

Behrend Briefs

Mile of Pennies: For the month of April cans will be located on campus at the RUB desk, Library, Bookstore, suites and dorms. Please donate your pennies to help benefit the Behrend Library's book collection. This fund raiser is sponsored by Omicron Delta Kappa.

Behrend Martial Arts Club "Self Defense Demonstration" will be held on Wednesday, April 26 at 7 p.m. in the Wintergarden in front of the RUB desk.

Attention Seniors !!!!! The Penn State-Behrend Lion Ambassadors are sponsoring the Third Annual Zero Year Reunion (ZYR) to be held Friday, April 28 from 3-6 p.m. in the apartment quad. You have worked hard these past four years. So, come out and enjoy a BBQ, refreshments, DJ entertainment, prizes, volleyball, and relaxation...on us! Again, the ZYR is open to graduating seniors only (seventh semester and above). See you there!

Take Back The Night Rally, today at 7 p.m. at Perry Square, followed by march, speakout session and reception in the Gannon University "Scrounge," featuring music by 2 Girls Alone.

It's not too late for sophomores to participate in the University Scholars Program. Third and fourth semester students with excellent academic abilities interested in undertaking independent study and research at the junior/senior level may be considered. Only as a Scholar can a student earn a Penn State honors degree. Contact Mari Trenkle, at x6160.

Help Change The World: Pai Chi is sponsoring a pen and pencil drive through the month of April to help benefit the country of Malawi. Donate for donations of New or Used Pens and Pencils will be located in residence halls, laundry rooms, Food and Science Buildings. Please try to donate pencils that are at least 4" long and have eraser.

Workshop for Juniors will be held today at noon in the Board Conference Room. This workshop is sponsored by the Career Development Center.

Spring Dinner Dance will be held on Friday, April 21 from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Gannon University Ballroom.

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Free HIV/AIDS Testing is offered at the Health and Wellness Center located in the Carriage House. For an appointment, call the Health and Wellness Center at x6217.

Lopez awarded Hetzel

Behrend--A Penn State Erie, The Behrend College senior has won this year's prestigious Penn State Ralph Dorn Hetzel Memorial Award.

Marcos Lopez of Levittown, Puerto Rico, was chosen by a university committee to receive the monetary award, which recognizes the achievements and potential of outstanding undergraduates who offer promise of public-spirited achievement in the future.

The award is funded by Estelle H. Hetzel in memory of her husband, former University President Ralph Dorn Hetzel. Lopez is the first Penn State-Behrend student to be honored.

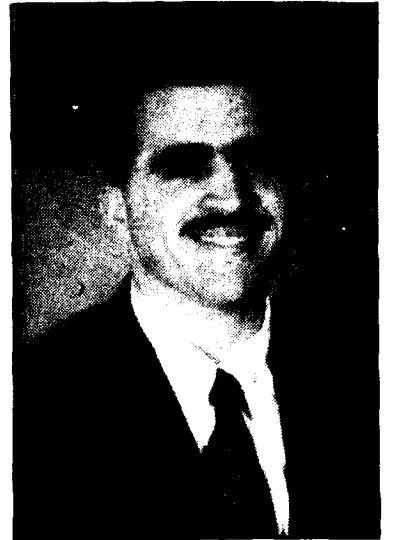
Lopez, a senior political science major, last year was one of 214 students nationwide to be named a finalist for the Truman Scholarship, a living memorial to President Harry S. Truman that funds graduate study for students interested in public service. Following his graduation from Penn State-Behrend in May, Lopez will attend Georgetown University to study for a master's degree in foreign service.

"From the moment Marcos arrived at Behrend four years ago, it was clear he would be an exceptional role model," Dr. Christopher Reber, dean of Student Affairs and one of

Lopez's award nominators, said. "That he was one of only a few students of Hispanic origin, and far from home speaking a second language, posed no obstacle. On the contrary; he assumed campus leadership positions during his freshman year."

Lopez's record of leadership at Penn State-Behrend includes volunteering as a tour guide in the Office of Admissions and conducting admissions presentations in Puerto Rico; helping to found the Behrend Knights, a chapter of the Knights of Columbus; presidency of the Lion Ambassadors Student Alumni Corps; and a four-year tenure as a Resident Assistant in the college's residence halls. He is an active member of the Phi Kappa Phi, Omicron Delta Kappa, and Lambda Sigma honor societies, the Student Life Committee, the Legislator Advocacy Network, the Homecoming Planning Committee, Newman Association, and the Organization of Latin American Students.

Lopez earned a Behrend College Honors Certificate by taking honors courses during his first two years of study; he is currently studying in the University Scholars program and will earn a Penn State honors degree. Also for four years, he has served as a research assistant



Senior Marcos Lopez: Winner of the Ralph Dorn Hetzel award.

to Dr. John King Gamble, professor of political science and International Law under the auspices of the Ford Foundation.

During the 1993 spring semester Lopez interned in the Erie office of U.S. Senator Harris Wofford.

In addition to being a Truman Finalist, Lopez is the recipient of the Irvin H. Kochel Award, the All-American Scholar Collegiate Award, and the Freshman of the Year Award, and is listed in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Proposed allocations for handicap access

by Matthew D. Cissne
Collegian Staff

Classes could get easier for some Behrend students in the near future. Access to their classes that is.

Penn State has requested \$45 million from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to be used for handicap access on campuses.

The bill which has been signed by Governor Tom Ridge includes \$1.8 million for Behrend. The money has not yet been released from the Commonwealth.

Director of Operations John Ream III said, "Behrend has targeted many areas that need to be upgraded to meet ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) standards."

Ream said that when the funds are made available, some of the planned improvements include placing braille signs in all buildings and putting levers on doors instead of knobs which can be difficult to operate for those with certain disabilities.

Other proposed renovations include eliminating unnecessary stairs and increasing the size and accessibility of some of the campuses' buildings.

John Emerson, a non-traditional student who is confined to a wheelchair, has had to endure the poor conditions for those with handicaps.

"Behrend has made an effort to comply with ADA, but things are still bad. I was injured six or

seven times this winter."

Emerson's injuries included broken fingers from a heavy door. According to Emerson, ADA states that doors need to be around five pounds, but many on campus are around 45 pounds.

He would also like to see bathrooms remodeled so that they are more suitable for the handicapped. Emerson said that seven out of the 12 restrooms that he encounters on a daily basis are not equal access.

"Hopefully the money will be available soon so that some work like sidewalk repairs can be done over the summer...John Ream has done a good job in trying to fix these problems. I admire his efforts."

Police & Safety Report

April 12: A complaint of harassment is under investigation after a student reported an incident which occurred in Dobbins Hall at 4:30 p.m.

April 12: A complaint of theft is under investigation after a student reported that someone had taken jewelry from her Perry Hall room on April 11.

April 14: A complaint of criminal mischief is under investigation after a student reported someone had broken a mirror and tampered with the gas cap of her car which was parked in S Lot on April 12.

April 14: A complaint of theft is under investigation after a staff member reported that someone had taken an easel belonging to the Office of Student Activities on April 5.

April 14: A complaint of theft is under investigation after a staff member reported that someone had taken five microphones from the Office of Student Activities of April 8.

April 18: A complaint of criminal mischief is under investigation after a staff member reported to Police and Safety that someone had damaged their vehicle which was parked in Turnbull Lot on April 17.