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of six months and 24 years old, and people ages of 25 through 64 years of age who are at higher risk of getting H1N1 due to chronic health disorders or compromised immune systems.

Those who are allergic to eggs, gelatin, Thimerosal, or latex are instructed to consult a doctor before receiving any kind of vaccine.

The CDC recommends that people who have experienced symptoms such as hives or swelling of the lips or tongue, trouble breathing after eating eggs, asthma related to egg exposure at their workplace, or other allergic responses to egg protein should consult a medical professional before receiving any flu vaccine.

According to the CDC, a regimen has been developed for giving influenza vaccine to children with severe asthma and egg hypersensitivity because children with severe asthma are at high risk for complications from influenza.

In addition, those who are currently sick or have ever had Guillain-Barré Syndrome (an autoimmune disorder affecting the peripheral nervous system), bleeding problems, or a serious reaction to a previous dose of an influenza vaccine are should also consult a doctor before receiving the vaccine.

According to McMahon, stu-



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Students will have another opportunity to get free H1N1 flu shots later in the year; the Health and Wellness Center plans to hold several smaller clinics, which will also be open and free to all students.

dents were lining up to receive their vaccination at around 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday morning. The Health and Wellness Center gave somewhere between 500 and 600 vaccinations on the first day of the clinic.

"I just thought 'why not?' because it's free and everyone's afraid of [H1N1]. If it protects

me, good, but if it doesn't, then it doesn't affect me in any way. There's no reason not to," says Behrend freshman Alexandria Thomas, who received her H1N1 vaccination on Wednesday.

McMahon advises those considering getting the H1N1 vaccination not to wait because

"H1N1 has become less prevalent in the community but it is still active here." Also, the Health and Wellness Center is not sure when their supply will be replenished. "It might not be until December or January that we get another shipment," she said.

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McCreary wasn't planning on receiving the vaccine before hearing Webster's advice.

When asked if Webster had an effect on her decision to continue to not get the shot, she said, "Yeah, it did. I really don't want to get it now."

Two other women's soccer players, who spoke to the Beacon on the condition of anonymity, said that what they heard that day also contributed to a decision to not get the vaccine. They, too, said that Webster advised the players not to

get the vaccine.

Webster stressed that his words came from personal opinion, not professional advising.

"They weren't advised," Webster said. "The question came up: 'Would you, personally, get the H1N1 vaccine?' and I told them 'No, I personally wouldn't.' And the reason I wouldn't is I'm a big believer in prevention and if you do all the right things set aside by the CDC, set aside by Penn State Behrend and Penn State University, I feel confident that I'm not going to contract H1N1. That is my personal belief. My personal belief is not the department belief of athletics"

Brian Streeter, Director of

Athletics, said that coaches are encouraging their students to get the vaccine.

According to Streeter, since receiving an email from the Beacon on Tuesday night, he has communicated with coaches regarding whether or not they are encouraging student athletes to get the vaccine.

"I talked to our coaches that I was able to see today, which was probably half of them, and they are encouraging our student athletes to go forward with the vaccine," Streeter said.

Webster also stated, "We are told that it is a safe vaccine, but ten years from now, what are the effects of it? I don't know. If I knew that, and I knew there

would be no effects in ten years, then I'd take it in a heartbeat. But I don't know and I don't want to be the guy finding that out ten years from now."

"We've never told them, no you shouldn't do it," he said. "We have told them that if you have questions about it, and we are not the appropriate people to answer all those questions, that they should discuss things with Health and Wellness and their family physician if they have questions regarding the vaccination and the vaccine. That's what we have told them."

Rachelle Thompson and Nick Blake contributed reporting.

Chancellor candidate pool narrows

Hunt for new head at Behrend narrows to 8-10 candidates

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The race for the Chancellor position at Penn State Behrend just got a little tighter.

University officials said Tuesday that they have reviewed the applications sent in for the Chancellor position, which will be vacant at the end of the year when Chancellor Burke retires.

Dr. Diane Parente, Professor of Management and also the search committee's chairperson, says that they are just where they want to be at this point.

"The [Chancellor's Search Committee] is on target in reducing the applicant pool for the first stage of candidate interviews which will be held in early December" she said in a statement released Tuesday.

According to Parente, they have reviewed all applications for the position. The pool of applicants has been particularly strong during this search, she says.

The committee will hope to have 8-10 candidates for those early December interviews, which will be approximately 60 minutes, held by video-teleconference. After the last interview, the committee will select candidates to invite to final interviews.

The four to five final candidates will have their last interviews between Jan. 25-Feb. 26, and the committee hopes to appoint a new chancellor in late March or early April.

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came here. They had an opening in December and asked us if we wanted to bring them back."

With the concert being the first week of December, the planning stages have already begun. Freshmen Devin Pierre and Josh Finklang, both members of LEB will be co-chairing the concert committee, taking on responsibilities from scheduling committee meetings to

delegating tasks among members. Both Pierre and Finklang have become very active in the LEB this year, attending the National Association for College Activities conference held earlier this semester.

This year, the Clarks concert will be held in Erie Hall, beginning at 7:00 on Thursday December 3rd. Behrend students will be admitted for free, and tickets for non-students can be purchased for \$5. Anyone wishing to get involved with the concert, or the LEB can attend the general meetings Wednesdays at 8 p.m. in Reed or go to www.behrendleb.com



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The Clarks performed at Penn State Behrend in 2007 to a sellout crowd of 1,000.

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TPA hosts Sapphire Man pageant

MIKE O. WEHRER
news editor

Theta Phi Alpha sponsored the Sapphire Man pageant to raise canned and non-perishable good for the Second Harvest Food Bank.

The pageant took place in McGarvey Commons on Nov. 9 at 8 p.m. and featured five men from around campus.

"We had about fifteen guys sign up to compete," said Elizabeth Zahar, Philanthropy Chair for TPA.

"Entry to the contest was dependent on how many cans you raised during hunger and homelessness week; in the end, we picked the top five collectors--Adam Nero, Erick Hun-

ziker, Chris Trott, Joel Fox, and Matt Kierzkowski."

"The guys met in McGarvey Commons Monday evening to perform for an audience in categories like beach wear, casual wear, formal wear, talent, and question and answer," continued Zahar, "Talents ranged from poetry to guitar playing and singing to breaking boards with just hands and reading the alphabet backwards."

Matt Kierzkowski was crowned the first ever Sapphire Man and we ended up donating almost 200 canned goods and nonperishable items to the Second Harvest Food Bank."

Zahar said that TPA hoped to host another Sapphire man next fall.



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Adam Nero, Erick Hunziker, Chris Trott, Joel Fox, and Matt Kierzkowski competed in the Sapphire Man pageant, hosted by Theta Phi Alpha to collect canned goods.



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