

Honors and Awards Ceremony

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faculty/staff awards to improve the ceremony, said Shields.

"We've kept some awards and added some. The new awards will reflect significant and noteworthy accomplishments," he added. "We're trying to make student life awards more significant. We felt we were missing a large number of students making significant contribution to Behrend with the few student life awards we had."

New student life awards include the Martin Luther King

Jr. Humanitarian Award, Most Outstanding Student Organization President, Most Outstanding Student Organization Officer, Most Outstanding Student Organization Member, Most Improved Organization Award, Distinguished Community/Campus Service by a Student Organization, Outstanding Fraternity/Sorority Chapter Award and the Most Creative Program Award.

"We've really tried to make the system more manageable,"

said Shields. "There are fewer presenters so we can spend more time on each award, letting us talk about the award and why the recipient won it."

Although the student life, academic, faculty/staff and academic discipline awards have their own special criteria, all of the recipients had to be nominated by a fellow student or faculty/staff member. The Turnbull, Kochel, Walker and Freshman of the Year awards also require a ten minute interview.

Elections...

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Organization Council president, Randy Schmoyer defeated James Ruhlman, 295 to 233.

"The people have made their choice, and now they'll have to live with it," said Ruhlman. "It was nice to see that the percentage of voters was up from last year, but it still needs to be higher."

Schmoyer was unavailable for comment.

In a nine-way race for five available resident senator positions, Eric Pine, Matt Cissne, Julian Hing, Justin Tinker, and Mia Colabrese won seats.

Eleven candidates were vying for nine commuter senator positions. The positions went to Jenny Goring, Brian Conboy, Michelle Repman, Steven Reynolds, Theodore Zawistowski, Tisha Nesbitt, John Goring, Jane Csir, and Dennis Jones.

Mentoring program started

Penn State-Behrend is establishing a Mentoring Program that will be implemented in the Fall of 1992. The purpose of the program is to assist incoming students with the transitional process into their new academic community. The program will require upperclass student volunteers to serve as mature and responsible role models for new incoming students.

The upperclass mentor will be assigned mentees from a list of incoming students based on gender, geographic location, major, and diverse individual characteristics. The mentor will then be expected to contact the student(s), by phone or letter twice during the course of the summer to get acquainted with the mentee.

The upperclass mentor will then be responsible to meet with the mentee in person during a scheduled orientation activity during Freshmen Orientation to acquaint the incoming students with their mentors.

The key to this program's success is a group of upperclass students who genuinely care about easing the transition to college for new students.

Any interested individual who wish to serve as a mentor may contact the Office of Student Activities/Union at 898-6171.

Demonstration shows wellness, defensive value of Karate

Last Wednesday members of the Behrend Martial Arts Club put on a demonstration on the Art of Self Defense for Health and Wellness week.

The demonstration included different aspects of the art as

presented by 17 students and one faculty member. The Club's style is Goshin Jutsu. The demonstration stressed the importance of wellness through discipline.

The purpose of the

demonstration was to familiarize people with the Martial Arts as an art form, not movie junk. The students involved with the Martial Arts Club showed what they learned, including form (Kata), self defense (Waza), and other techniques.

Kata is a method for students to practice karate on their own to improve strikes, blocks, stances and balance. Waza is defense against different kinds of attacks.

Dr. Michael Ichiyama demonstrated Waza from Tae Kwon Do. Two students also demonstrated self defense with one arm. It was also stressed that the best self defense is to avoid the fight.

Part of the demonstration included a possible scenario where a woman at a bus stop is accosted by four men. Another student demonstrated what he had learned in only three weeks by throwing the instructor over his head and onto the mat.

At the end of the demonstration, Sensei Dave Graves illustrated proper technique by breaking two concrete blocks to show the force which can be developed through training and skill rather than brute strength.

- Jim Wester and Matt Mang



NATION

UNITED NATIONS -- The U.N. Security Council on Tuesday rejected a last-minute appeal and prepared to cancel all arms sales and airline travel to Libya because of its refusal to turn over suspects in the bombing on Pan Am Flight 103. The council demands Libya turn over two men indicted for the 1988 bombing of the Pan Am flight over Lockerbie, Scotland, which killed 270 people.

HARRISBURG -- A city high school student experiencing academic trouble torched two offices and the auditorium of his school early Tuesday, cancelling classes and destroying records and priceless memorabilia. Elijah Epps, 18, was arrested and charged with arson, burglary and institutional vandalism in connection with the three fires that caused an estimated \$150,000 in damage. The principal's disciplinary files were targets of the arson. Epps is being held in Dauphin County prison on \$100,000 bail.

INDIANAPOLIS -- Rape charges are pending against two 7-year-old boys who allegedly attacked a first grade classmate in a public rest room. Authorities believe the incident is the first involving suspects so young. The alleged attack occurred during school hours March 26 at school in a working-class neighborhood on the city's east side. All three children were undergoing professional counseling, according to officials. The school has an enrollment of about 350 in grades kindergarten through six.

LOCAL

ERIE -- Lila Ebright, a 5-year-old Edison Elementary School kindergarten student, disappeared from her eastside Erie home Sunday afternoon. Posters with her picture have been distributed throughout the eastside neighborhood and police and volunteer searchers continue to scour the area looking for signs of the little girl. "All we can do is hope for the best and be prepared for the worst," said one police officer. The FBI entered the investigation Tuesday morning but has deferred comment on the case.

ERIE -- Finalists in the American Gladiators tryouts Tuesday night at the Erie Civic Center gathered in the lobby, waiting for the official word of who made it. Four males and four females were chosen to compete in live competition on Tuesday, April 28th at the Civic Center. Six of the chosen competitors are from Erie, Tim Feldman, Len Lombardo, Tom Tracy, Diann Kosienki, Shelly Lober, and Kathi Krysiak will appear in the live competition on April 28th.

Organ donor card drive to be held next week

Twenty-four year old Jimmy Johnson was killed last September. For his grieving parents his untimely death was not completely meaningless... they agreed to donate his kidneys, liver and eyes which enabled 11 people to live more normal lives.

Next week marks National Donor Awareness Week. The Greater Erie Eye and Organ Bank, Inc. will observe the event by sponsoring a drive to encourage area residents to sign organ donor cards. In the event of death, hospital personnel will know these individuals want their organs to be transplanted to patients who need them.

Penn State-Behrend, Mercyhurst College and Edinboro University will be participating in the drive by sponsoring sign-up tables for their campus communities.

Tau Kappa Epsilon and the Biology Club are sponsoring the drive at Penn State-Behrend and will staff a table in the Wintergreen Lobby all next week week. Students, faculty and staff can stop by the table to sign the donor card and have it laminated.

Any questions or concerns can be addressed by contacting Cathy Eck at 898-6924.