

Club Rush: Spring recruitment for clubs

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"Different clubs will be stationed in their offices, and prospective members can go see them in those offices," says Fedders. "That'll let students know where those locations are for future involvement in those clubs."

Then, the effort becomes getting students to go to those offices, and that's where the prizes come in.

"There's going to be a contest for prizes, where everyone gets a card at registration and they have to go around to learn a little about different clubs, whether it's in the SGA office, [Lion Entertainment Board] office, or the Beacon office or any other," SGA President Stephen Burger says. "Then we'll have a little survey and students will have a chance to win a prize. We want to make it more interactive than just having tables where clubs hand out information."

The Spring Club Rush will

Get in Club Rush:

1. Your organization **MUST** register for Spring Club Rush by **Sunday, December 19 at midnight. Go to: <https://orgsync.com/forms/show/26308>.**
2. Think about giveaways to incorporate into the event.
3. Use the publicity room! Print out banners, posters, or signs.
4. For more ideas or questions, contact Nicole Fedders at 814-898-6171 before break.



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Fall Club Rush featured clubs handing information and recruiting from tables. The new Spring Club Rush figures to be much more interactive and utilize the entire Reed building.

lead right into the first-ever "Behrend After Dark" event the day after, on Jan. 14.

Lion Entertainment Board (LEB) will be hosting a "Casino Night" that night, and student organizations will be able to hold "game night" type events in their offices or

around Reed. Fedders says that clubs can meet students during the Club Rush and then invite them to join them during Behrend After Dark.

Getting involved brings next years in college to the next level, says Fedders.

"It enhances the college

experience. You get to have a say about campus events and really get to take a piece of the college. You get leadership skills, interpersonal skills, academic benefits - really, the benefits are endless."

Fedders encourages all clubs to sign up on OrgSync

- forms are available under every club's group. For students wishing to get more information on campus events, Fedders recommends joining Behrend Activities Mobile Updates (BAMU) on Org-Sync, which sends out texts about campus events.

Pennsylvania State Police Crime Logs

- On Dec. 3, shortly before 9:00 p.m. Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) responded to a disturbance at University Gate Apartments. According to police reports, Michael T. McBreen, 19, who lived at University Gate, was cited for harassment after "shining a laser light beam into a victim's residence which seriously alarmed the victim."

- State Police responded to a disturbance in the 600 block of University Gate Apartments shortly before 2:30 a.m. on Nov. 23. One resident, Behrend student Glenn David Murphy, 19 of North East, Pa. was determined by police to be hosting a party with alcohol. He was charged with Underage Drinking.

- On the night of Nov. 12, PSP responded to a report of criminal mischief at the University Gate Apartments. A Behrend student reported that unknown actor(s) spray painted his car while it was parked, unattended, overnight.

SRTEs: Hot water over publicity flyers on SRTEs

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SGA President Stephen Burger said that the reaction has been harsh from faculty and staff.

"I've had [Faculty Council Chair] Traci Halmi contact me about it and she was concerned," he said.

"Other administrators contacted me too. I haven't heard a word from any student about them, but a lot of the faculty and staff were unhappy."

Burger admits, though, that while intentions were right, the flyers were a little too callous.

"I knew they were publicizing the SRTEs, but the title addressed the subject in a rough way."

Alli Heitzenrater, director of the Academic Affairs Committee, says that the reaction wasn't expected at all. The

flyers were motivated out of an educational efforts for students, she says.

"When we decided to do that, we thought that we needed something eye-catching for the students," she said. "We wanted them to actually pay attention to them. And we thought a lot of students complain about teachers. We wanted to let them know that if they want a way to express how they feel, that's the appropriate way to do it, instead of to their friends."

Editor's note: Alli Heitzenrater is the Humanities and Social Sciences page editor for the Behrend Beacon but was not involved in any stage of production for this article with the exception of her printed interview.

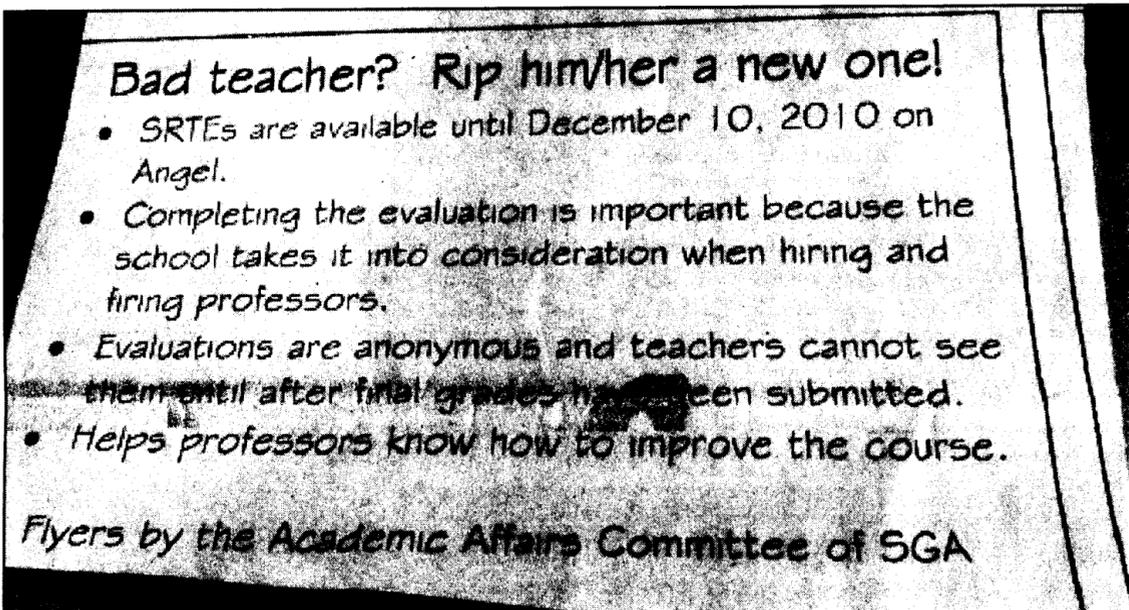


Photo courtesy Student Government Association

A flyer distributed to raise participation in SRTEs by the Academic Affairs Committee of SGA raised objections from faculty and staff.

Behrend briefs

Bruno's manager visits SGA

Elizabeth Kerns, manager of Bruno's Cafe, visited the Behrend Student Government Association the week before Thanksgiving break, speaking about plans to improve Bruno's and fielding questions from senators.

Her current plans, she said, include expanding healthy food options and preparing for the addition of the convenience store in spring.

Questions centered around expanding salad options (suggested by senior vice president Hannah White), possible future offerings such as a slushie machine (a suggestion by sophomore senator Aaron Morelli), and operations suggestions such as extending the hours of the coffee shop until later tonight (suggested by senior President Stephen Burger).

"You guys have given me a lot to work on," Kern said. "It's not always all possible, so I ask for your patience if we can't get it all done, but we'll try our best."

Convenience Store tentatively named "The Galley"

Bruno's manager Liz Kerns told SGA last week that the name being tossed around the most for the convenience store is "The Galley." She explained that it followed the theme of the campus naming buildings after ships and navy personnel in the battle of Erie.

The name isn't official yet, but the convenience store is set to go - SGA President Stephen Burger announced that bids from contractors will be in by Dec. 15. The convenience store is expected to open before next fall semester.

SGA working on smoking policy survey

SGA has plans to release a survey to students about smoking policy and smoking on campus in order to prepare for possible changes to the smoking policy in the Spring.

According to SGA President Stephen Burger the survey will include updates on designated smoking locations, policy about smoking near building entrances, student satisfaction with current policies and possible compromises that could be drafted into a tentative policy.

"While some students may want to ban smoking entirely," Burger said, citing problems with smoke clouds and congestion outside of building entrances, "it could be a bad idea. We want to find some type of middle ground, and the survey will help."



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