

FEATURE

Students And Faculty Have Shootout On Donkeys

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Donkeys in the gymnasium can only mean one thing. Monday, April 22, at 8 p.m., marked Donkey Basketball Night at Penn State-Behrend. Faculty and staff battled it out against students in an evening of amusing excitement. Sponsored through the combined efforts of the Commuter Council, Student Programming Council, and the Joint Resident Council, the event was a success.

The audience cheered as the brave mounties, suited in helmets and blue or red T-shirts, brought their donkeys onto the basketball court.

Excitement heightened as newly elected Student Programming Council President Kim Neely attempted to make friends with a very unfriendly donkey. When Neely offered a friendly pat on the donkey's back, she was rewarded by the kicking and biting donkey. The audience roared, realizing

that this donkey was not in the mood for kind gestures.

"I was scared," Neely said, "especially when the owner told me the tendencies of the donkey were to try to bite women in private places." So with Neely flying into the bleachers and the donkeys jaunting teeth at her heels, the game began.

Rules of the game were: Players could not hold the ball for more than 15 seconds at a time, and if the ball was passed, it had to be passed to or from a team member on a donkey.

Team members had to have donkeys with them when chasing the ball, and had to be seated on the donkey when shooting.

Although the game consisted more of chasing donkeys while team members were consistently bitten, kicked, or falling to the floor, players managed to score.

Sophomore Jackie Pulte scored the first two points of the game for the students, followed 10 seconds later by a basket from

Police and Safety Officer Chip Saunders.

Immediately after, a time out was called for the Sigma Kappa Nu clean-up crew, who graciously volunteered to clean up anything the donkeys left behind.

The game was once more in action. Senior Kevin Moore, who emerged as high scorer of the game, rode his mild-mannered donkey down the court to score each time. "I felt like Sancho in *Don Quixote*," Moore said.

The first foul was called against student team member Doug "Hero" Konley for, "reaching behind a donkey."

A swish in the basket by Moore ended the second quarter, tying the game 8-8. "Now I really know

what it is like to score on all fours," Moore commented.

Half time passed quickly as five young ladies were chosen from the audience for a game of musical donkeys.

Four donkeys stood head-to-head in the middle of the court. The girls were told to pirouette in a circle around the donkeys until a whistle was blown. Then the girls jumped on the nearest donkey. The person left without a donkey was eliminated from the game. After three more rounds of hopping and crawling around the donkeys, Sophomore Linda Hurst emerged as the winner and was immediately announced "official ass" of the donkey basketball game.

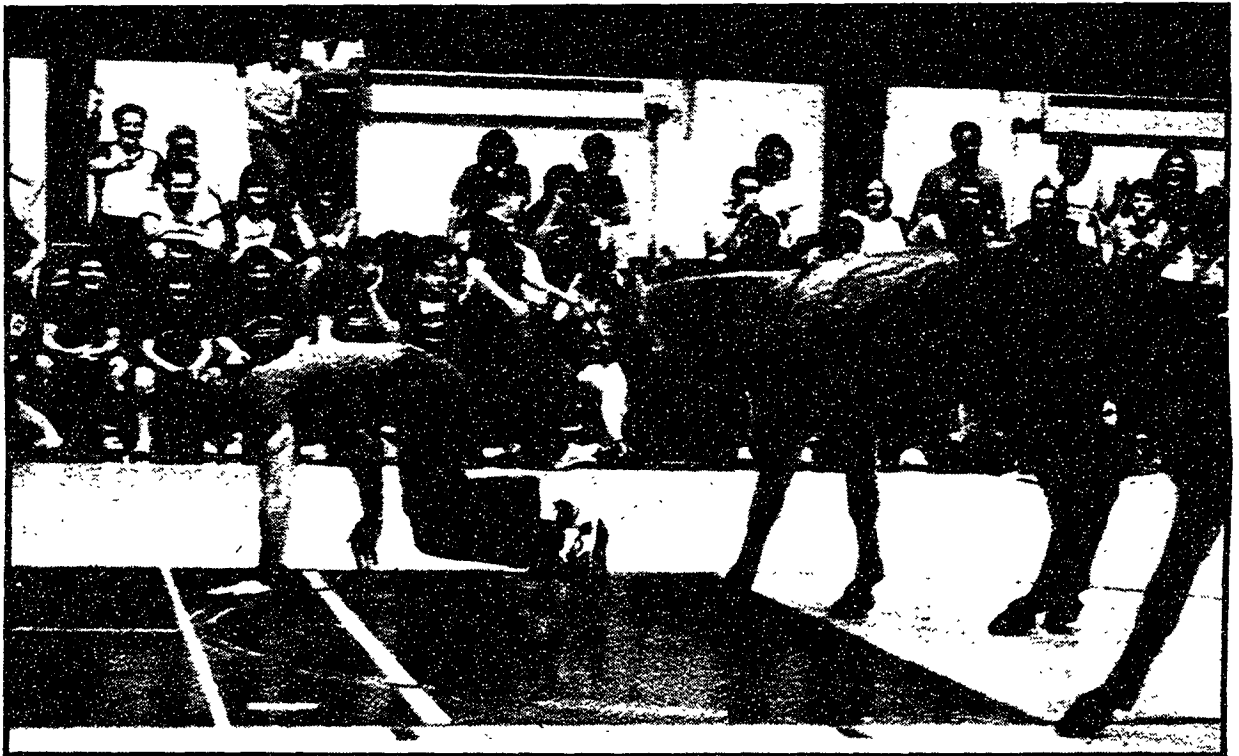
In the second half, the game began to take on a more serious tone, with Junior Brian Bennett managing to tame the wild donkey. "I whispered in its ear," Bennett said. "I figured the donkey was lonely, and I told her I'd take her out after the game if she'd just behave."

The final score was in favor of the student team, 29-25. "Everyone gave it their all," Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Bill McCartney said. "I have never seen so many people have so much fun making asses of themselves," he added.

Donkeys were supplied by the Donkey Ball Company, Westerville, Oh.



Student player Kim Neely tries to evade her unfriendly donkey as teammate Alex Primas looks on.



Faculty player Bill McCartney falls to the floor as his donkey outsmarts him.



Donkeys graze off of Behrend land as they prepare for a big night.

Behrend Cadets Get Taste of FIG

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Behrend Cadets spent the weekend of April 12-14 at Fort Indiantown Gap, Indiantown, Pa. The FIG weekend is an annual training session, held by and for the Penn State system.

All commonwealth campuses meet with University Park for a session of tactical training and military exercises. In ROTC there are three levels of cadets, the GMS (General Military Science), the MS III's and the MS IV's.

The GMS consist of cadets enrolled in the first two years of ROTC. The MS III's are enrolled in the first year of the Advanced Course, and are working in preparation toward their trip to ROTC Advanced Camp this summer. MS IV's are cadet officers, who have already been to Advanc-

ed Camp and are receiving their commissions this month.

The purpose of FIG is twofold: to give the MS III's a chance to evaluate themselves in preparation for Advanced Camp, and to give the GMS an introduction to army living and an instruction in basic military skills.

Last year Behrend's GMS cadets distinguished themselves by winning the Professor of Military Science (PMS) rifle match, taking third place in the orienteering competition, and finishing first in the night land navigation exercise.

This year Behrend's GMS cadets found themselves unable to repeat their successful exploits, as Behrend's GMS were split up and made members of units from University Park. The orienteering and night land navigation competitions were not held this year, virtually eliminating Behrend's

cadets' chances of working together and retaining their claim of the best cadets in the system.

The GMS cadets from Behrend who went this year all agreed that the trip was enjoyable though it did have its drawbacks.

The MS III's spent the weekend running through Tactical Application Exercises (TAX lanes), running through the day and night land navigation courses and being tested on Military Skills proficiency.

The MS IV's were in charge of the concurrent training which accompanies the live-fire exercise on the rifle range. They were also involved in inspecting the cleaning of M-16 rifles, walking the night land navigation course on Saturday night, and aiding in the proficiency testing of the MS III's on Sunday morning.