

Sapphire Men

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Theta Phi Alpha's second Annual Sapphire Man Pageant nearly overtook the lower level of the Reed Building in honor of Homelessness and Hunger Week.

To kick off the pageant the five contestants made their debuts in casual wear as the hostesses introduced each individually. Contestants included Caleb Rodgers, Todd Thorniley, Kyle Logue, Matt Kierskowski, and Connor Sattely.

The next portion was the ever popular talent show, where viewers could witness acts including an electric guitar solo, a comedy skit, dancing, a piano performance and select magic tricks.

Each contestant then strutted their best outfits in the formal wear contest, which was followed by a showcase of swimwear.

The last portion of the pageant featured a brief question and answer segment where each contestant answered one of many possible questions, which inquired what animal they wished to be, what superpower they wished

to possess or their desired job, among others.

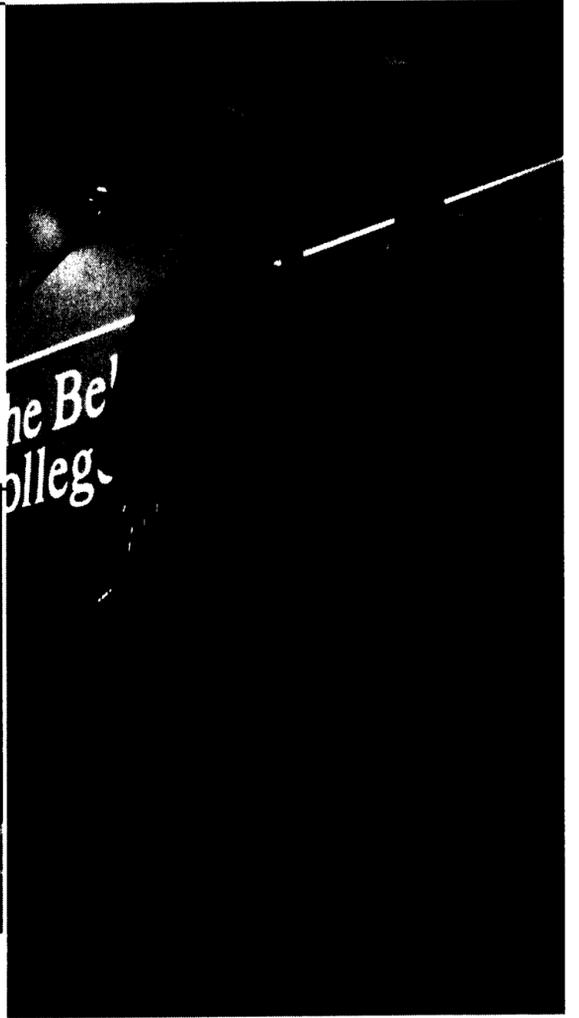
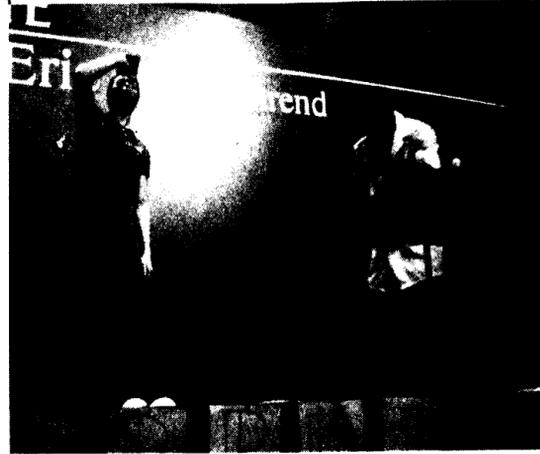
A panel of faculty judges evaluated each contestant's performance based on their showmanship, eye contact, enthusiasm, and personality, as well as many other factors.

While every contestant earned a well deserved prize, the winner of the title Sapphire Man went to Todd Thorniley, who after a fierce competition, could barley catch a breath.

However, Thorniley did manage to relay his excitement in stating, "I feel so fantastic. I'm flooded with emotion right now. It's just unbelievable."

Mareesa Schepis, head coordinator for Theta Phi Alpha events, did a stellar job as both hostess and human microphone stand, which was a crowd favorite. Annie Helbling, Chapter President, believed the event was a success, stating that it went very well.

This event's main goal was to collect canned foods and other nonperishable items for the Second Harvest National Food Bank, which the sorority did all last week in preparation of the pageant.



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Above, Right: Caleb Rodgers, Connor Sattely, and Matt Kierskowski perform in the talent round of the "Sapphire Man" pageant.

Behrend Blood Drive sets records for participation

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Behrend's fall blood drive, held on Oct. 27 and 28, has set a new record for the Community Blood Bank of Northwest Pennsylvania and Western New York. This year, over 250 of our students, faculty, and staff participated in the drive, donating an all-time high of 219 units of

blood. The Health and Wellness center coordinated the blood drive, noting that the results this year were "phenomenal." Alpha Sigma Alpha was a significant student-based promoter, alerting students by painting the windows of Reed, incorporating the drive's dates into Stall Stories, even handing out t-shirts to students. Carol Putman and her Project Management

students organized a table outside of Reed, entertaining donors in line and drawing more attention to the event. The speech communication students were asked by Dr. Rod Troester to spread the word through social networking and decorative posters.

The campus' success helped to save 750 lives within the Erie community. Everyone made a difference; one individual's donation

can save up to three lives. The Health and Wellness Center, already organizing the next drive, noted that Behrend's blood donation is a "crucial key to our local hospital's blood supplies". The following drive is scheduled for Jan. 20.

| Organization | Requested | Funded | Committee Comments |
|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|---|
| Phi Kappa Phi | \$728.30 | \$0.00 | Could not fund due to budget constraints. Consider submitting to SGA. |
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| Phi Kappa Phi | \$3,000.00 | \$3,000.00 | Funded in full. |
| Phi Kappa Phi | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | Please consider submitting to SGA. |
| Phi Kappa Phi | \$80.40 | \$80.40 | \$5.70 for postcards, \$74.50 for food. Office of Student Activities will fund costs. |
| Phi Kappa Phi | \$1,929.82 | \$1,929.82 | Funded in full. |
| Phi Kappa Phi | \$180.00 | \$180.00 | \$5 for publicity, \$175 for tickets. Students expected to pay \$3 to attend. |
| Phi Kappa Phi | \$740.00 | \$740.00 | \$5 for publicity, \$735 for tickets. Students expected to pay \$3 to attend. |
| Phi Kappa Phi | \$10,070.00 | \$10,070.00 | Funded in full. |
| Phi Kappa Phi | \$7,027.79 | \$7,027.79 | Funded for everything except the tablecloth. |
| Phi Kappa Phi | \$105.00 | \$105.00 | Funded for 20 students only. Students expected to pay \$5 to attend. |
| Phi Kappa Phi | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | Committee cannot consider retrospective proposals. |
| Phi Kappa Phi | \$3.00 | \$3.00 | Please consider submitting to SGA. |
| Phi Kappa Phi | \$2,950.00 | \$2,950.00 | Funded in full. |
| Phi Kappa Phi | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | Committee cannot fund personal items. |
| Phi Kappa Phi | \$7,400.13 | \$7,400.13 | Funded for everything except the water bottles. |
| Phi Kappa Phi | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | Could not fund due to budget constraints. Consider submitting to SGA. |
| Phi Kappa Phi | \$3,284.00 | \$3,284.00 | Funded partially. Consider Lion Club fund items for the event. |
| Phi Kappa Phi | \$270.00 | \$270.00 | Funded for Webmaster wages only. |
| Phi Kappa Phi | \$100.00 | \$100.00 | \$5 for publicity, \$100 for admission. Students expected to pay \$3 to attend. |
| Phi Kappa Phi | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | Committee supports the idea, but proposal lacked details on how to fund it. |
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