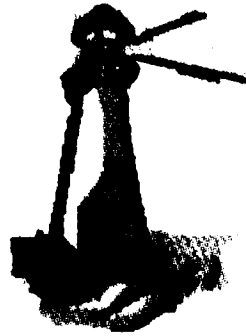


Senior Tara Braden doesn't mind when her teammates get seasick. See page 10.



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Students bleed for a good cause

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While students wandered the campus from class to class on Wednesday, others students were having blood pumped out of them, but it was all for a good cause. Their donations alone could save 165 or more people's lives.

From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. employees of the Community Blood Bank set up their mobile stations in the McGarvey Commons awaiting students who were willing to give up a pint of blood. The blood collected will supply all of Erie County, Elk County, McKean County and Warren County.

Eighty-seven students signed up hoping to give blood, and more than 55 pints were collected. There was a short screening requiring age, weight and a brief medical history that made some students ineligible to give blood. According to Mobile Drive Coordinator Nicole Eller, one pint of blood can save up to three lives.

The Health and Wellness Center and Alpha Sigma Alpha helped the Community Blood Bank coordinate and organize the event, as they have done every year. The drive at Behrend is done twice a year, once in the fall and once in the spring. In October, 67 students showed up and a total of 50 pints of blood were collected.

Students were very receptive to the idea of giving blood. Behrend has had very good turnouts for the drives in the 16 plus years that the Community Blood Center has been coming to Behrend.

"One of my best friends had needed blood; I think she's anemic. I wanted to do it for her. It's for a good cause," said

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Softball goes 2-0 in conference

The Behrend softball team won its first two conference games this week, giving it a record of 2-0 in the AMCC and an overall record of 2-10.

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AST begins pageant work

Sisters of Alpha Sigma Tau have begun working on this year's Mr. and Ms. Penn State Behrend pageant. The pageant is slated for April 8 in the McGarvey Commons.

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SGA election results

Scott Soltis and Justin Curry won the SGA presidential election Thursday, and are posed to work with next year's Senate on bettering student life.

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Von speaks to students

by Collin McHenry
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Last week students were treated to Ruthie Alcaide from Real World. This week, students got Theo Von from Road Rules.

Students gathered at Bruno's to see this reality television star and hear what he had to say. The show itself touched on the subjects of diversity but was more of a comedy skit. While some things were mentionable, the majority of Von's standup resulted in a slow decline in crowd reaction throughout the show.

The program itself was billed as discussion on diversity awareness, which offered bit of humor.

Von started off by saying, "A lot of white people in here. I don't mean to be rude, there are a lot of honkies and crackers here. Lots of tits in here, too."

There were a few laughs at a Caucasian man pointing out the fact that the majority of Behrend students are Caucasian. Von continued to sparingly talk about diversity, throwing a few good jokes in.

Students attending the show positively responded to a video tour of Director of Intramurals Rob Wittman's home in the style of MTV's "Cribs."

Three other video clips were shown during the discussion/comedy act. One showed a program in which Von was involved called Semester at Sea. The program introduced him to different cultures as he traveled around the world.

Another film clip showed off the campus and had Von questioning students on various topics and



Road Rules' contestant Theo Von spoke Tuesday evening in Bruno's. The star's appearance was advertised as a diversity session, but students and faculty alike feel that there was little diversity discussed. The program was funded by Residence Life, Educational Equity, LEB and SAF.

receiving responses.

The other film clip showed Von with his friend Timmy from Real World delivering singing telegrams dressed up as devils. The joke was that they sang about the people going to hell. It sounds funnier than it is; there weren't too many laughs.

Other portions of the show called

on the students for help. Three people were assigned to write poems on diversity. These were all done very well, and the best poem received a cash prize. Another time students were called upon, was to draw a map of the United States, the best of these three also received a cash prize.

Theo pointed out different campus

groups, which offered diversity such as the Multi-Cultural Center. He made points that students should get to know others from different cultures, because it may give them a different view on the world.

The program was sponsored by Residence Life, Educational Equity Programs, LEB, and the SAF.

Silent auction marks end of Back Room

by Ryan Russell
advertising manager

The Back Room, which for many years has been home to Behrend intramural pool and pingpong, and many lazy student afternoons, has finally closed its doors. Since it would be a waste to throw away all of the gaming equipment in the Back Room, the university is hosting a silent auction is to liquidate the games and entertainment to students.

In a silent auction, students can make a bid on any of the items in the auction in secret. Students will not know what anybody else bid on a particular item, and vice versa. If your bid is the highest, you are the winner of that item, provided you can pay the university what you bid.

There are no "minimum" or "reserve" bids on any items that must be met in order for a student's bid to be accepted. Your bid merely has to be the highest one on that particular item.

The items in the silent auction, which is open to all Behrend students, are as follows: One 45" large screen TV w/ base; five (four Fischer models and one unknown model) full-size 1" slate, 4' x 9' pool tables; one Sportscraft electric dartboard (3 years old); one Billiard ball wall clock; one Dynamo foosball table (3 years old); six hanging Tiffany-style pool table lights; and one neon "BackRoom" sign with a clear case.

All of the items can be seen Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. until Thursday. Bid forms must be submitted in the attached envelope, which must be received by noon on Friday at the RUB Desk on the lower level of the Reed building. Students can ask for a bidding form at the RUB Desk.

Successful bidders will be notified by telephone and must pay for their item(s) by noon, Friday. Once a receipt is issued to the successful bidder, item(s) must be removed by 5 p.m. on April 30.

Once students have paid for and removed the item, the money from the auction gets put right back into Behrend, according to Stacey McCoy, RUB Information Desk Manager.

"The funds from this auction are going directly back into purchasing club and organization office furniture for the seven new club and organization offices that will be created as a result of the renovations," she said.

The renovations of the Reed Building will see the bottom floor remodeled, with the removal of the

Back Room to make space for new offices and a better mail room.

Depending on how much money is raised, those new club and organization members with offices could be sitting in some very, very comfortable furniture next year.

"We have the potential to make over \$8,000," McCoy said. "But that will happen only if bids are received at the fair market value of the equipment."

There are some rules and regulations for the auction that must be made known to students who wish to submit a bid. Each item can be individually bid on. In addition, items are sold "as is" and "where is" with no guarantee or warranty of any kind.

If you are high bidder on multiple items, all items must be purchased.



Three lone pool tables in the Back Room await new owners. The Back Room closed its doors forever last week, and all items within are up for grabs. Students can place bids at the RUB desk for these items.

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