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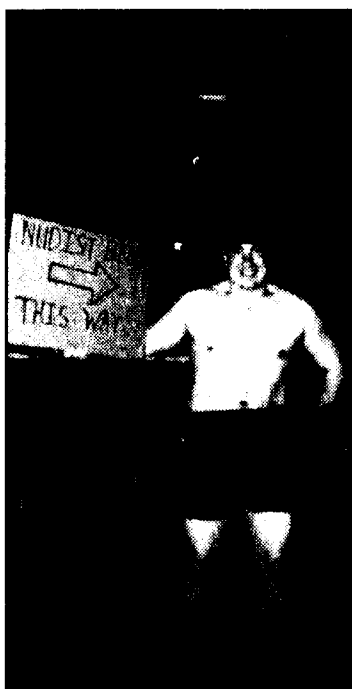
Sorority crowns Mr. and Miss Behrend



Josh Hannold and Lindsey Wiley were crowned the winners.



Brittany Charles shows off her style in the casual wear category.



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Cody Earhart censors his swim-suit in the beach wear category.

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On Wednesday, Alpha Sigma Tau sorority hosted their fourth annual Mr. and Miss Penn State Behrend Pageant. As the evening came to an end, the audience erupted into applause as Josh Hannold, Psychology 06, and Lindsey Wiley, Management 04, were crowned the newest Mr. and Miss Penn State Behrend.

This year's contestants consisted of Brittany Charles, Omitra Gates, Kay Lampe, Erin Siegrist and Lindsey Wiley for the females and Cody Earhart, Josh Hannold, Paul Nick, Justin Owens and Pat Schodt for the males.

Although several applications were received weeks prior to the event, the nominees competed in "change wars" last week where the student body, faculty and staff all had a chance to vote for who they would like to see represent Penn State Behrend. Each nominee had a cup with his/her name and picture on it that allowed others to vote for him/her by placing in the person's cup any extra change they had. At the end of the week, five women and five men were chosen to compete in the pageant based on the amount of money they received by the end of the "change wars."

Contestants were asked to compete in three categories: beach wear, casual wear and formal wear. They would be judged on their appearance, personality and their response to two randomly drawn questions. Judges for the evening included Chris Fox, Rebecca Grimaldi and Alexander Henderson.

The event kicked off to a great start with the beachwear category. From bikinis and flip-flops to scuba gear and swim trunks, the audience enjoyed the comical performances of the contestants as they walked the runway in the dimly lit

McGarvey Commons.

During the casual wear competition, contestants were asked to choose one song that could represent them as they made their way out in front of the judges and audience.

The formal wear category completed the evening as the ten men and women dressed in gowns and tuxedos and answered the final round of questions. As the judges tallied their final votes, the audience awaited in anticipation for the announcement of the winners.

As the winners were named, McGarvey Commons broke out into excited cheers and applause as Hannold and Wiley were crowned and took their first walk as the new Mr. and Miss Penn State Behrend.

With the help of various businesses, contestants and various raffle winners were able to take home prize packages from places such as Kaufmanns, Krispy Kreme, Eat n' Park, Scott Enterprises, Brusters, Corner Stone and many more.

Still filled with excitement, Wiley stated, "I thought the pageant was great, and I had a lot of fun participating in this event."

Kassi Hindman, pageant coordinator, said, "I think the pageant is very important to both Alpha Sigma Tau sorority and the Penn State Behrend community. It raises money for two worthwhile national organizations and gives Penn State Behrend students a fun social event to attend. We hope to continue this tradition for years to come."

All proceeds from the pageant and the change wars benefit Alpha Sigma Tau's two national philanthropies, Pine Mountain Settlement School and Habitat for Humanity. Since the pageant's inception, more than \$1,000 has been donated.

Student life snippets

Searching for the perfect summer job

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Procrastinating students can have a very hard time finding decent summer jobs this far into the semester. The summer brings students home looking for money and flooding the job market during the slow business season. On campus students have a much harder time finding jobs at home than commuters. Commuter students can find jobs during the school year and continue through the summer.

Commuter students are the first to find jobs because they have the advantage of applying for jobs during the school year. Out of town students have to face late applications and a full market. Jennifer Bailey, a first year student agrees, "I have to go back to Corry to get a job," she adds, "there's not many jobs available. I'm probably going to have to work at McDonald's or something."

Thomas Hurta, in contrast, finishing his second year commuter student, has not had much trouble in finding employment stating, "I just finished training at West Telecommunications, and it was unbelievably easy to get in."

West Telecommunications is located on West 38th Street, and is a popular employer for untrained local students. The website www.eriejobs.com says to use the following tips to help you land a summer job.

First, do not wait. Begin searching as soon as possible. Stay ahead of the competition and get your resume out immediately.

Second, be selective. Do not take a job that is simply for the money. Use your job as something to help your future career. It also helps to have a job you enjoy, whether you need to socialize or to be secluded.

Third, commit for the duration of the job. Be sure to accept a position you are comfortable working for the duration of the summer. Be careful not to burn any bridges for future opportunities.

Remember, if you are planning to use your summer employer as a future job reference, you must stay on board for the entire duration of the job. It also helps to have a successful run so you may be asked back.

Finally, advance your training. Just because it is the summer months does not mean you cannot continue to learn. Seek out a summer job that encourages training advancement to help with higher level opportunities.

Desperate students can even access seasonal job searches via websites like www.summerjobs.com, www.monster.com and www.eriehelpwanted.com. The Career Development Center can also help students find jobs or internships. The CDC is located in the Reed Union Building and can be reached by calling 898-6164.

Caribbean band to perform at Bruno's

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On Tuesday, April 25, Caribbean steel drum trio EWABO will perform at Bruno's from 12 p.m. until 1 p.m as a part of Behrend's Rhythms of Life Series. The

group, originally conceived in Trinidad and Tobago, is one of the best and most-recognized musical troupes in international contemporary music today. The band specializes in the steel drum, also know as "pan" music in their native country and in the Caribbean. This steel orchestra, whose motto is "One Love," represents the multifaceted branches of Caribbean music and culture.

Not only has the group performed at events outside the United States and in their home country, EWABO has garnered critical suc-

cess across America. Besides performing at various events including the Potomac Riverfest, Norfolk Harborfest, Hispanic Fes., Annapolis Arts Fest, the Cherry Blossom Parade, DC Caribbean Carnival Parade, the Howard University Homecoming, Bluemont Concert Series and Human Rights Day, the group has also performed for former President Bill Clinton at the Arkansas

Inaugural Ball and many international embassies. Besides winning numerous titles and awards, the band has twice swept the National Steelband Music Festival Championships.

As always, this musical event is free and open to the general public. EWABO's

upcoming performance is made possible by the Office of Educational Equity and Diversity Programs and the Student Activity Fee. For more information phone 898-6111 or visit pennstatebehrend.psu.edu.



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