

Panhellenic Council holds Easter egg hunt for children

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Most people know the scene of an Easter egg hunt. A line of children eagerly waiting with baskets to rush forward and claim the brightly-colored eggs hidden before them. All of them know that each colored egg contains treats and prizes of all sorts.

On Sunday, March 28 in McGarvey Commons, the Panhellenic Council hosted an egg hunt for the children of the faculty and staff as well as the community.

The event was full of activity. The ages of the participants ranged from infants to teenagers and each group

started at different times between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

The three sororities on the Behrend Campus were working the event with about 60 sisters working together to bring this event to life.

Hannah White, President of the Panhellenic Council, said the goal of the event was to "promote development of members and the community."

It was also a way to raise funds for the Panhellenic Council and provide entertainment for the younger members of the community.

Many of the children who had attended the event were children of faculty, thus the event was also a "faculty thank you for all they've done," White

said.

The event had a variety of activities to keep the children entertained as they awaited their turn to take part in the egg hunt. There were many crafts such as making bunny masks and Easter door hangers and coloring in pictures.

For prizes, the eggs in the hunt contained candies and small toys, the standard and expected prizes of the egg hunt.

However, they also had special prizes given away in a raffle after every hunt. These prizes included chalk as well as bubbles, both of which were a hit with the children.

Parents had nothing but positive

things to say.

"Everything flowed nice and easy, and there was a lot of things to keep the kids entertained while waiting," Darlene Pukylo said.

Mike Linheart, a father of two, was amazed by the preparations done by the students involved.

"It is awesome and incredible!" he said.

"They did a great job with the activities for the kids and it is nice to know they are doing this for the community." His two children, Logan and Eva where proud to show off their candy and prizes obtained during the egg hunt.

"We got treats!" Logan said.

"It was lots of fun," Eva said.

The sisters working the event were happy about the turn out with 60 people, including adults arriving to participate in the event.

"It was a good event for kids and to get the community involved," said Allie McGroarty, a sister working the raffle counter. "I think it was the good advertising for the event that had so many people come."

Ashely Brightwell, another sister, said, "it is great to do something for the community."

The group hopes to make the event annual, but it depends on how much is raised and how many people are able to attend.

Metzgar Center construction to be completed during summer

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For almost a year now, since breaking ground on April 28, 2009, we have watched the new Metzgar Center rise from the ground up. Now, with summer swiftly approaching, we can expect to see a finished product by the end of May.

Construction is moving progressively right before our eyes, and no longer is the building engulfed in pink siding.

Offices are scheduled to move in by early June, followed by the dedication in late June.

The center is to be dedicated to the Metzgar family, who are long time supporters of Penn State Behrend.

"The Metzgar Center will serve as the first place a prospective student comes to when they visit Behrend, and also the place to which they return after graduating. This beautiful building will give students and their families a positive first impression of the college. In addition to housing the Admissions office and the Alumni office on the first floor, the building will house Finan-

cial Aid, the Registrar and the Financial Offices," said Mary Ellen Madigan, the director of Admissions and Financial Aid.

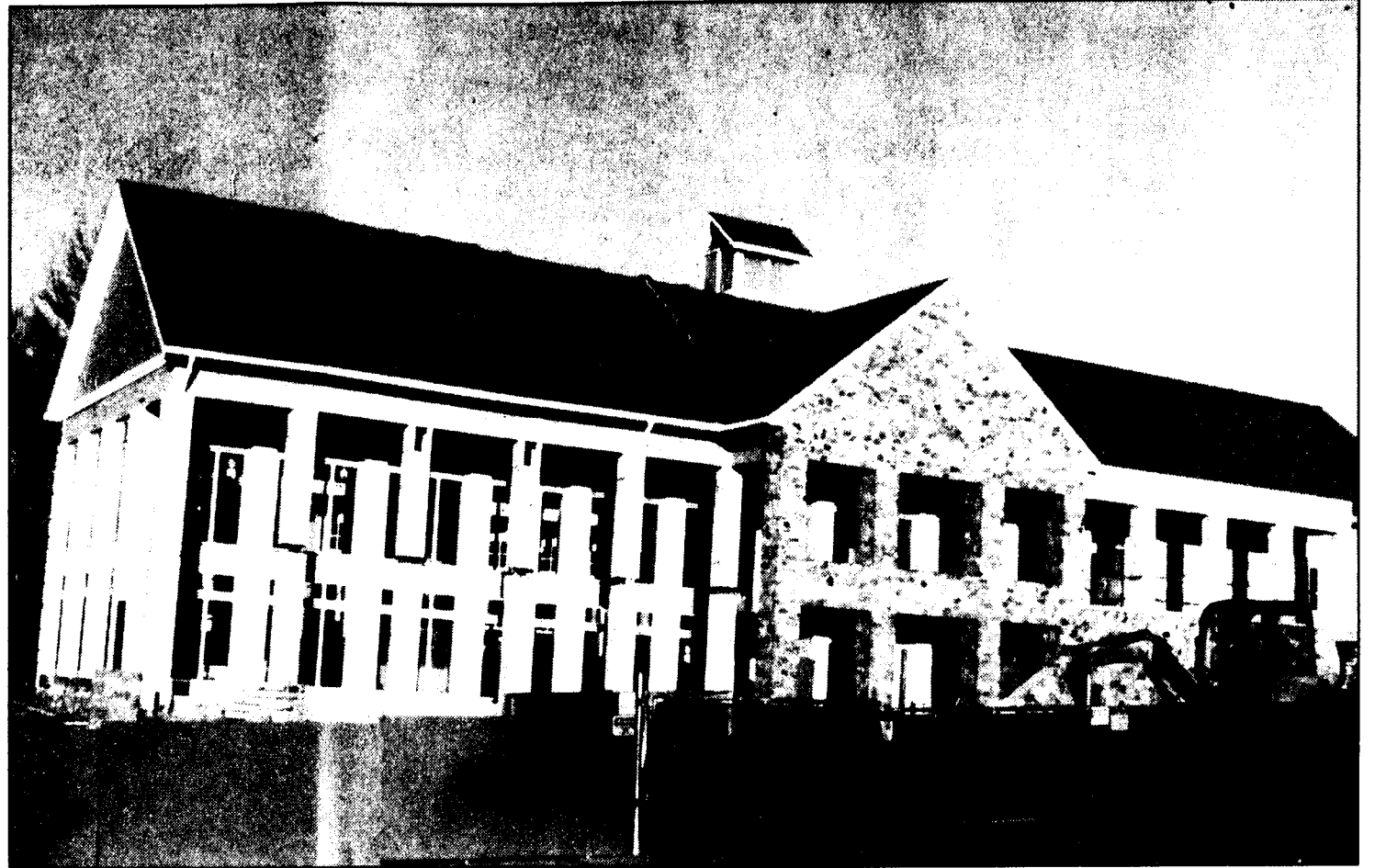
Currently, the Financial Aid Office is located in the Glenhill Farmhouse, while the Financial Aid Office is found in Erie Hall.

Both can be complicated to find, especially for an incoming student and their family. With the completion of the Metzgar Center, conveniently located outside of the Reed Building, these offices will be easier to find and function better in closer proximities.

Also, positioning the building near our visitor parking lot makes it even easier to locate and provides necessary and courteous handicap access.

Along with housing these important offices, the center will also provide a fantastic presentation space. This feature will be highly beneficial as group presentations for admissions visitors are frequent, and currently it is difficult to find open rooms.

"We're very excited to be in the Metzgar for our busy summer season of prospective student visits," said Madigan.



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The Metzgar Center will serve to welcome Penn State Behrend prospective students and alumni. The building will be completed this summer.

Talent show donations to go to Wayne Middle School Corrections

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Six Penn State Behrend students organized a talent show and silent auction to benefit Wayne Middle School's after-school program.

The Communications 270 class and the Penn State Behrend Dance Team are sponsoring the event. The talent and silent auction will take place Sunday, Apr. 11 at 7:00 p.m. in McGarvey Commons.

"We are doing this to donate and enhance school supplies to Wayne Middle School's after-school program," said

Goz Egbarin, a junior English and professional writing major.

"We want to help out as best as we can to aid PEPP [Penn State Educational Partnership Program]."

Ashley Rodrigo, a junior communications major, said the school is a little run down, and its after-school program needs basic supplies such as notebooks, pencils, calculators and books.

"For me and the other five group members we are learning a lot from this experience," said Ashley Rodrigo said, a junior Communications major.

"This is a good way for us to really help the community. All proceeds are

going to the greater good of kids who will eventually be our future."

The group is recruiting Behrend students to perform acts for the talent show.

It will feature a routine by the Behrend Dance Team and varying skits from students from both Behrend and Wayne Middle School.

One Behrend student told Egbarin that he wants to balance furniture on his chin.

The auction will be held after the talent show and will mostly feature donation baskets from local businesses.

Admission for non-Behrend students

is \$3 and is only a dollar for Behrend students.

"Sometimes these children are learning in poor environments, and, as college students, we probably take for granted the resources we have," Egbarin says.

"We should want to help kids who may not be as fortunate as us. Plus, the show will be entertaining and fun for the audience."

For more information or if you would like to participate in the talent show, please contact Rodrigo at asr5074@psu.edu.

* In an article titled "Spring Fling tickets to go on sale" that published in last week's Behrend Beacon, it was stated that tickets will cost \$20.

It mentioned that bus rides would be available but did not make it clear that those tickets would cost \$5 extra.

We regret the error.

Freshmen concerned about their financial futures

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Due to the state of the economy, current college freshmen fear the uncertainty of how they plan to pay off debt from student loans after graduating.

While this has been an ongoing concern for most college students, this year's freshmen came into school anticipating the hardships of the economy.

According to the Higher Education Research Institute's annual nationwide survey of 220,000 freshman from 297 campuses, two-thirds of the incoming students in American campuses had either "some" or "major" concerns about paying for their tuition.

The number of students who have taken out loans is at its highest in nine years at 53.3 percent.

Freshmen at Penn State Behrend have expressed their concerns of this current financial issue.

"I am sure it is on all of our minds, whether were paying for it ourselves or not," Caley Yakemowicz said.

Questions of major choice of are already taking place because of the interest of job placement.

"Taking out loans during our current recession was a critical choice for me. I am already starting to worry whether my major of political science will supply me a job early enough to pay off my loans when the time is needed," Yakemowicz said.

To help relax her worries, she was excited to hear about the particular programs that are willing to help pay off tuition debt in exchange for public services.

According to the New York Times, an important factor in choosing a college was mainly based off of job placement percentage rather than whether the college is a good fit for the student or not.

Time management is a constant battle for those who take up jobs in order to save up for college tuition.

"I have an 18 credit schedule as a biology major, and I also go home to Meadville on the weekends to work," said freshman Sylvia Parker.

The hardships of maintaining healthy study habits, worthy work hours and a decent social life play an obvious role in Parker's new life.

"I don't have the time to study over the weekend so most of my work gets done by pulling all-nighters after class. I couldn't tell you how many times I would love to just blow off work to relax

or hang out with friends, but in my financial situation it's certainly not a choice," Parker said.

Even though the understanding of the severity of her debts are a major concern, when asked about the amount of debt Parker was in, she was unsure about the total amount.

"As of right now I don't think I want to know," Parker said.

"Although I should be on top of it, it's something I do not want to worry about until I don't have school work as my primary worry. Over the summer I plan to catch up on my financial situation."

These new students are taking initiative to conquer a more mature role at an early age in order to handle the struggles that they anticipate when they graduate.

* On the back page of last week's Behrend Beacon, the logo of various NCAA basketball teams was supposed to be shown behind the editor's picks for who they feel would ultimately win the tournament.

Unfortunately they did not print well enough to be visible.

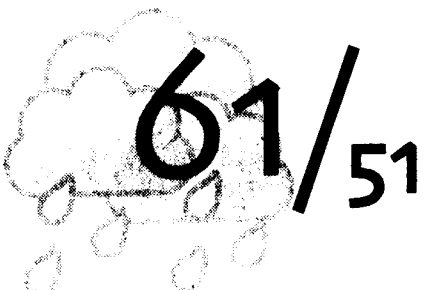
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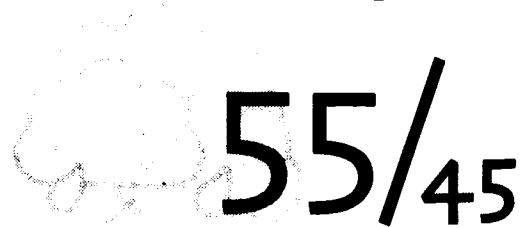
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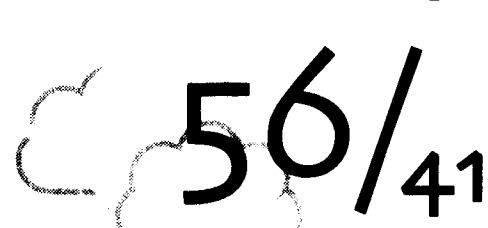
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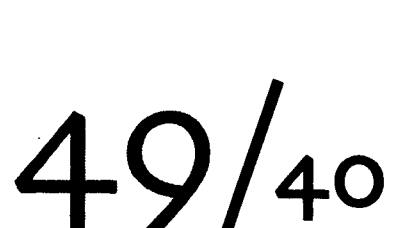
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