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Behrend honors students and faculty

Hard work both in and out of the classroom pays off

by Vicky Snyder
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A near capacity crowd attended the thirty-first annual Honors and Awards Convocation on Sunday. Held in Erie Hall, the two hour ceremony featured awards in the areas of student life, scholarship, academics, special service, and faculty excellence.

Among award recipients in the student life category were Barbara L. Turner for Most Outstanding Student Organization Member, Edwin R. Zayas for Most Outstanding Student Organization Officer, Markus W. Rodriguez for Most Outstanding Student Organization President and Todd J. Irwin carried away the Guy W. Wilson Award for Service to the College.

Turner commented on the hard work that it took to win the Most Outstanding Student Organization Member Award. "I was really excited about getting it. It made all of the hard work and time that I put into the Association of Black Collegians very special," commented Turner.

The Collegian won the Most Outstanding Organization award, while Alpha Sigma Tau sorority won the Most Outstanding Fraternity/Sorority award.

Eighty seven scholarships were given out to students who met certain criteria and eighty academic awards were presented to students who excelled in the classroom.

The Freshman of the Year Award went to Mark D. D'Ascenzo and Marcos M. Lopez. In the special services area, Edwin R. Zayas took the Irvin H. Kochel Award for his positive
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Power failure leaves campus in the dark

Failed coupling blamed for blackout

by Mark Owens
The Collegian

A failed cable coupling brought Behrend to a grinding halt Monday afternoon, scrambling telephone lines and leaving offices and classrooms in the dark.

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-- John Ream
Director of Operations

"A connector at the end of the cable failed, causing the power outage," said John Ream, director of operations at Behrend. Ream compared the cable and its connector with an extension cord. "The plug at the end failed," said Ream.

No one has reported any damage caused by the power failure, which lasted almost six and-a-half hours.

"There wasn't any reason, the connector just failed," said Lucien Lawson, supervisor of physical plant. "These things just happen from time to time."

Lawson estimated the cost of repairs to be anywhere from \$1,500 to \$2,000.

CORRECTION

Last week *The Collegian* reported the west first floor of Lawrence Hall would house men next fall instead of women. The change will affect Niagara Hall, not Lawrence Hall. We regret the error.

SPC ousts Johnson from presidency

Johnson calls Executive Committee's impeachment a "personal attack"

by Todd J. Irwin
The Collegian

By a 3-1 vote of the Student Programming Council's Executive Committee, Mark Johnson was removed from the SPC presidency this past Sunday.

Johnson, who was notified of the decision at the SPC meeting on Monday evening, said he did not agree with the action.

"I definitely feel that this is a personal attack," said Johnson. "I've done my duties."

"I was surprised that they did it at this time," added Johnson. "If they were unhappy, why didn't they do it months ago?"

"The whole purpose of his impeachment was to hold him accountable," said Joel Adams,

acting SPC president.

In a notification letter to Johnson, the committee outlined five reasons for the action.

The first reason listed was Johnson's decision to present a free SPC movie on April 2 without the approval of SPC. Johnson has denied allegations that it was an attempt to gain votes in the pending SGA election.

"There's nothing wrong with holding a free movie, but it should have gone through the cinematheque chairperson," said Adams. "And that did not happen."

According to Adams, Johnson's locking up of necessary information in a file cabinet in the SPC office coupled

with his inaccessibility was the main reason for the action.

"I cannot be available 24 hours a day," said Johnson, "but they do know where I can be contacted when I'm not out of town."

"It's nothing personal," emphasized Adams. "All in all, he hasn't done a bad job."

Johnson has decided not to seek the two-thirds majority vote of the SPC membership needed to overturn the impeachment.

According to Johnson, it is not worth the trouble to attempt to have the Executive Committee's decision reversed at this time.

"I wish that it had worked out
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