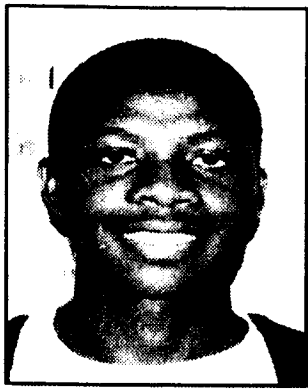


NEWS

By Teresa Nicolia

Are your parents coming this weekend?



"No, they are not coming. It would be hard for them to get here from Philadelphia."
Cleon Smith,
BBACC 01



"My parents don't come because we feel that it's a big waste of time. There is nothing really worthwhile to do."
Brittany Hess,
ELISH 09



"She really wants to come but I told her I plead the fifth. She loves coming so she's going to come another weekend."
Karena Bibbins-McKeever,
POLSC 05



"It'll be a bit hard for them to come since they live in Puerto Rico."
Andres R. Quinones,
CENBD 05



"Yes. I plan on doing whatever activities are planned for them on Saturday and going shopping with them on Sunday."
Jennifer Conrad,
ACNTG 01

Have a suggestion for Question of the Week? Email your question to us at: behrendbeacon2@aol.com.

Election time is here again
SGA prepares for this year's nearing election

By Kim McCray
staff writer

This year's Student Government Association elections are just around the corner. The elections are being held between Monday and Tuesday online. There are three freshmen senate seats and one senator seat open this year.

Student Government Association is the representative body of the students at Behrend. SGA is a line of communication between students and faculty.

They allocate money each semester for club programs, events, and trips and they represent all of the clubs on campus through eight councils. There are several committees within SGA that work to tackle student concerns such as parking, housing, course selection, and food services.

Five freshman are running for senate in the 2004 SGA election. Tanya Doggwiler, Kevin Huang, Teal Ingerick, Ashley Smith and Christopher Ubelacker are in the running for the three freshman seats available.

In the race for senator are Andrea Bottone, Derek Li, Seth Laird, Meredith Straub and Zach Mentz.

If elected senator, he or she will receive the duties of having to serve on two committees as well as hold two office hours in the SGA Senate Office weekly. He or she is also required to attend all general meetings as well as appropriate committee meetings, and he or she relays the concerns of the student body to the senate.

Students can vote at <http://secure.bd.psu.edu/sgavoting>. The voting will take place online this year so students may have the added comfort of voting from their homes or dorm rooms.

This site will open at 6 a.m. on Mon-



day and close at 5 p.m. on Tuesday. Once students log onto this site, they will be asked for their user IDs and passwords and will only have one chance to vote. This website is available from any computer that has internet access and the SGA election committee will also have a laptop set up outside of Bruno's so students can conveniently vote there throughout the two election days.

Justin Curry, GAS 07, vice president of SGA, believes it is vital that students vote in SGA elections because if it weren't for the students, student government would not have a purpose on the campus.

He also thinks that it is important for students to convey their concerns and problems about Behrend to SGA so they can work to make the college experience enjoyable and meaningful.

"I can't stress enough how important it is for students to vote in this election. By the turnout of candidates, we know that students are getting interested in student government," Curry said.

This year's Elections Director, Eduardo Hilera, PLSC 05, believes this

semester's election has been unique in many ways. Hilera is new to student government and also to the Behrend campus. He encourages students to get out and vote because it is their right and responsibility as students of this campus to make the effort to vote.

"It has been a challenge to get this election process running smoothly. However, this campus and I have the privilege of having organized and dedicated leaders who have helped throughout the entire process. Scott and Justin are excellent. Without their help and guidance I would not have been able to work like I have.

"The elections committee this semester has also dedicated long hours to make sure the elections were successful. The helping hand the public relations committee has extended is also worthy of mention. Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of the candidates the best of luck," Hilera said.

The SGA will have the results by 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday and will be informing the candidates of them that evening.

LEB seeking administrative assistant

By Samantha Baldensperger
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It is hard to miss the many signs around campus advertising concerts, comedians, movies and more. They are all made possible by the Lion Entertainment Board, and right now they need your help. The LEB is looking to hire and Administrative Assistant.

The Lion Entertainment Board is looking for a student who is interested in entertainment and wants to help bring it to the people of Behrend. The Administrative Assistant would be in charge of office management, posting information on the organization website, taking minutes at meetings, making up the agenda for activities and meetings and ordering supplies for the many events. This position pays 250 dollars a semester.

"As long as you can read and write you can do this job." Said Dave Daquelente a fifth semester junior majoring in psychology. He is also the Executive director of the LEB.

If a person is interested in applying for the position he or she may stop by the Office of Student Affairs and pick up an application. The office is located on the second floor of the Reed Union building. The office is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Once all ap-

plications are in, then interviews will be set up and the best person will be chosen.

Should you want to check out the Lion Entertainment Board before you apply, they have an office located in the Reed Union Building, next to the Behrend Beacon office. Also they meet on Wednesday nights at 6 pm, for the location of the meeting check out the web site: www.clubs.psu.edu/bd/leb/, because it changes from week to week.

Many of you may not know exactly what the Lion Entertainment Board does and how important it is to the people of Behrend. The LEB is a student organization, of approximately fifty students, who bring entertainment to the students of Behrend.

They show movies such as "Spiderman 2" which is playing Thursday, Friday and Saturday this week in Reed 117. The admission is a dollar for students. They also put on concerts like Rob Gonzalez a singer songwriter, and pianist who is playing Sept. 25. Finally, they bring in other forms of entertainment, such as Wayne Hoffman, a magician. He will be on campus Sept. 24.

If you think that you would enjoy being a part of this group, stop by and pick up an application, and help entertain the students of Behrend.

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