

# Eye on Campus

## Annual Event Showcases "EURECA" Moments

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Soon it will be April and everyone at Penn State Brandywine knows what that means. No, it's not a sign of the end of the semester; it's the time where students showcase their skills and intelligence to their fellow peers, professors, and community. What is this event you ask? Well, let's just say these students will have some "eureka" moments. This brilliant event of students showing their... well, brilliance is titled E.U.R.E.C.A; Exhibition of Undergraduate Research, Enterprise, and Creative Accomplishment.

According to EURECA committee chair Dr. Asad Azemi and Coordinator of Undergraduate Research Dr. Phyllis Cole, EURECA has been around for seven years following its successful beginnings in 2003.

"EURECA evolved from an undergraduate research presentations event that was held in 2002," says Azemi. "The idea behind EURECA is to promote undergraduate research and creative works at our campus."

Azemi has been a part of this event since 2004.

"As a faculty advisor to engineering student who participated in the event and I have been serving on the EURECA committee for the past four years," he remarked.

Cole has been serving this event for the past five years and thinks that this year her work within EURECA can help both support students in their work as well as encourage newcomers.

"Now that I am campus Coordinator of Undergraduate Research as well as member of the EURECA committee, I'm both sponsoring students and trying to entice others to take part as well," she says.

Becoming involved in EURECA is something any student can do.

"EURECA is a public event, which we showcase outstanding student works through various means of presentation at the exhibition," says Azemi. "The pre-

sentation format could be via poster, oral, creative, and performing arts such as dance, music, and theater. We consider the event a celebration of our student research and creative accomplishments."

EURECA is not just an event for students, Cole adds. Professors play an important role as well.

"Teachers ask students to participate, then offer advice to the students when they write the abstract, design the poster or edit the paper," she explains. She also adds that every student participant must have a faculty sponsor.

If you are a student who is interested in contributing a project in this event, Cole offers the following advice. First, she says it is important to get faculty sponsorship. The faculty member will aid you as you go through the process of writing the abstract (which will go into a book for the whole Exhibition), designing a poster (usually in electronic form on a template that's provided, then printed out by the IT office) or revising and testing out your paper for oral presentation.

Cole adds that students must be present at the poster exhibition, as the whole point is to stand by your poster and answer questions that people ask based on what's in it. A good research fair is interactive. Another thing students can do is to come to support your friends' work, learn something new, and get a sense of what you might be able to do in next year's EURECA.

Azemi adds his own advice to those students who are interested. "Just make sure that you work closely with your faculty advisor and follow the deadlines."

Cole adds one final thought. "Ask questions and enjoy. Come see and hear other students' work," she says. "Let's create a community of discovery at Brandywine."

Will you and your fellow students have a "eureka" moment? Join us and find out as Brandywine celebrates yet another year of brilliance!

## NITTANY LION FILM FESTIVAL

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Penn State Brandywine will be holding the Nittany Lion Film Festival this spring. Any currently enrolled Penn State Brandywine student or alumni is eligible to submit a video to the contest. Students are allowed to submit videos that they have already completed for a class this semester. Other students who have not completed a digital media project in a class should still feel free to express their creativity and make a film on their own. Films have a maximum time limit of ten minutes, but films are recommended to be between three and five minutes. Each film may have up to five participants (all must be Brandywine students or alumni). Others may be used for acting in the film, but only Penn State Brandywine students or alumni may participate in the screen writing, editing, shooting footage, or other production decisions. The festival will include six competitive categories: Education and Learning, Student Life, Global Programs, Green/Sustainability, Digital Video Projects, and the Alumni Showcase. Each video submitted should pertain to no more than one of these categories. Judges will select the top contestants and winners for each category and those winning teams will receive prizes.

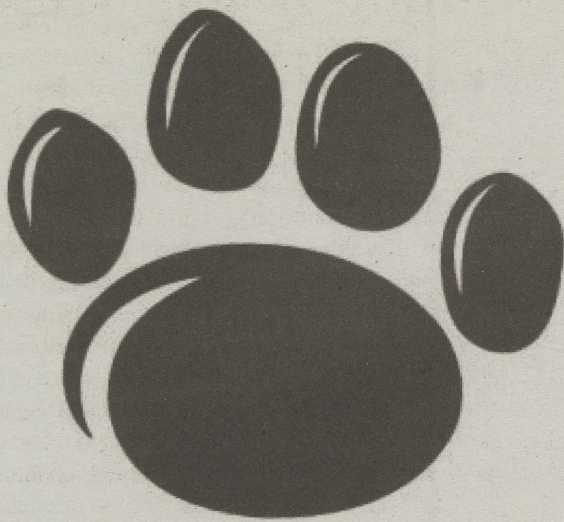
The Judging Panel will consist of a mixture of both university professionals and students. Judges will screen the films on Tuesday, March 29th and will determine if there are any violations of rules or any parts that need to be changed or edited. Students and alumni whose film(s) is nominated for an award will be notified prior to the Official Screening and Awards Presentation.

Other important rules include no use of alcohol, drugs, or sexual misconduct. This includes both real and simulated depictions. Judges have full discretion in determining what footage is inappropriate. People who intentionally appear in the film must complete the consent or release form, which can be found on the Penn State Brandywine website. In addition, it is important that copyrighted music is not used in the films. Students are allowed to participate in multiple films, but each participant is not allowed to direct/be captain more than two films.

Students unfamiliar with how to make a film should have no fear because four sessions of Hands-On iMovie Training will be offered to those interested. On February 21st, a session will be offered at 12:30 pm and another at 4:00. The following day, February 22nd, sessions will be held at both 11:30 am and 4:00. These sessions offer students a great opportunity to learn how edit their movies and techniques on how to make their films the best that they can be.

The actual screening and awards ceremony of the festival is not until April 26th. Location and time of the event are to soon be determined. The deadline for movie submission is Monday, March 28th at Four o'clock pm. Videos may be submitted electronically or in person in Commons, Room 203 to Susan Curtis.

## GET INVOLVED!! - Orientation Leaders and SGA officials Needed



*The Office of Student Affairs is actively seeking students who are interested in student government and in working as orientation leaders for the upcoming school year.*

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An important factor in anyone's college experience is getting involved in extracurricular activities such as athletics, and becoming members of clubs and organizations on campus. Possibly the best way to get involved is to be a member of the Student Government Association (SGA). SGA serves as a voice for the student body, a liaison between the student body and faculty and staff on campus, and serves representatives for the monthly Council of Commonwealth Student Government (CCSG) meetings at University Park.

Members of the Brandywine SGA travel to the University Park campus to meet with other SGA representatives from each of the 19 Commonwealth campuses to discuss and brainstorm ideas to better their respective campus and better the university as a whole.

Sound like something you'd be interested in for the upcoming semester? SGA "Intent to Run" forms can be found in the Office of Student Affairs on the second floor of Commons. Don't wait however; applications are due no later than Thursday, February 17th. SGA Diversity Affairs Chair, Sophomore, Shari Mitchell, says that, "people should get involved in SGA to be a part of the school. The school will never see change if we don't have students with fresh minds to help make it a better place." In addition to the opportunity to flourish, grow, gain experience and ultimately be the face of the campus, students who declare their intent to run for Executive Board positions (President, Vice-President,

Secretary and Treasurer) and are chosen to be the SGA Executive Board for the 2011-2012 academic year, will receive a \$1,000 monetary stipend upon the completion of their term.

If the SGA executive board seems a little too intense for you, another way to get involved is to become an Orientation Leader (OL). Orientation Leaders work closely with the Office of Student Affairs, as well as with the Office of Advising and Career Services to ensure first year and transfer students have a great time at FTCAP (First-year, Testing, Consulting and Advising Program) during the summer. Students who are interested in becoming an OL have the opportunity to learn valuable leadership skills, become a peer mentor for first year students and earn a paycheck, all while showing their Penn State pride by assisting the incoming class and their families with the transition from high school to college. When asked about being an Orientation Leader for the past two summers, Martina Gill, Senior, said, "It's a fun experience to work with incoming students and their families. Becoming an Orientation Leader gives students the opportunity to share their Penn State story and help new students adjust to college life." Orientation Leader Applications are due in the Office of Student Affairs on Thursday, February 17th by 4pm.

For more information, contact Student Affairs at 610-892-1270, or visit the office on the second floor of the Commons Building directly above the cafeteria.

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President Barack Obama spent the last three weeks trying to play a balancing act between supporting an ally and supporting democratic reform. Americas have criticized Obama for either pushing Mubarak too hard or not pushing hard enough.

Dr. Stephen Cimbala, Professor of Political Science, explained that it is very important to remember that America's political system is very new compared to Egypt's system and it would be offensive to Egypt to suggest what political changes they should make. He believed that that the United States is behaving with "appropriate modesty."

In response to a question about what students can do on campus regarding the situation in Egypt, Dr. Cimbala urged students to embrace Egyptian and Egyptian-American friends and to "use them as a firsthand source of information and feedback." He also expressed the importance of providing them with the "reassurance that they are appreciated for the diversity that they bring to American culture."

It is during situations like this that we need to remember the importance of cultural sensitivity. There are many trying times ahead for Egypt and it is most important that we support the people of Egypt and those that have close ties with the country.