.

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# Candidates face off in debate

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On Tuesday, the 2004 presidential debate came and passed without much debating. Scott Soltis and Justin Curry squared off against Jenn Sutter and Erica Sitter. The event lasted two hours and 22 students out of more than 3,600 were present at the height of the debate. When the dust settled, nine students not affiliated with SGA remained.

The majority of questions focused on issues including parking, tuition, food-costs, commuter involvement and budget reforms. The candidates shared similar views on most issues discussed.

The major discrepancy between the two tickets came during the parking debate when Sutter suggested "limiting freshmen parking ... and (using) different pass prices throughout the year" as possible solutions to the parking shortage. Shortly after, she contradicted

her stance on freshman parking during the discussion on bayfront development. Sutter stated, "One of the major problems with the parking situation is that there is nothing around Behrend that is within walking distance. Everyone needs a car."

In the question-and-answer session one student brought Sutter's inconsistency regarding freshman parking up.

The Soltis/Curry campaign commented that a committee is currently in place looking into the issue. When the committee releases its findings, then Soltis/Curry will take action based on its recommendations.

The topic of tuition created the most controversy among the debate's attendants. Each of the groups went out of their way to give credit to SGA's governmental affairs committee. Their most notable accomplishments include their voter registration campaign and the

recent Rally at the Rotunda.

"I was governmental affairs chair last year... (I will) make sure all the hard work over the past two years fighting tuition (increases) will continue into next year and for many years to come," commented Soltis after praising the current governmental affairs committee.

Sitter addressed tuition hikes: "We plan on continuing the work on tuition as much as we possibly can ... more of like 'baby stepping' into it. We can't just go and rally, like we have been doing, and expect tuition to drop. Our governmental affairs committee this year has been amazing ..."

She continued, "The biggest thing we plan to do during our presidency is make Penn State Behrend a voting zone."

Katie Streaker, ITPL 04, is the governmental affairs committee co-chair and was in attendance at the debate.

"I was happy with Scott's view of where GAC should go. He has been

really involved with the committee and has a great understanding of the politics surrounding this campus," Streaker said.

The debate began with presidential hopeful Sutter's and running mate Sitter's opening remarks. The two highlighted their experience, listening skills, energy and efficiency.

"I believe that Erica and I together encompass a large amount of experience that spans across SGA as a whole. We have each had the opportunity to hold several different positions in SGA which only adds to enhance our ability to contribute and effectively lead the senate," said Sutter.

Soltis and Curry opened along the same lines, stating, "Through our combined five and a half years of SGA experience, we know what we are doing and the ways we can help you ... We are committed, ready, focused, determined and eager to make sure that everyone knows what Behrend Pride is all about."



PHOTO BY LAUREN PACKER/BEHREND BEACON

Scott Soltis, GAS 06, and Justin Curry, GAS 06, answer questions from Erica Sitter, MKTG 06, and Jenn Sutter, MKTG 08, at Tuesday night's SGA Presidential Debate. The duos are running for the SGA president and vice presidential positions in next week's election. The four discussed issues on tuition, parking, housing and Greek life.