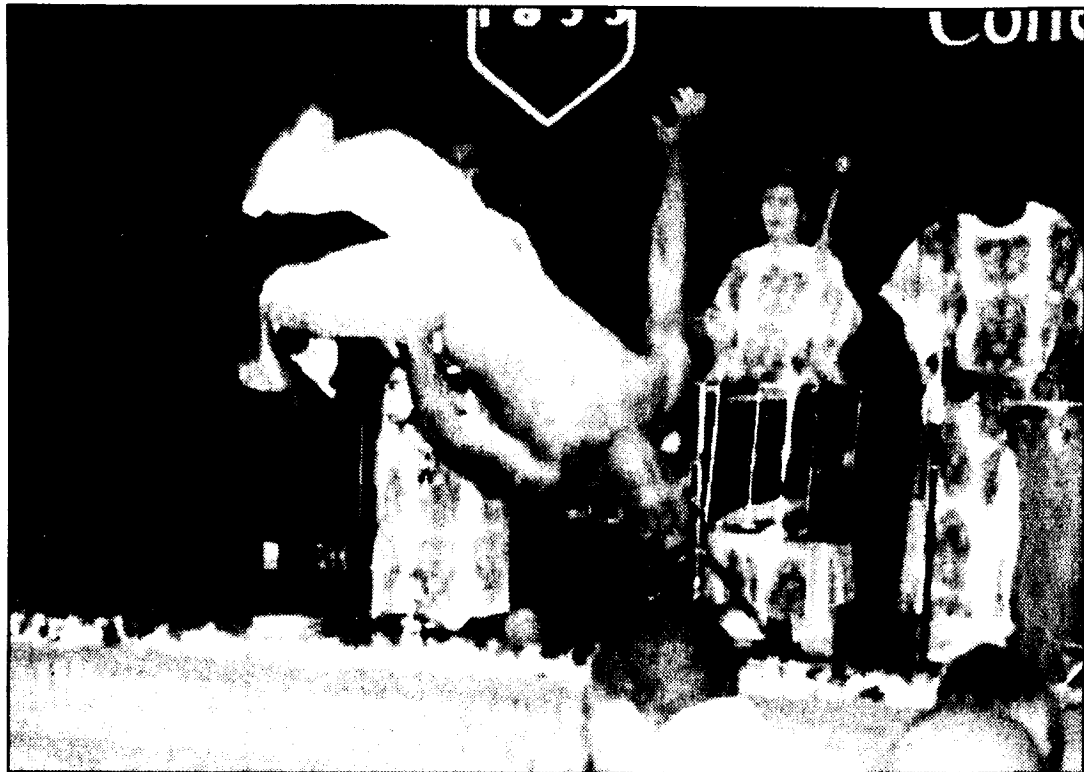


STUDENT LIFE

Harambee celebration brings diversity to campus



Michael Sharkey/THE BEHREND BEACON

A performer from the music and dance group Nego Gato does a flip during the Harambee event.

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copy editor

Penn State Behrend celebrated its twentieth anniversary of unity with a Harambee on October 19 night in McGarvey Commons. The main purpose for the Harambee was to "bring people of different backgrounds together," said Ilona Joseph, Vice President of the Multi-Cultural Council (MCC). The Harambee was organized by the MCC, with the help of the Lion Entertainment Board (LEB).

McGarvey Commons was filled with round tables, dressed with white tablecloths and fall foliage centerpieces. Some tables had specially carved pumpkins, while others had vases with goldfish swimming. Students and faculty that came to support the event were dressed formally for the event.

The event began with a warm welcome by Jamaal Erskine, President of the Association of Black Collegians and an Invocation of Harambee by Eden Roseborough, President of National Society of Black Engineers. Following this was dinner, catered by Dobbins, which featured salad, lasagna, meatballs, turkey with stuffing and gravy, and steamed vegetables.

Jermaine Davis, college instructor, author, entrepreneur, and motivational speaker then took the stage and gave a speech titled "Be Diversity Competent." When describing diversity, Davis said, "Diversity simply means...differences.

People don't have complications with similarities, they have complications with differences."

Davis used colored marbles as a way to look at diversity. He placed several red marbles in a container, then dropped other colors in and shook it up, with the main point being that "we decide who we interact with; we have that choice."

The last event was a musical performance by Nego Gato, an African-Brazilian art of music and dance. The performers literally got people out of their seats by grabbing people from the audience to form a train that ran around the room.

Students were very thrilled with the performance of Nego Gato and the Harambee overall.

"I think overall it was very eventful - to say the least," said Chris Mendez, sophomore. "The atmosphere of everyone coming together to share one common goal - to unite everyone from all cultures and to bring us closer together as part of the human race, was amazing."

Another student, Jeffery Barber, sophomore, attended the event as an extra credit assignment for a class, but was surprised at how much fun it was, "I thought it was an eye-opening experience. The speaker, Jermaine Davis, really caught my attention because of his visual aid with the marbles. I also loved how he spoke in general as if he were talking just to me and not an entire audience. Overall, I thought it was spectacular," he said.

This event honored Behrend's past, and gives hope to a more unified future.

ATTENTION SENIORS



SENIOR SALUTE DAYS

- PURCHASE YOUR CAP & GOWN
- ORDER YOUR CLASS RING
- ORDER COMMENCEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS
- PURCHASE DIPLOMA FRAMES
- STOP BY THE REGISTRAR'S TABLE
- STOP BY THE PENN STATE ALUMNI TABLE

WHEN: MONDAY, OCT. 30---NOON - 6:15pm
TUESDAY, OCT. 31---10am - 3pm

WHERE: REED WINTERGARDEN

(FOR MORE INFO-STOP BY THE BOOKSTORE)

2006 Career Fair helps students on the search for success



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The Fall 2006 Career Fair, presented by Career Development, took place on October 14, 2006 in the Junker Center. A record number of companies attended the event (over 100), increasing Behrend's visibility and providing students with an opportunity to meet, talk and interview with or receive information from a number of different organizations, from Buckle Inc. to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Check out these events

*Economist David Hale visits the Speaker Series, October 26, McGarvey Commons, 7:30 p.m.

**"Pretty in Pink: Breast Cancer Awareness" program, October 24, Reed 114, 6 p.m.

*Astronomy Open House, "Monster Black Holes," October 20, Science Building, 7:30 p.m.

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Parents and Families Weekend kicks off

Saturday, October 21	1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.	"Helping Hands" Silent Auction
Check In	Reed 114
Reed Union Building Wintergarden	
9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Guide Walking Tours of Campus	Afternoon Jazz Concert
Reed Union Building Wintergarden	Reed Union Building Wintergarden
10 a.m. - 4p.m.	3 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
Aboretum Tour	Men's Soccer vs. Penn State Altoona
Reed Union Building Wintergarden	Behrend Fields
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	3 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Horse-Drawn Trolley	Movie: <i>Cars</i> (Rated G)
Reed Union Building, Behrend Fields	Reed 117
Noon - 2 p.m.	3 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Scholarship Luncheon	Nine-Hole Golf Scramble
Junker Center	Harbor Ridge Golf Course
Noon - 2 p.m.	6 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Family Weekend Lunch	Chancellor's Reception
Lobby	Reed Union Building Wintergarden
Reed Union Building McGarvey Commons	
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Spooktacular Family Fun	Family Dinner/Murder Mystery Theater
Reed Union Building Front Lawn & McGarvey Commons	McGarvey Commons
1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	10 p.m.
Women's Soccer vs. Penn State Altoona	Movie: <i>Superman Returns</i> (Rated PG-13)
Behrend Fields	Reed 117
	Time TBD
	Penn State vs. Illinois TV Football Party
	Bruno's Cafe
Sunday, October 22	
9:30 a.m.	
Protestant Interdenomenational Service	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Smith Chapel	Brunch
	Dobbins Dining Hall
11 a.m.	
Catholic Mass	
Smith Chapel	