

The Behrend Beacon

Friday, April 10, 2009

A Penn State Behrend Student Publication

Vol. LV No. XXIV

Security breach: Behrend alumni at risk for identity theft

By Matthew Schwabenbauer
news editor
mjs5387@psu.edu

The social security numbers of nearly 11,000 Penn State University alumni are at risk after a computer breach at Behrend.

Director of marketing communication, Bill Gonda, claims a routine scan for security breaches on the network revealed malicious software present on one computer. After taking it offline, an investigation of the machine found documents containing the Social Security numbers of 10,868 alumni.

"It's important to note that it is a potential breach," Gonda said. "We've found no evidence that suggests that Social Security numbers actually left the computer, or were received by any other third party."

The documents in question dated to when the university used students' Social Security numbers for identification. Now, each student is issued a nine-digit identification number.

According to Gonda, the see BREACH on page 3.

Kyle Logue and Alex Ley crowned Mr. and Ms. Penn State Behrend



Alex Ley and Kyle Logue as Mr. and Ms. Penn State Behrend

By Rachel Reeves
editor-in-chief
rcr5040@psu.edu

Bruno's saw what might have been its rowdiest event of the semester on Thursday night. The café was packed with people hoping to catch a glimpse of Alpha Sigma Tau's annual Mr. and Ms. Penn State Behrend Pageant.

The event kicked off at the end of March with change wars. Tables were set up in the main campus buildings to col-

lect change for each of the nominees. After one week, the ten contestants who made the most money were selected as the finalists for the competition.

For the pageant, contestants were separated into couples. Each couple first modeled casual wear, then beach wear, and finally formal wear.

For the final portion of the contest, the nominees drew a random question. These questions ranged from, "If you were an animal, which one would you be," to "If you could have

lunch with anyone dead or alive, who would it be?" to "MySpace or Facebook, and why?"

Walking first were Amy Wagner and Kyle Logue. Second were Tim Croft and Kristi Dahlstrom, followed by Jennifer Juncosa and Aaron Sutara and Alex Ley and Jeff Barber. The final couple to grace the stage was Liz Zahar and Jordan Pisano.

see PAGEANT on page 2.

Police: undercover officers served alcohol at SKN

By Matthew Schwabenbauer
news editor
mjs5387@psu.edu

Undercover police officers were served beer at a party on Buffalo road on March 21, according to a search warrant signed by Pennsylvania State Police and the Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement officers.

According to the document, two officers entered the "Sigma Kappa Nu warehouse" at 10:30 p.m. The officers then paid a \$5 entry fee and were served Natural Light beer.

Attached to the warrant was an affidavit of probable cause which detailed the incident. According to the affidavit, state police requested a search warrant due to violations occurring after 10:30 p.m. and the consumption of alcoholic beverages. The document also states that a search of Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement

records did not reveal a liquor license for the warehouse.

One section of the document specifically instructs officers to search for two "John Does" which provided alcohol to the officers, one wearing a blue bandana and white T-shirt with the initials E.T. on it with a dollar sign written in red magic marker, the other wearing a blue jacket with letters, a beard, and a camouflage hat.

The suspect wearing a bandana was noted as the "owner, occupant, or possessor of said premises to be searched."

This section also instructed officers to seize all alcohol and alcohol dispensing items, illegal drugs, and paraphernalia used for introducing drugs into the human body.

On the morning of Sunday, March 22, the warrant was

see WARRANT on page 3.

Students dominate staff at Swishes for Wishes basketball game

By Connor Sattely
managing editor
cis5060@psu.edu

The Junker Center was filled with the familiar sights and sounds of a Penn State Behrend basketball game Thursday. This time, though, the game wasn't for a school, or a schedule; it was for the Make-A-Wish foundation.

Sponsored by the Senior Year Experience Committee, the annual "Swishes for Wishes" game pitted the senior class of 2009 against the "Behrend Faculty/Staff."

Keith Cerroni, a Residence Life Coordinator, and Andrew Watters, from the Career Development Department, headlined the faculty team, while track and field star Cassie Minelli and Frank Ndieffe stood out on the Seniors team.

Throughout the event, spectators were given one free ticket for drawings held between periods. Many who attended the event also bought extra tickets, some buying long rolls of forty or fifty to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

The game started out with the students opening up a huge lead over the faculty. Though Cerroni and the faculty team played well inside defense, they suffered from beyond the arc, allowing the senior team to knock down three-point shots freely. By the end of the first period, the score was 8-19, in

favor of students.

The faculty went on a 9-1 run, highlighted by several well placed jumpshots by Watters. The students were able to regain their lead though, hitting a crucial three-point shot at the end of the first half, making the score 21-28.

At halftime, the Lion mascot performed the "evolution of dance," to the delight of the audience. Spectators were also treated to two performances by the Penn State Behrend Dance Team.

Coming out of the half, the faculty team knocked down a three point shot within the first eight seconds. Throughout the period, their offense clicked, closing the students' lead to within four with 2:15 left in the third quarter. The students' lead was slipping away, and a last second layup by the faculty took the score to 38-41 in favor of the students.

Between the first, second, third and fourth periods, tickets were drawn for a foul shot competition, and a granny shot competition. Students were cheered on by spectators as they faced off in a one-on-one match on opposite ends of the courts.

In the fourth period, the

see SWISHES on page 9.

An expanding campus

A COMPREHENSIVE LOOK AT HOW, WHY, AND WHERE BEHREND IS GROWING INTO THE NEW DECADE

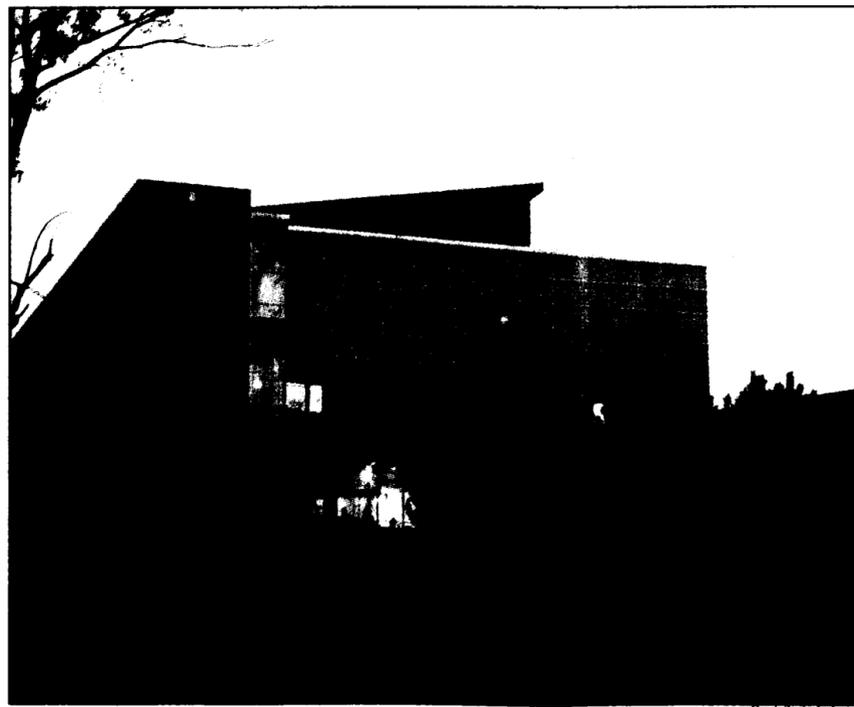
By Connor Sattely
managing editor
cis5060@psu.edu

This is the second installment in a four article series examining the ways in which Behrend is growing. Throughout the rest of the year, the Beacon will examine changes on-campus from four aspects: physical expansion and renovation, admissions, technology, and academics.

Students who came to Behrend in the fall semester of 2007 were greeted with groundbreaking news: they were the biggest class to ever enter the school. With nearly 1,250 students, they represented a growth of almost 500 students in only a decade.

The students who followed them were told a slightly different story: though they were not the largest freshman class, they pushed Behrend to its highest total enrollment in the history of the college.

However, Behrend is already experiencing housing constraints. The campus can only hold so many; though there is a



Much of Behrend's growth is attributed to the Research and Economic Development Center.

new complex opening across the street, the college is simply running out of room.

The solution, according to the Director of Admissions, Mary-Ellen Madigan, is to use entrance requirements to control the ad-

missions numbers.

"We have a goal of how many students we want to admit," Madigan says. According to her and other officials at Behrend, that number has an end-goal of creating a campus with roughly

5,000 students, including commuter, online, and graduate students. "There are two factors that we primarily use: about two thirds of

see EXPANSION on page 3.

Corrections

-An article ran in the April 3 edition of *The Behrend Beacon* about speaker Angela Shelton claimed that Women Today was responsible for bringing the speaker to campus. It was a co-sponsored event between Women Today and Alpha Sigma Alpha, under the direction of Deb Workman, who was the Vice President of programming and ritual at the time.

--In the April 3 issue of *The Behrend Beacon*, the wrong picture was run with the profile of SGA senatorial candidate Brian Barker. Caleb Rodgers photo was featured in his place. Both photos are now corrected and on pages 4 and 5 of this issue.

Contact Us

Newsroom: 898-6488
Fax: 898-6019

Visit us on the web!
www.thebehrendbeacon.com

E-mail:
rcr5057@psu.edu



Friday



High: 49°F
Low: 33°F

Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain.

Saturday

High: 44°F
Low: 32°F

Mostly sunny skies.

Sunday

High: 46°F
Low: 31°F

Sunny and cool.

Forecast courtesy of student meteorologist Matt Alto

Forecast continued on page 4

Contents

News.....	1-6
Perspectives.....	7
Arts.....	8
Sports.....	9-11
Local Dining.....	12