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## Cultural Fiesta brings the world to Behrend

*Event features culture, foods, music and costumes*

by Vicky Snyder  
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Penn State-Behrend celebrated cultural diversity yesterday by presenting the Behrend community with an all-day Cultural Fiesta in the Wintergarden. Aromas, sounds and various cultural items from around the world were displayed at ten tables, including traditional artifacts from the Greek, Irish, Scottish, Indian, African-American, Estonian, Jewish and Islamic cultures.

The fiesta kicked off with John Duaber, a Penn State Alumni, lecturing about and playing the traditional Scottish bagpipes in the Scottish dress.

Each table was adorned with cultural garb as well as food dishes.

"We have humus-tahina and falafel made out of ground chick peas. It is considered a national fast food in Israel," said Orit Azoulay, a sixth semester

chemistry major. "We had a lot of people try our dishes."

Jim Edwards, representative from the Robert Burns Scottish Club, also entertained questions from curious visitors. Edwards was dressed in the ancient Scottish costume called belted plaid. He made his own costume including the leather moccasins which accompanied his outfit.

"The fiesta was much bigger than I thought it would be and I'm looking forward to attending next year," commented Edwards.

An Islamic table was included among the displays, although Hassan Davis, a third semester mechanical engineering technology major, explained that Islam is not really a culture, but rather a type of worship which encompasses the worship of all prophets.

Shelley Ashew, an eighth semester Psychology major, said, "I think this (the Cultural Fiesta) was a good idea and has been quite successful."



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What's this? Christopher Duckett and Leah Daw, both 4th semester psychology majors, taste new and different foods at the Cultural Fiesta.

## Changes made to Honors and Awards Ceremony

*New format creates fewer but more significant awards*

by Mark Owens  
*The Collegian*

And the winners are...well, perhaps we won't see Jack Palance doing one-armed push-ups on stage as he did at the Academy Awards earlier this month, but this year's Honors and Awards Ceremony should be just as good.

The ceremony, to be held April 26 at 2 p.m. in Erie Hall, is expected to be better this year because of fewer but more significant awards, according to David Shields, assistant dean of student services.

"The big change is the elimination of club and organization certificates," said Shields. "This year the certificates will be given to groups and organizations so they can award them at a later date."

In past years the club and organization certificates were handed out at the ceremony. With a growing number of student organizations on campus, Shields said the ceremony was becoming too long and diminishing the significance of the awards.

"We have over 70 clubs and organizations on campus," said Shields. "Last year we awarded 476 certificates in two hours. Trying to present all of those certificates in a reasonable amount of time seemed to lessen their meaning, as well as leave the audience wondering what the winners had done to deserve the award."

This year new awards in student life were added to the existing academic and

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## Easter egg hunt

There will be a free Easter egg hunt for those interested on Saturday, April 18 at 11 a.m. on the Behrend practice soccer field, across from the first parking lot. The event will be held in the Wintergreen Center in case of bad weather.

There will be four age categories with two prizes in each category.

The Easter egg hunt is sponsored by the Veterans Club, Kappa Delta Rho, and Zeta Beta Tau. For more information contact Michael Coon at 898-6864 or 898-6335 or Nick Konzol at 898-6335.

## Mycka, Farrell win top SGA posts

*Less than 30 percent turn out to vote*

by Todd J. Irwin  
*The Collegian*

Last week just under thirty percent of Behrend's student body elected next year's Student Government leaders.

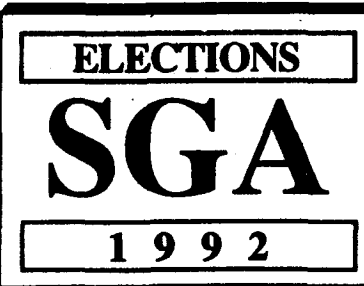
In the hotly contested race for president and vice-president of SGA, the ticket of Joe Mycka and Greg Farrell edged out John Mack and Jake Sherosky by 21 votes, 287 to 266.

"I'm happy we won," said Mycka. "I'm glad we'll have the opportunity to serve to students."

Mack viewed Mycka's victory as a direct result of a block Greek vote.

"Congratulations to the Greeks," said Mack. "They came

out in large numbers and got the vote."



Mycka did concede that the Greeks were his main supporters.

"It just goes to show you that we (the Greeks) can pull together and get the job done," said Mycka. "I hope that trait will pass on to the members of SGA."

Vice-president-elect Farrell added that support for the winning ticket was wide spread and not just Greek-based.

The top vote receiver in the election, Chris Hilden, took away the Student Programming Council presidency from incumbent Mark Johnson. Hilden received nearly 350 votes in the contest.

"People knew what they wanted," said Hilden. "They knew I could do the job. I've done it before."

Hilden served as president of SPC during 1990-91. Johnson declined to comment on the election results.

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