

NEWS

Question of the Week: What are your Spring Break plans?

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Brittany Barbato

Freshman, DUS

"I'm going to New Jersey to try out for the Philadelphia Liberty Football Club."



Aksel Gurkan

Senior, International Business

"I'm going to the Bahamas!"



Leighann Mehremann

Freshman, Nursing

"I'm going to Vermont to snowboard."



Mike Mclean

Freshman, International Politics

"I'm going to Spain."

High School students hold Art for a Cause

By Jessica Samol
copy editor

Local area high school students are doing their part to help fight hunger in the Erie region. Students at McDowell High School are organizing Art for a Cause, a fundraiser that will benefit Holy Trinity's Outreach Program. The members of Art for a Cause learned about the local homeless rate in a tolerance class at McDowell High School, and wanted to do something to help the local homeless. Chair member Allison Samol said "When I learned of the large number of people that are homeless in Erie, I wanted to help and we thought this would be a good idea."

The students are planning an art

show and auction that will be available to all members of the community. Art for a Cause will host their fundraiser on Saturday, May 5, 2007, from 6-10 p.m. at McDowell High School's North Gym. Admission to the fundraiser will be free and donations will be accepted.

In addition, members of Art for a Cause are looking for people who would like to donate art. They are accepting any type of art and donations would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to donate art and help fight hunger locally, please contact Allison Samol: call (814) 464-7890 or e-mail jls5314@psu.edu. The deadline for art donations will be on April 20, 2007.

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In addition to the many fundraising locations on Behrend's campus, the International Institute Project is also sending letters to local business' where they hope to place cans for cash donation. "Really anything that will help the International Institute help the refugees will be gladly accepted. We are not only trying to raise money and supplies, but we also want people to know their stories, so we will have pictures and information about some of the refugees at our tables so people can really see who they are helping," said Wilson.

All proceeds raised by the International Institute Project will go to the International Institute of Erie. Anyone interested in donating or helping with the fundraising efforts can contact Danielle Wilson at djw5069@psu.edu, and to find out more about the International Institute of Erie go to www.interinstitute.org.

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no fee. Until recently, Patty Pasky McMahon, the Director and Nurse Practitioner of the Health and Wellness center, was the only employee certified to give the HIV/AIDS test. Now the center's Medical Assistant, Lisa Fatica, has become certified in HIV/AIDS testing and counseling. The importance of these services becomes apparent when students are consulted about their sex life. Freshman Frank Nagy said that he thinks "Safe sex is extremely important whether it is through the use of condoms or birth control. Teenage pregnancy is a great and scary issue in our country today, but kids aren't going to stop having sex. I

think that it's great what Health and Wellness is doing, because they can help a lot of kids out."

College students are, for the most part, sexually active in some way, but very few are engaged or married, or in any situation where they can tolerate a child coming into their lives. Through the services of the Health and Wellness center, the education that is provided by the university, and the student's awareness of the standards of safe sex, such a problem can be effectively prevented until adulthood, or whenever they are ready to engage in something as serious as unprotected sex or family planning.

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