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POLICE CITE 82 AT SKN

WARRANT SERVED BY STATE POLICE AND LIQUOR CONTROL OFFICERS

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State police and liquor control officers gave out 82 underage drinking citations at a party on Buffalo road this weekend.

The police gave out the citations at a warehouse com-

monly referred to as the "Sigma Kappa Nu warehouse" by students.

According to information released by the Pennsylvania State Police and the Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement, officers served a search warrant for the building at 12:45 a.m. on Sunday, March 22. In addition to the citations, authorities seized 30 gallons of beer, tap equipment, six beer kegs and \$395.

"One of my friends told me the cops were outside," said an eyewitness. "The next thing I know, the cops burst through every door. It was the most ridiculous thing I've ever seen."

One individual was charged with disorderly conduct after

attempting to flee from the scene.

"Someone tried to run and a cop grabbed him and threw him against a wall," said an eyewitness. "They had a bunch of people pinned up against the wall and things like that."

Once the authorities apprehended everyone present, they began issuing citations.

"First, they separated the 21-year-olds from the minors and let them leave," said an eyewitness. "Then they separated everyone who said they weren't drinking and tested them with a breathalyzer and let them leave. They took everyone else's identification and called them out one by one to give them their citation."

Director of Student Affairs Dr. Ken Miller claims that despite rumors, his office had no involvement in the arrests.

"Someone tried to run and a cop grabbed him and threw him against a wall,"

-Eyewitness account

"I didn't know it happened until news agencies talked to me," Miller said. "We didn't

know this was going to happen."

According to Miller, the university is not likely to pursue disciplinary action against the students involved.

"We are looking at this as we would any off-campus incident," Miller said. "We don't know what students are involved. We're not going to bring 82 students in here and say we're going to charge them under university policy."

Eyewitnesses claim members of the Sigma Kappa Nu fraternity organized the party.

According to Interfraternity Council President Todd Ericsson, Sigma Kappa Nu has no affiliation with Behrend's fraternities or sororities.

"The Interfraternity Council and the fraternities at Penn State Behrend are not associated with the off-campus organization, Sigma Kappa Nu," said Ericsson. "As an off campus organization, SKN is not a part of the IFC at PSB and as such this situation should not reflect upon the fraternity and sorority community at PSB."

Penn State Behrend has not officially recognized the fraternity, commonly referred to as "Skins," for several years due to a lack of affiliation with a national organization and violating recruiting rules.

Police and Liquor Control Board raid the Shaggy Dog Tavern

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The Shaggy Dog Tavern was raided early Saturday morning by the Nuisance Bar Task Force and Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board officers, resulting in 65 minors receiving citations for underage drinking.

The Shaggy Dog Tavern, otherwise known as "The Dog," sits at 414 West 8th Street, just five blocks away from an Erie Police Station.

According to the Nuisance Bar Task Force, a unit of the Erie Police Department which specializes in dealing with bars and taverns, 96 people under the age of 21, including Penn State Behrend students, were at the Shaggy Dog at the time

of the raid. Some of the minors cited at the bar were as young as 17.

For years, the local college hot spot has been criticized by many as being notorious for supplying to minors. More recently, the establishment has experienced structural and management issues.

The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board issued 65 underage citations after giving all 95 of the minors a Breathalyzer test. Each underage drinker will lose their license and face a fine of up to \$300.

According to The News Now Network, Erie Police Lt. Kirk Werner counted 11 17-year-olds, 25 18-year-olds,

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The Shaggy Dog Tavern on West 8th Street

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Lions defeat Medaille in home opener

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Coming off a close defeat against Fredonia State just one day prior, the Behrend Lions retaliated with a two

game sweep of Medaille at the 2009 home opener on Thursday, March 25.

Behrend won game one 13-2 and game two 4-1.

Starting the day off with two strike outs would be Charles Zimoski, who prevented Fre-

donia from getting on base in the first inning.

At bat, the Blue and White started the game off strong with three runs scored within four hits.

Zimoski then pitched a complete game, giving up only four hits and two runs.

The Lions kept up the momentum, and 13 runs later they would be 10-2 on the year.

In game two, Behrend would be the first to score when Dustin Dubensky drove in Harry Latta on a single. The lead would be short lived, as Medaille responded in the top of the fourth.

The Blue and White weren't phased, as two hits brought in one runner in the bottom of the fourth.

Stopping the Mavericks in the fifth would be Zach Sheffer, who would sit three batters in a row. Sheffer kept it up in the sixth, sitting down the first two and grounding out the third.

After bringing in two in the bottom of the sixth, Ryan Smith took the mound for Behrend.

With one inning left in play, Smith didn't let Medaille get a single hit to improve the Lions to 11-2 on the year.

With a 4-0 conference record, the Blue and White's domination of the AMCC doesn't look to end anytime soon.

On Saturday, March 28, Behrend will take on Mt. Aloysius at home. Game time is scheduled for 1 p.m.



The Lions defeated Medaille 13-2 in game one and 4-1 in game two.

Checkpoint disrupts traffic

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Students traveling on Station Road on Monday, March 23, were subject to a "traffic safety check," courtesy of the Pennsylvania State Police.

During the check, cars were stopped for a minute or two as police officers checked for license and registration, and vehicle inspection stickers. Though it was a relatively painless process to go through,

many students expressed shock and anger at having to submit to a police search.

The supervisor of the safety stop said that it was a routine operation carried out many times a month on varying roads in Erie. Usually, roads at Behrend are selected for traffic stops twice a year, according to the state police.

During such stops, most drivers are asked to provide a license and registration. For those who are not wearing

seatbelts during the traffic stops, warnings are usually issued. When a driver does not have his or her license or registration with them, officers normally issue a warning and the driver must present the documentation within ten days of the incident.

According to the police at the stop, the most common infraction at the stop were out-of-date vehicle inspection stickers.

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The traffic stop on Station Road.

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Friday

High: 54°F
Low: 35°F

Mostly sunny skies.

Saturday



High: 53°F
Low: 42°F

Cloudy skies give way to PM rain.

Sunday



High: 46°F
Low: 36°F

Rain showers, otherwise cloudy.

Forecast courtesy of student meteorologist Matt Alto

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