

Eye on Campus

Film Festival Hopes To Reel In Talent

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On April 26th, 2011, Susan Curtis, an intern from West Chester, and Matt Bodak, our Coordinator of Instructional Design Services and Assistant to the Director of Academic Affairs, will bring the Penn State Brandywine Film Festival to our community, Oscar style.

The Brandywine Film Festival welcomes students and alumni to come together and create their own films. Competitors choose their team of no more than five members and then choose from one of six categories of which their film must fit. This year's categories include Student Life, Global Programs, Digital Video Projects, Education/Learning, Green/Sustainability and Alumni Showcase.

Participants submitting to Student Life must make a film that is related to their student experience at Penn State Brandywine. Students who students who have studied abroad are also welcome to submit, however their submissions would go into the category of Global Programs, where they may share footage that they recorded while they were traveling abroad.

Already have an existing video you're interested in entering? Then the Digital Video Projects and Education/Learning categories are geared towards you! Students who have created videos for a specific class, but would like to enter it into the contest are urged to submit their work here.

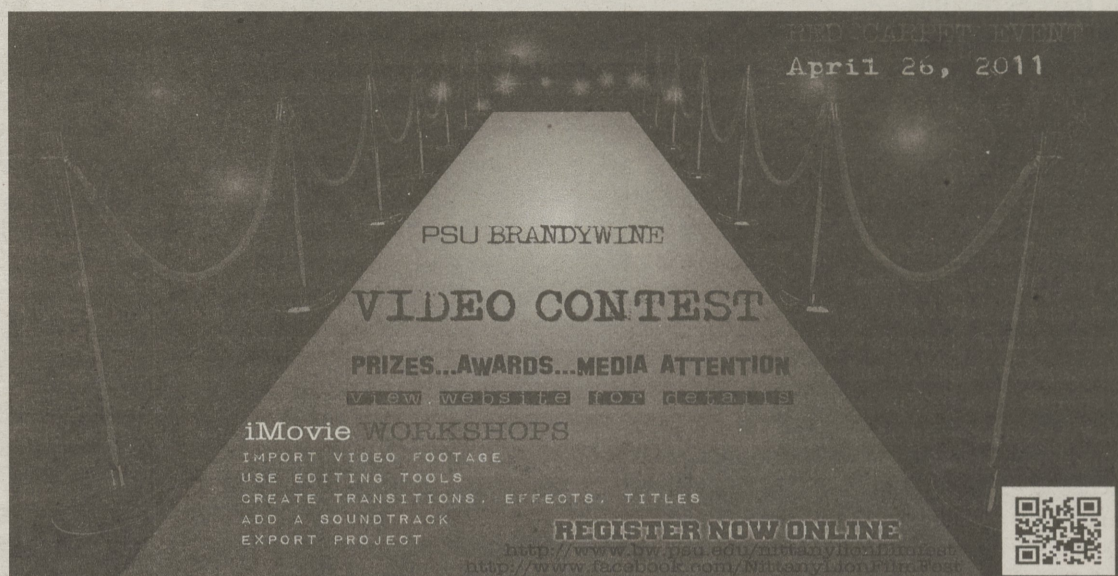
True to its name, the Green/Sustainability category is your chance to express personal feelings about issues such as pollution, renewable energy, or any

other topic dealing with the health of our planet. Lastly is a special category known as the Alumni Showcase, which allows space for alumni that would like to participate in their Alma Mater's film festival.

The rules of the competition are simple. Participants' submitted work must be no longer than ten minutes in length; however, it is recommended that the film be between two to five minutes. All work must be submitted online via electronic format by the deadline of March 23rd 2011.

Besides the experience of creating your own film with friends and the fun incorporated in the process, Matt Bodak adds that "[showing that you have] submitted your work to The Brandywine Film Festival can also distinguish your resume from hundreds of others." If you need help formulating your video, there are resources on campus ready to help! Your PSU ID gives you access to The Vairo Library, which has video equipment ready for students to check out. The library also offers use of Macintosh computers equipped with iMovie to help your team with the editing process.

Media Commons trainers from University Park will also be hosting two special workshops at our Brandywine



campus. The first is Monday February 21st at common hour and again at 4pm in Commons 203. The next workshop is Tuesday February 22nd at common hour and at 4pm in 205 Main. These hands on workshops teach students skills such as using sound, transitions, importing footage, etc. More workshops are planned for March, so stay tuned for future dates!

Submitted videos will be reviewed by a panel of judges prior to the festival. Prizes will be distributed to first, second and third place winners depending on the number of participants. The categories for awards are Best actor/actress and Best in Show. Further award categories are TBA.

If you are interested in submitting your work to the Brandywine Film Festival or creating a film exclusively

for the event, it's not too late! Sophomore, Political Science Major Lauren Rankin recently entered the contest with her team, and encourages all students and alumni that are pondering about entering the festival to "Just do it." The Brandywine Film Festival was originally created to inspire school spirit and creativity.

If there is any concern about the development of your film, Susan Curtis states "There is a lot of support for students' submissions. If you are concerned, there will be plenty of workshops to help you."

If you have any further questions regarding the guidelines of the festival, please visit Brandywine's webpage at <http://brandywine.psu.edu/studentlife/activities/filmfestival.htm>.

Where Do You Want Your Money To Go?

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Do you see areas around campus that need work? Have grand ideas for new rooms, or even a new cafeteria? Penn State Brandywine's Student Facility Fee Committee (SFFC) has, for the first time ever, released a brief online survey, and they need your help! The intention of the survey is to gather students' opinions and receive their input concerning the distribution of thousands of dollars to various areas around campus that need work.

Student facility funds are used to improve the campus's resources and create a more appealing campus environment for students to enjoy. Funds have previously been used to renovate the Main Building student lounge, as well as the Main 101 performing arts space. They have also supplied the athletic center with new lockers, the Tomezsko student lounge with upholstered furniture, and they are currently being used to create a bus shelter to protect our students who rely on SEPTA for their transportation needs.

"There are only a handful of students in the Facility Fee Committee. The small few of us may not share the same ideas and beliefs as the rest of the student body. In order to make these tough financial decisions, we agreed that it would be more beneficial to hear from the student body as a whole rather than hope that we

are an accurate representation," Lisa Yerges, Director of Business Services here at Brandywine explains. She believes the survey is an innovative way to give Brandywine students the voice they deserve to have.

The online survey consists of a list of projects that are being considered for funding. Students are asked to express how strongly they feel about each project by clicking on a button that represents one of the following: "Do Not Support", "Neutral", "Somewhat Support", or "Fully Support".

One such project that Yerges is particularly excited about is the cafeteria renovation. Ideally, the project would be laid out in March of 2011, with construction would start in May. Students returning for the Fall semester would then be able to enjoy the completed, new and improved cafeteria lounge.

Yerges and the associated team developed a blue print of the eating area which consists of brand new tables and chairs, flat screen televisions, condiment bars, revised foyer and of course, a crème de la crème paint job to disguise the cinderblock walls.

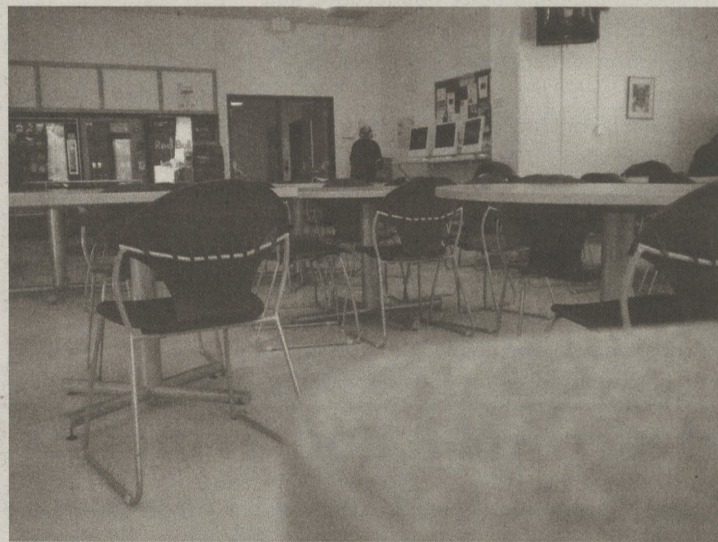
Some other potential projects currently in consideration include the creation of outdoor basketball courts and a pe-

destrian bridge that crosses the campus stream linking the parking lot and the student pathways more efficiently.

Also in consideration is a custom electric scoreboard for the athletic field, club room renovation in Commons, and tennis court replacement or renovation.

Yerges and other SFFC members feel it is important that students are given the ability to voice their opinions and contribute to the decisions being made, especially when it concerns how their money is spent. It is the responsibility of the SFFC to ensure that facility fees are allocated in ways favorable to the student body, however it is the responsibility of the student to make sure their voice is heard.

A link to the survey has been sent using WebMail, but can also be accessed by visiting: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3HQ6JR3>.



Penn State Brandywine students are being asked to take a survey on how to best spend their student facility fee funds.

(photo by Rob Ewing)

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