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Students win big at "Price is Right"



Chet Youbetcha hosted "The Price Is Right" in McGarvey Commons on Friday, January 23rd.

For a generation of people who stayed home sick and watched *The Price is Right* with toast and 7-Up, Behrend students recently had the opportunity to live out a dream. The Lion Entertainment Board (LEB) held one of the biggest events of the semester last weekend, the Price is Right.

Upon entering McGarvey Commons a few minutes before the show, students saw four podiums set up onstage. To the right of the stage at the base of the stairs was an area hidden by curtains. Center stage was a long table, which would later support a number of ordinary groceries and household supplies.

The event was hosted by Chet Youbetcha, who kept the event rolling with enthusiasm and grace. Assisting Youbetcha onstage were three "Behrend

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Beauties," two of whom were women. Matt Kierkowski rocked a barely-there sailor girl outfit and stole the show. When asked how it felt to be a "Beauty," he responded, "Have you ever seen *Almost Famous*? You know the scene where he's on the garage roof, and he says he's going to fly? Everyone is yelling 'Yeah, do it!' and there's one person yelling 'No, don't do it!' And then he yells 'I'm a golden god!' That's how it felt," Kierkowski said.

The event consisted of some familiar games. To begin, four contestants had to guess the price of a

regular item, like a box of Bisquick or a jar of Vlasic pickles. Whoever guessed the closest price would be the winner of that game and would go on to play another game for a prize. The prizes included the first season of *The Office* and a collection of Will Ferrell movies and ranged to a 19" Philips TV, a digital camera, and a Nintendo Wii.

One of the games was "tic-tac-toe." On the stage was a giant tic-tac-toe board, with the three center boxes blacked out. The contestant had to guess the price of a few standard items, and for each correct guess they were allotted one X. The contestant for this game guessed correctly, won the game

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Students honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at poetry reading

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The crowd nodded its approval as Amy Hudson's voice rose in emphasis, reading a well-known poem, "Why Did God Create Me Black."

Hudson was one of a tight, responsive crowd that attended a poetry reading in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Jan. 23. Like many others, she read powerful and uplifting poetry.

"All the colors of a heavenly rainbow / can be found throughout every nation / and when all those colors were blended / you became my greatest creation," she read.

The crowd responded enthusiastically for each and every performer. Often, they would clap or dance along with singers, or cheer supportively when a friend looked nervous onstage. While most performers attended Behrend, some were from the school's faculty and staff, or simply friends of attendees.

The event was organized by the Association of Black Collegians (ABC). Paris Norwood, the President of ABC, said that the cultural importance of events like this could not be understated. "It provides a new, fresh opportunity for some students to understand people from different nationalities," she said. "That's something you don't often get to do at Behrend."

ABC, described by Norwood as the oldest multicultural organization at Penn State Behrend, hosts a "Black Expressions" night of poetry readings every year. "This semester, we decided to make it an open mic, to encourage most people to come. I was really happy with the amount of diversity."

The majority of participants read poetry.

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Survey gives students a voice in campus spending

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The Student Government Association and some Behrend faculty, including Chancellor Jack Burke, emailed students directly last week with a link to a survey.

"Each semester, all registered Behrend students invest \$100 in the new Facility Fee, which was put in place to help improve non-academic space and life at Penn State Behrend," said Erin Kennedy, the president of the Student Government Association, in an email sent to all Behrend students.

She said that they wished to see how students want the new Student Facilities Fee to be spent.

Cody Brown, a sophomore majoring in political science, completed the survey and believes that everyone else on campus should do the same.

"I know this is important and something that is needed," Brown says. "I believe that it is necessary for students to do this because then they can have a say in what is done on campus. You always hear of students complaining because they don't like this or that, so now is their chance to give their

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Women's basketball plays to a thrilling one-point victory

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The Lady Lions basketball team (9-8, 7-4) added another win to their record on Saturday, Jan. 24 as they beat Frostburg State, 62-61, for their fourth consecutive home game victory.

The Behrend Lion's first matchup against the Frostburg State Bobcats this season ended in a 72-81 score in favor of the Bobcats.

The Blue and White flipped the result around in a thrilling one-point victory to even the series against them for the season, 1-1.

"For the most part, we played well against Frostburg," said junior Christine Krankota. "This was a big conference game for us, as earlier in the season we came up just short against the Bobcats in Maryland. We wanted to not only avenge that loss but close the gap between Frostburg and ourselves in the AMCC standings."

According to Krankota, Frostburg was a game and a half ahead of the Lions before Saturday's game.

The Bobcats were the first to put points on the board. However, Behrend sophomore Amy Oldach answered back with five quick points as she hit a three pointer and scored on a layup to make the score 5-2.

With 10:38 to go in the first half, the Lions saw their lead disappear as Frostburg scored, making the scoreboard read 10-12.

Benefitting from a timeout called by Behrend's head coach Roz Fomari, the Lions clawed



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Amy Oldach helped lead the Lady Lions to their narrow victory.

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Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High: 26°F Low: 14°F	High: 28°F Low: 23°F	High: 38°F Low: 24°F
Cloudy with a chance of snow. Windy.	Mostly cloudy, breezy, and a chance of snow.	Partly cloudy and breezy.
Forecast courtesy of student meteorologist Matt Alto		Forecast continued on page 2.

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