

Andrew Friedle finds passion in economics



Personal photo
Friedle's interest in economics started with his econometrics class.

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It took Andrew Friedle two years of college before discovering his passion here at Penn State Behrend.

Now, in his final semester, he is commonly described as one of the most intelligent students in our economics department.

Originally from Allentown, Pa., Friedle does not consider himself anyone particularly interesting.

When asked about some of the benefits he has received along with his position in the program Friedle says that "being a business student in the Schreyer's program, you get a nice financial aid package."

As many students know, it is not always easy to bear the burden of paying for college. The Schreyer's program is one of many that can lighten the load.

One might be weary of the extra work needed to maintain a Schreyer's scholar membership, including honors classes and writing a thesis.

However, Friedle sheds an interesting light on this matter.

"If you enjoy the classes, it's no harder," he says.

Econometrics was the class that sparked Friedle's interest in economics.

Before this, James Kurre, the director of the Economics Research Institute of Erie and a former professor of his, says that "Andrew came to us a confused student. He had tried out a few courses in politics and that sort of thing, but nothing really clicked. Finally, he tried an economics course, and it was like an 'aha!' moment in his mind."

Later, Kurre had Friedle in a couple of his own classes.

"He had one of the highest grades, if not the highest in the class," Kurre says.

Friedle also speaks fondly of Todd Nesbit, an assistant professor of economics.

He has not only enjoyed his classes, but it is rumored that Friedle cut his hair to look more like Nesbit.

While Friedle speaks as highly of his professors as they do of him, he admits that his role models include Peter S. Boettke of George Mason Uni-

versity, Ben Powell of Suffolk University, and Randall G. Holcombe of Florida State University.

These distinguished economics professors share the same views as Friedle, including those on free-market economy. Friedle describes his excitement as "the inner geek [in me] coming out."

Friedle hopes to become an economics professor one day, but first he must tackle his next endeavor.

Having chosen to continue his education, Friedle hopes to attend Suffolk University, George Mason University, or West Virginia University for graduate school.

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ANDREW FRIEDLE
Schreyer's scholar

Haiti relief group forms

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Many consider reaching a hand out to those in need for their school projects.

At Behrend, we are not just a group of students not just doing a fundraising project for charity, but reaching out to the people in another country.

For a communications project a group of students including Nick Colella, Britney Gard, Tim Swigonski, Matt Wahl, and Elena Wojcik, for example, have come together to raise money for the Haiti relief fund.

These students join an effort which has seen a variety of student organizations raise incredible amounts for Haiti disaster relief. Organizations from all areas of Behrend are, in their own way, chipping in.

For this group, they have come up with their own strategies to raise money.

In early April they will be doing a trash collection for the University Gates Apartments and the on campus Behrend Apartments as well. They also are considering placing a can at Hungry Howies for donations also they are considering setting up a table outside of Bruno's as well.

The group is accepting volunteers for going around to each of the apartments is tough task even for students as committed as the five who are donating their time to help those in need.

Volunteers should look to get in contact with one of the students involved with the project if interested.

A donation would be a great boon to the people of Haiti who have been struck by the earthquake that has left their country in ruins.

Although the group has no amount of money to raise in mind, they hope to raise at least \$500 dollars to aid Haitians in need but hopefully more will be raised.

Speed dating attracts students for Make-A-Wish

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Speed dating raised \$108 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation, an organization that grants wishes to terminally ill children.

A team of six Behrend students organized the special post-Valentine's Day event in McGarvey Commons on Feb. 23.

"We did something cool to benefit the community in more ways than one," said Ryan Frankowski, a sophomore majoring in industrial engineering and a member of the organizing group.

"We showed that you can positively contribute to anything, no matter how small the contribution is."

The team's goals were twofold. They targeted Behrend students who wanted

Speed Dating Organizers:

Alexandrea Bobo
Ryan Frankowski
Amanda Morrish
Ryan Richards
Mandy Shields
Amir Wirr

Total Donation to Make-A-Wish:
\$108



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Despite a mere twelve students participating in the speed dating to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the event's organizers raised \$108 for the cause.

to make donations to a cause for children while meeting new people having

a good time. "The dating portion may have even

benefited those who did not have a Valentine recently," Frankowski said.

"Hopefully some of the people that came met someone special."

At least two participants already had their Valentine, but the cause intrigued the couple.

"Even though my boyfriend is with me I wanted to support my roommate and Make-a-Wish," said Ricardona Ionadi, a freshman nursing major.

The Make-A-Wish fundraiser brought in individuals simply looking to make a difference for children.

"I came to make a donation to Make-A-Wish Foundation," said Ricardo Ortiz, a political science major. "I believe that children with a terminal illness deserve the opportunity to enjoy themselves. And I heard there were snacks, too."

Frankowski and his organizers offered free refreshments and music to donors who stayed for the speed dating.

"We all came together and pitched in to make this happen," Frankowski said. "We used Valentine's Day candy and music for decorations to set the mood."

U-Gate enforces parking policies



David Lescher / The Behrend Beacon

Excess snow in the University Gates Apartments parking lot has led to a lack of parking spaces. Parking without a permit will result in a ticket and the towing of your vehicle.

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With the heavy snowfall Erie has seen comes a new restriction for the tenants of the University Gate Apartments (UGA).

According to UGA's February newsletter, the plowed snow has been pushed into a few parking spaces, which already causes resident to lose their parking spaces.

Now add in the fact that there are non-residents also parking in the UGA-only lots.

"Since UGA is so close to campus, people who do not live there are parking here and then walking across the street to avoid having to buy a parking permit for Behrend" says Chelsea Bailey, a sophomore who lives in UGA.

Bailey also said that cars staying overnight are being checked for overnight passes, but those are hard to get if you come after the office closes.

If you are caught without a permit, temporary or residential, they will either ticket you

or have your car towed.

The administrators say that they will tow any cars that are found on the property, that do not have a parking permit that is visible from the outside.

Upon inquiry, UGA said that the parking policy has always been enforced and they have had to tow a fair amount of cars that were illegally parked on their property.

There have been a few complaints from tenants because of cars in their spaces, but no cars have been towed this semester.

Problem: Snow-covered spaces

Solution: Ticket and tow unpermitted cars

ings to be inconvenienced by people just looking for a place to park.

Though she has never complained about it, Bailey admits that she has had to park farther from her apartment than she would like to because of the overflow.

Corrections to last week's issue

• In an article that ran in last week's Behrend Beacon titled "Batter up: SKN umpires for March of Dimes," a quote cited Nicole Fedders, the coordinator for Student Clubs and Organizations, as a source. She was not consulted by the Behrend Beacon. We apologize for the error.

• Throughout last week's Behrend Beacon, we seemingly misspelled the name of the local New York ski resort, Peek'n Peak, multiple times. We regret the confusion. In reality, we were referring to the following:

- "Peak n' Peak" was referring to a colloquial term used by people living near the Cordillera Blanca branch of the Andes Mountains in Peru, who use the term in reference to the mountains Huascaran and Huandoy, known for their close proximity to one another.

- "Peak N' Peak" was referring to a northern West Virginia cover band of the hard rock and heavy metal music group, "Guns N' Roses."

- "Peek 'N' Peak" was referring to a children's toy popular among 4-year-olds during the 1960s. Children would look through a small plastic tube (the "Peek") and look at a series of mind-altering shapes and colors thought at the time to be capable of stimulating the mind into a higher consciousness ("peaking" their intellect). The product was formally recalled from the market in 1976 after several hundred children were rendered unconscious after prolonged use.

- "Peak N' Peak" was referring to a late 1990s boy band.

- "Peak n' Peak" was referring to the world's largest bra, which according to the Guinness Book of World Records, was made out of 1,508 cubic yards of fabric, 2.5 miles of underwire, 800 cubic yards of lace, 75,808 clasps and hooks, and 9,000 yards of 3/8th inch elastics.

• An article on the Science page did not identify the major of Elizabeth Masteller. She is a freshman majoring in biology.

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