

GREEK

TKE rolls into fall

By Lauren Beauseigneur

When students at Behrend think of the word "Greek," most often they don't immediately think of charity. Much of the Greek Life at Penn State includes having fun, but philanthropic events are often the most important to the fraternities and sororities.

The philanthropic events are not only campus-wide but community-wide as well. Every year, the Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity holds their local philanthropic event "The Barrel Roll" and this Oct. 22 will be no different.

Those unfamiliar with the event will come to know the Barrel Roll when it is over, there is no way you can miss the sound of a barrel rolling around campus. The brothers use an old keg barrel for the event where they will be seen around campus for 24 consecutive hours "rolling" it up and

down the paths.

"The brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon are excited to once again hold the annual Barrel Roll," said TKE Vice President Ryan Rodeymoyer. "The money we raise from the event is donated to a very worthwhile, charitable cause."

The money the fraternity raises will go to the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest Pennsylvania. TKE has received donations from students and local businesses in the Erie area.

The Bread Box Award is given by the food bank to the organization that not only raises the most money, but also holds the most unique event. Tau Kappa Epsilon has been nominated for this award in the past. With an aim set high of \$1500, they will surpass the \$1000 that was raised last year and hopefully win this year's Bread Box Award.

If you are interested in donating money please contact Ryan Rodeymoyer at rar251@psu.edu.

JDRF brings out Greeks

By Lauren Beauseigneur

Each year, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation holds an annual walk around Presque Isle to raise money for their organization. This year, many Behrend Greeks woke up bright and early on Sept. 26 to volunteer their time for this great cause. Not only did members greet the walkers and help with the set up and registration but many walked the 3.5 miles on the chilly morning. Those who were not walking handed out water and chips to the participants.

Annie Jordan, sister of Alpha Sigma Alpha, commented "it was wonderful to get out and help the community with all of my sisters and know that we were making a difference."

Many community members came out to support the walk. Families who had children suffering from diabetes were seen walking together in matching t-shirts with their children's faces on them in support.

"Seeing the actual children that we were doing this for made waking up early this morning worth it," said Emily Gabrys of Theta Phi Alpha.

"We really are making a difference in their lives."

Behrend Greeks were not the only Greek participants involved. There were many other Greek organizations from the surrounding Erie County who came out and supported the JDRF walk. Even our very own Chris Fox, greek adviser, was there leading the way. He greatly helped in organizing the Greek organizations, making them come together as a whole.

With the help of not only the community but students as well, awareness can be raised and hopefully a cure for juvenile diabetes can be found one day.

If you are interested in helping out at next year's JDRF walk, please contact Courtney Straub at cus116@psu.edu.

Greeks lend a hand to THON

By Katrina Kibben

Last Year, Behrend raised \$15,039.37 for the THON Fundraiser. THON is a "48-hour, no sitting, no sleeping" dance marathon to fundraise money for the Four Diamonds Fund. This foundation raises money for the cure of childhood cancer. It is one of the largest student run fundraisers in the world. The THON committee is soliciting the help of Behrend students to set their fundraising goals even higher for the upcoming semesters before the dance marathon.

This year, all the Greek organizations on campus are donating their time to this cause. Each organization is planning to sign up for one canning weekend to raise money and awareness for THON. When canning, members stand on the corners of intersections and by local Wal-Marts to ask people to donate money.

Regardless of the cold, these weekends are valued by each organization because they raise money for an important program.

This year, the committee has also decided that by participating in fundraisers, organizations earn points toward nominating one of their members to be a contestant that will dance in the THON fundraiser. In previous years, it has been disputed who should represent Behrend at the event but this year they gave the participating organizations the power to choose their candidate.

The THON committee has planned 2 fundraisers to accompany the canning project. On Oct. 21 at 7p.m., a jello wrestling competition will be held in the apartment quad. Secondly, they have tentatively planned a Winter Olympics for Jan.15. The committee would like to make known that all organizations on campus are invited to participate in the fundraisers.

If you or your organization would like to be involved or would like to know more about THON to give donations, committee meetings are held on Fridays at noon in the SGA office. To get more information, you can also contact Courtney Straub (cus116@psu.edu) or Sara Grant (seg193@psu.edu).

Monday

Greek Relay Obstacle Course
Reed Lawn
5:20 p.m.

Six members from each organization participate in a human wheel barrow race, 3-legged race, potato sack race and a dizzy bat race.

Alcohol Awareness speaker
McGarvey Commons
7 p.m.

Tuesday

Greek Sing
Bruno's
8 p.m.

Each organization makes a medley of songs and choreographs these songs for a specific theme.

Wednesday

Soda Pop Pong Tournament
Reed Lawn
5:20 p.m.

Rules will be decided by a coin toss and each organization will have 3 teams competing.

Thursday

Team Sports
Reed Lawn
5:20 p.m.

IFC will be playing Ultimate Frisbee
Panhellenic will be playing a Tug-of-War

The event will be a single elimination round.

Friday

Chariot Race
Reed Lawn
5:20 p.m.

Each organization brings a hand-made chariot and 3 members of each organization run a small race

Greek Awards
McGarvey Commons
7 p.m.

A short award ceremony will be held to announce the winners of Greek Week and the winner of Greek God and Goddess.

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Last year, the brothers of Delta Chi fraternity were declared Greek Week champs.

The Finale: Greek Awards

By Katrina Kibben

During Greek Awards the overall winner of Greek Week for sororities and fraternities is announced and the Theta Phi Alpha sorority gives a special award. This award is called the Greek God and Goddess Award. This honor is chosen by a penny war set up outside of Bruno's.

Amy Rogan, a sister of Theta Phi Alpha, commented on what being a Greek God or

Goddess entails. "A Greek God or Goddess is someone who represents Greek Life. They are a 'role model.' They don't have to be the most attractive people but rather people who stand for what Greek life is really about."

Each organization picks one person to run for the position and the money that is collected in each jar is given to the national philanthropies of Theta Phi Alpha: The Founders Foundation and House that Theta Phi Alpha built.

Jim Matthews on alcohol

By Katrina Kibben

The week of Oct. 17-23 is serving double duty this year for the Greek Community.

While it is the ever so popular Greek Week, it is also Alcohol Awareness Week. This may seem ironic to some, but it is the sorority sisters and fraternity brothers that will be working hard that week in between events to get the word out to the students about alcohol awareness.

This is a week that discusses high-risk consumption and the consequences of alcoholism. For instance, can you imagine if every student of a big ten school suddenly dropped off the face of the earth?

That accounts for about 360,000 people. This number represents, on average, how many students who are currently enrolled in college and will eventually die of alcohol-related causes. This is why the

topic is very relevant to discuss on a college campus.

Alcohol use is the leading cause of death and injury for teenagers and young adults, so a speaker has been selected to talk to the Behrend population about this problem.

Jim Matthews is the author of a book called "Beer, Booze and Books." Matthews has traveled the country and has spoken to over 200,000 college students in the past year about his book and the consequences of drinking. Matthews intends to clear up some of the misperceptions about alcohol and discuss alcohol usage in college. This book has been acclaimed one novel that really speaks to college students on their level.

The event will be held Monday at 7 p.m. in McGarvey Commons. Everyone is invited to attend.

