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## SGA election results in KOVALCIK AND THOMAS ELECTED PRESIDENT / VICE PRESIDENT

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The results are in for the Student Government Association election.

Brad Kovalcik and Molly Thomas won the positions of President and Vice President of SGA respectively. They ran unopposed.

Caleb Rodgers won the race for Secretary.

Additionally, the following ten senators, listed alphabetically, have been elected:

Brian Barker  
Lauren Beggs  
Angelina Caputo  
Mike Fultz  
Erik Holman  
Jason Golbieski  
Lauren Restich  
Ryan Snyder  
Jeff Tseng  
Amy Wagner

Stephen Burger was selected as the SGA Treasurer, forfeiting his election as a Senator in favor of the Treasurer position.

This year's election featured a "voting table" set up outside of Bruno's to encourage students to take part.

According to SGA Election Co-Director Connor Sattely, this election had a higher turnout than recent years. He says there was a "roughly 25 percent increase" from last year's total votes.



Brad Kovalcik and Molly Thomas were elected SGA President and Vice President, respectively, for the 2009-2010 school year.

## Koerbel claims most wins in Behrend history

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The Lions swept AMCC opponent Pitt-Greensburg in a doubleheader this past weekend and senior pitcher David Koerbel was a major factor in game one as he became the all time wins leader at Penn State



Koerbel set a new school record.

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Koerbel got his sixth win of the season after pitching a complete game. He gave up only two hits and struck out six in the first game of the doubleheader. The victory marked his 24th win of his career, the most in Behrend history.

"We competed at a high level," head coach Paul Benim said. "We had outstanding starting pitching from David Koerbel."

Both teams threatened to score in the first inning. In the top of the first, Pitt-Greensburg's Matt Gouveia was left stranded on third base to end the inning.

In the bottom of the first, Behrend sophomore Jon Gray reached first base after being hit by a pitch. Gray advanced to second due to sophomore Ed Kessler walking to first. With two on and no outs, the Behrend Lions were in position to score early in the game and take the lead. Sophomore Josh Fyffe laid down a sacrifice bunt which advanced the runners to third and second base. However, the runners were left on base at the end of the inning as Pitt-Greensburg got the two outs they needed.

The first run for the Behrend Lions came in the bottom of the third. After Kessler reached on a single, he got into scoring position by stealing second. Fyffe picked up an RBI as he doubled by hitting a hard ball past the third baseman that drove in Kessler. At the end of the third inning the score was 1-0 in



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favor of the Blue and White.

Sophomore Geoff Lang led off the bottom of the fourth with a single up the middle. Lang advanced to second when junior Dustin Dubensky grounded out. Freshman Ryan Geibel's ground out then drove

see **BASEBALL** on page 8.

## Greeks honored at 10th annual award ceremony

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Dobbins hosted the 10th annual Greek awards in their Gazebo pavilion on Tuesday night.

The event was catered by Penn State and a magician was hired to entertain during the first portion of the night. The event was an overall success and the individuals awarded were well deserving of their recognition. The Order of Omega, a prestigious organiza-

tion within the Greek system, hosted the event. Some of the awards given out pertained to leadership, service, recruitment, excellence within a chapter, excellence of a chapter's advisor, excellence of an education program, GPA, spirit, athletics, brotherhood/sisterhood, most improved, and most outstanding Greek man and woman.

"It's great to see something like this come together because I know how hard everyone works on it," says Vice President of the Order of Omega

Lauren Brake. "Actually being able to sit back and kind of enjoy it a little bit more this year and actually being able to be a part of the presentation this year was great. I love it,"

Paul Nick, President of Delta Chi, enjoyed the Greek Awards, as well.

"The awards ceremony was really nice. I liked the upgrade to the plaques. We worked really hard this year."

In order for the event to be successful, all participants

see **GREEKS** on page 3.

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

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As Behrend morphs into a more modern school entering the new decade, the fundamentals of its technology on campus are changing with it. The school can grow physically, with new buildings and renovations. It has grown massively via admissions. However, these changes are less significant if the school is not up to par with the latest technology.

At Penn State Erie, the responsibility for making sure that quality standard is reached falls to several people and departments.

For the most part, changes in technology can be dictated by needs and requests from the

see **GROWTH** on page 3.



New computer labs are one of many technological upgrades Behrend is undergoing.

## Behrend rocks with the Hot 8

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The New Orleans' brass band, The Hot 8, turned the Wintergreen Garden into a melodic and fast-paced house of jazz last Tuesday.

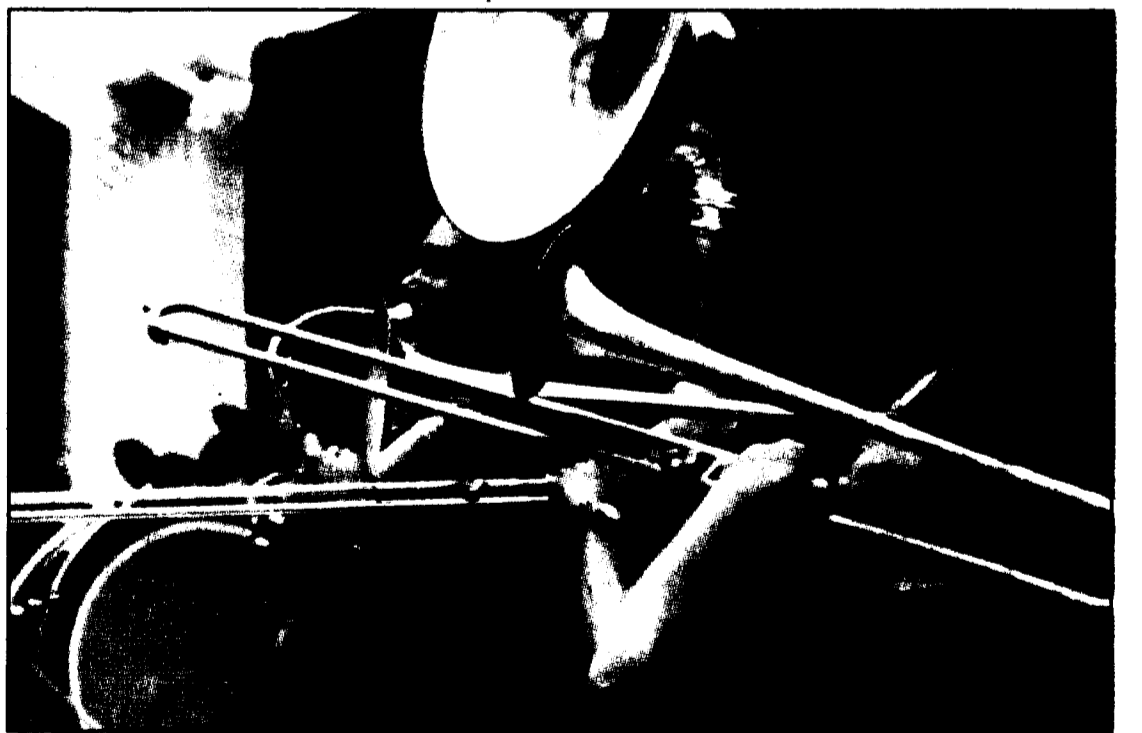
The band, appearing at Behrend as part of the Logan Series, brought with them a

blend of traditional New Orleans' music that traces its roots back to Second Line parades (which descended from the famous jazz funerals often held in New Orleans). The group traces its own roots back to 1995 when Bennie "Big Peter" Pete, Jerome Jones and Harry Cook founded it. While brass bands are relatively common in New Orleans, The Hot 8 is set apart from the rest

through their unique sounds coaxed from their horns. Front man Pete, who plays tuba, recalls that The Hot 8 was always "small time."

"We started playing around the city like [marching bands]. We didn't have cars. We weren't big. After a while, two of us and some guys from another brass band got together

see **HOT 8** on page 6.



The Hot 8 brass band played for a packed audience in Reed last Tuesday.

### Corrections

-An article ran in the April 10 edition of The Behrend Beacon which incorrectly stated that according to a search warrant, two students, Nicholas Mahoney and Glenn Palmer, were the owners of a number of items confiscated by state police on March 21. Mahoney and Palmer signed the document to confirm that the items had been confiscated. Their signatures were not an admittance of guilt to any crimes nor a claim to ownership of the items. As of April 13, no charges have been filed against Mahoney or Palmer.

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### Friday

High: 63°F  
Low: 42°F

Sunny, warm, and beautiful.

### Saturday

High: 62°F  
Low: 44°F

Mostly sunny skies and warm.

### Sunday



High: 53°F  
Low: 43°F

Mostly cloudy with rain.

Forecast courtesy of student meteorologist Matt Alto

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