

STUDENT LIFE

Violence struck at New Found Glory concert



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Mosh pits and crowd surfing caused students injuries at the New Found Glory concert. Pictured above is the band performing to an outside crowd in California.

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Students who attended the New Found Glory concert March 31 may have been surprised by the chaos that erupted during the show. Apparently, ignoring the signs on the door warning "No Moshing," a mosh pit formed and students were injured.

Students were allowed to crowd surf twice, although they weren't advised of this rule. There was supposed to be one person on each side of the stage who would put slash marks with a red marker on anyone's hand that decided to crowd surf. If a person had two slashes and tried to crowd surf a third time, they were supposed to be removed from the premises.

Because there was so much chaos at the front of the stage, this procedure was not successful. It was almost impossible to keep track of the students and the number of times they crowd surfed. It was also difficult to control the crowd because the band members were also encouraging audience members to continue.

The Student Security Committee was told not to touch anybody. They were informed that they could get in trouble or the school could get sued if they confronted anyone physically. The security committee was instructed that Police and Safety would be in charge of any physical violence.

Police and Safety officers can't be in two places at once and the physical violence and injuries were too numerous for the officers to handle by themselves. "Everybody got smashed to the front," said Mark Walczak, MIS 04, a student on the security committee. "I had to pick up a girl who passed out from being pushed. I didn't want her to get hurt."

Another problem was with the placement of the student security members within the building. The larger members should have been placed in front of the stage to control the crowds.

Justin Curry, PSYCH 08, was in charge of the hospitality committee for the show. The possibility of violence at the concert wasn't discussed with any committees except for security, but he did notice the signs warning against moshing at the doors.

"I don't think anyone expected the crowd surfing and moshing to happen to the extent that it did. It seemed like every three seconds someone new was crowd surfing," said Curry. "I believe this concert was an excellent idea and the work that went into it as well as the turnout was great. I hope the administration doesn't think so badly about this that they wouldn't allow us to have another concert."

Four people who attended the concert were taken away in ambulances, including one girl from the student security committee.

Mr. & Miss Pageant underway

By Courtney Straub
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Alpha Sigma Tau (AST) will hold their third annual Mr. & Miss Penn State Behrend Pageant on Thursday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m. in McGarvey Commons.

Emily Waters, sister of Alpha Sigma Tau, began working on the pageant in December. Since then, 20 students have been nominated, however, only ten will compete in the actual pageant.

"[We have a] change war as part of the student vote to see which five girls and guys will go on to the pageant from the 20 contestants," said Waters.

The 20 contestants will each have their own cups on a table outside of Bruno's and students walking by can donate money into the cup of any person they wish to see in the pageant. The five girls and five guys with the largest amount of money in their cups will be the ones competing in the pageant.

Last year Isiah Meek and Katie Streaker were crowned Mr. & Miss Penn State Behrend.

"It was a ton of fun," said Streaker, "I would definitely encourage anyone to do it." Streaker and Meek will be present at this year's pageant to crown the new winners. According to Waters the title is basically just a title. There are no responsibilities for the winners.

The ten students who compete in the pageant will be judged in three categories; beachwear, formalwear and casualwear. For the formalwear segment the ladies will get to wear dresses from David's Bridal and the men will get to wear tuxes from American Commodore.

During the formalwear segment, the contestants will be asked up to four questions. Their answers to these questions will help the judges in making their decision on the winners.

The judges are still to be announced. Not only will the ASTs raise money from the change war, they are also charging a dollar donation at the door. All of the money raised is donated to Pine Mountain Settlement School, AST's philanthropy.

"Last year the pageant raised over \$300," said Maria Montana, AST president. AST received a few awards last year for the success of their pageant. "It has helped us to win an award at our National Convention [for philanthropy]," said Waters, "and it won for best social event on campus last year."

The sisters of AST are excited for this year's pageant. "We have a lot of fun putting it together and feel that it's a fun and unique thing to offer to the Behrend students," said Waters.

"I think it will turn out great," said Montana. The pageant is not the only project that AST is working on. On April 23, they will spend eight hours building a house as part of the Habitat for Humanity project and on May 1 they will be cleaning up the highway as part of the Adopt-a-Highway project.

Ask ASCII: Using two monitors with a computer

By Logan Stack
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Dear ASCII,
Someone down the hall from me has two monitors hooked up to one computer. Other than looking cool, why would someone do that? And can you tell me how I can use the old monitor sitting in my parents' basement to look cool too?

- Jealous

Dear Jealous,

Hooking up multiple monitors to the same computer can be quite convenient. You could use one screen to display your English assignment and the other to display a bunch of web pages which you're referencing. You could use one for browsing the Internet, while the other has all your 'junk' on it, like AIM, Winamp, your e-mail, etc. Or if you're feeling even less productive, you could have a game on one screen while the other displayed hot-keys or cheat-codes.

On this sort of setup, your mouse is able to move between the monitors as though they weren't separate. You can just drag applications from one monitor to the other, just as you would move it about a single screen. (It's really cool.)

You can put the monitors side-by-side, or one on top of the other. If you have more than two, you can get creative, making 'L' shapes and mimicking Tetris pieces. It's most common to just have them all in a row.

All you need to set up multiple monitors on your computer is an extra monitor (obviously) and an extra video card. Trace the cord on your current monitor back to your computer, and unplug it. It was plugged into a port on your video card. If you have any other ports on the back of your computer which look like that, you're all set. If not, you'll need to buy a second video card.

Video cards can be as cheap or expensive as wine. If you don't play the latest games, then you don't need an expensive one - something in the \$40 range should suffice. Make sure you get one which plugs into a "PCI" slot, and not an "AGP" slot. AGP is better; but if your computer has it, your current video card is almost certainly plugged into the only one you have. Installing your video card is simple and painless, but it involves

opening up your computer. If you've never done this before, you should probably have a technician or tech-savvy friend help you out.

First, turn off and unplug your computer. Then open or remove your computer's case. You probably need a screw driver for this. Inside, the main board, or mother board will then be visible.

On your main board you may have up to 3 different sorts of slots, some of which may have cards in them already. You will have more PCI slots than any other sort. If you have other sorts of slots, they'll be on the far ends of the series of slots on your main board. Find what you think is a PCI slot, and remove the metal insert on the case matching up to the slot.

Your PCI video card will only fit in the correct sort of slot, so don't try to force it. Gently press your card into it. If it fits, fine. If it doesn't, move to the next sort of slot and try again. Gently. Once you've got it in the right slot, be sure that it's in far enough that none of the strips of gold are sticking up above the slot where you can see them. This may involve pushing down on the card pretty hard, but only push after you've got it lined up and already in part of the way.

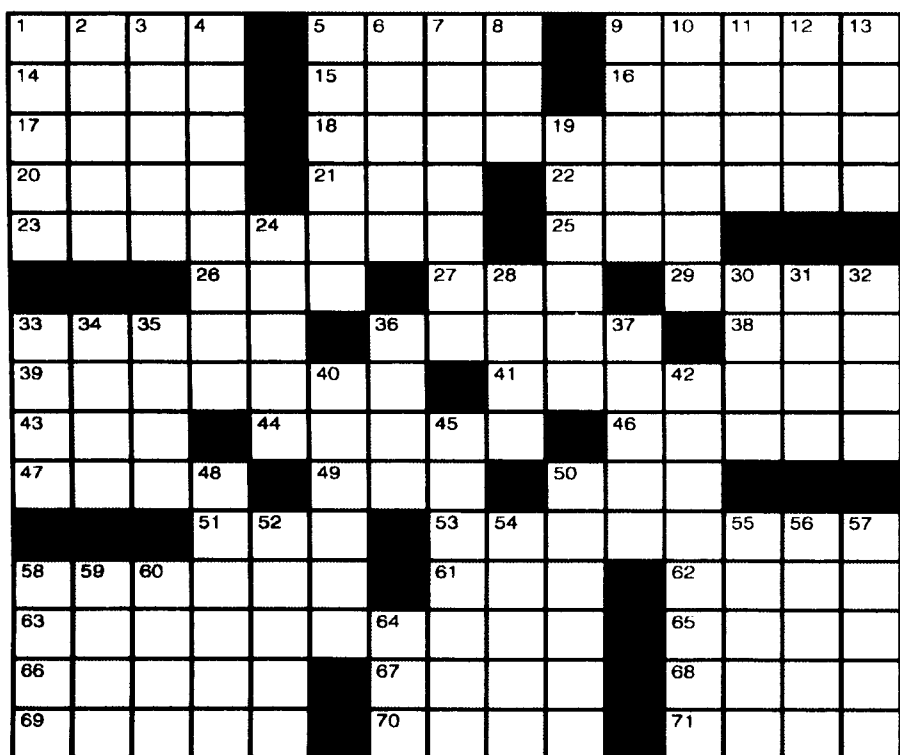
When you put in the video card, you will have about a quarter inch of its port sticking out of your computer through the hole you created when you removed the metal insert on the case. Put the case back on and connect your second monitor's plug into that new port on the new video card. Then plug in the computer, turn it on and run the CD that came with the video card.

There are a couple of limiting factors on the number of monitors you can have. The most obvious is running out of space in your dorm room, followed quickly by running out of money to buy monitors. Your computer has a limit too. It only has so many PCI slots to stick cards into. Fortunately, even if your computer is very small and only has one slot, you can have multiple monitors. Some video cards come with multiple ports on them, up to four per card. That's five monitors, with your original card!

Do you have a computer question? Then Ask ASCII! Send an e-mail to lws118@psu.edu with "Ask ASCII" in the subject line, and you may see your question in next week's paper.

Crossword

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 1 Actor Guinness
 5 Subsidies
 9 Spread about
 14 Sprint race
 15 Member fees
 16 Unpolished
 17 Troubadour's instrument
 18 Relative of a spritzer
 20 Angry states
 21 Over the hill
 22 Francis or Dahl
 23 Low tone
 25 Barbara ___ Geddes
 26 Downcast
 27 Record label
 29 Gullible dupes
 33 Dressed like a judge
 36 Luigi's island
 38 Op. ___ (footnote abbr.)
 39 Conceited one
 41 Actress Dietrich
 43 It's c-c-c-cold!
 44 Actress Della
 46 Passover feast
 47 Drain slowly
 49 Jackie's second
 50 Sentimental drivet
 51 Emigrant's subj.
 53 Reading, as a bar code
 58 Carefree
 61 Half a drum?
 62 Leigh Hunt's "___ Ben Adhem"
 63 Posh Beverly Hills street
 65 Invitation letters
 66 Worship
 67 This ___ on me!
 68 Profound
 69 Very cold
 70 Penny
 71 And nothing more

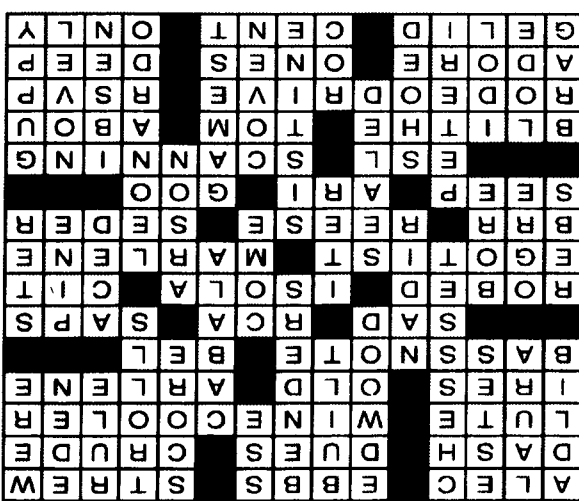


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 11 Dominate
 12 Utopian garden
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 19 Secret doctrine
 24 Low point
 28 Show up
 30 Served perfectly
 31 Evergreen
 32 Gang hanger-on?
 33 R.E. Lee's troops
 34 Grimm creature
 35 Dullsville denizen
 36 Latin way
 37 Burning crime
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 52 Did a farrier's job
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 55 "Peer Gynt" playwright
 56 Original
 57 Colorful aquarium fish
 58 Talk big
 59 Mineral find
 60 False god
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