

SGA Report

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The Student Government Association's (SGA) Wednesday meeting yielded new resolutions concerning senator seats, the upcoming elections, and the controversial student activity fee.

The meeting opened with discussion of the upcoming treasurer's meeting in Reed 114, Wednesday, September 27 at 6:15. Organizations with non-attending treasurers will have their accounts frozen and will not be able to conduct business.

The student activity fee was also discussed. This proposal, which will be voted on Friday, will impose a \$25 fee per semester on all full-time Penn State students, beginning next fall.

SGA debated the topic of senator seats for over half an hour before passing a motion to temporarily add one resident seat and two commuter seats. The current structure (six resident seats and nine commuter seats) was misrepresenting Behrend's increasing student body due to enrollment miscalculation, according to Commuter Council President, Steve Landon.

The SGA constitution dictates that there be one senator seat for every 200 students enrolled. As of September 1, there were 3,178 students enrolled at Behrend, equaling 15 senator seats. With 1125 residents and 2053 commuters, the representation should have been five to 10.

A motion to amend the constitution that would allow for fractional representation (so that the last 125 residents and 53 commuters would be represented) was passed, and will be voted on in two weeks.

"I think 125 students warrant another seat," said an emphatic Kim Epps.

State of the University Address

BEHREND-All students, faculty, and staff are invited to hear Penn State's newest president, Dr. Graham Spanier, give his State of the University Address on Friday, September 15 at 3:00 p.m. in the studio in the Academic Building. Dr. Spanier's inaugural address will be broadcast live from Eisenhower Auditorium in

University Park via satellite.

Dr. Spanier will be joined by Gov. Tom Ridge, who will speak before the president's address. Dr. Spanier is expected to speak about his values, his vision, and his Penn State. He will touch on the University's mission and his own approach to leadership.

Improved college social life

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This summer, the staff at Behrend worked together in creating many new "out-of-class" improvements for the student body of 1995.

The "Student Life Task Force" that was formed last January, surveyed over three hundred students to determine how students would like Behrend's services to be improved.

The survey's outcome showed that most students wished for a more extended variety of weekend activity options.

It is largely through the efforts of the Task Force: Rob Wittman, Coordinator of Intramural and Recreational Programs, Chris Reber, Dean of Student Affairs, and many others, that the activities presented on weekends are here this semester.

One example of these improvements is the new "Blue Bus" service. This shuttle gives Behrend students transportation to the Millcreek Mall and many other attractions in Erie. Special trips can even be requested for larger groups, for a nominal fee.

The bus schedule is posted at the front door of the Reed Union Building.

Rob Wittman spoke

enthusiastically about the new weekend activities, "I have programs on every weekend, 12 pm-6 pm Saturday and Sunday, both semesters."

These new programs include aerobics classes, availability of the Back Room in Reed, the Reed Union Commons and informal pick-up games and group activities.

He tells students, "Whatever recreation event that is going on is posted in the glass window outside my office". The Office of Student Activities and Intramural Activities is located in the Reed Building.

Bruno's is another option for students on Fridays and Saturdays. It's weekly hours are 8:00 pm-12 pm, with entertainment beginning around 8:30 pm. Often, Bruno's presents comedians and live music. Movies are also now readily available.

Movies will be showing from Thursday to Sunday, beginning at 10 pm. A larger stage and sound system has been constructed in the Wintergreen Cafe and in Reed 117 for these purposes.

Other improvements include free cable television, provided by Housing and Food Services.

Forty percent of PC users will be able to connect to the

university backbone. Housing and Food Services also plans on making improvements in the Wintergreen Cafe over the December holiday recess.

A "Day of Caring" is planned for September 23 to give volunteer services to those in need. Campus Ministry is also planning social activities for Behrend students. Campus Ministry holds weekly worship services in the Reed Building.

Finally, is the installation of Behrend's LIFE House (Living In a Free Environment).

This was formed by the Office of Residence Life, in conjunction with the Office of Housing and Food Services, to give students choosing to abstain from alcohol, tobacco, drugs and sex a comfortable environment to live in.

These events and activities are available to all Behrend students. To ensure their success and future improvements, student participation is a must.

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Turnbull 206**

Student Events

New this year to *The Collegian* is this space. It is available to all student organizations to advertise their upcoming events.

If your organization would like to advertise, drop the info in *The Collegian's* mailbox with a date and time along with a contact person and their phone number.

Tutors Needed: Volunteer tutors needed one hour per week for our Tutoring Program at nearby Diehl Elementary School beginning the week of Sept. 18. All majors welcome, no experience necessary. Transportation provided three times a week. Applications available in the Office of Student Activities.

The Learning Assistance Center will be holding an Open House on Tuesday, September 19 from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. All students, faculty and staff are invited to stop by to see our new resources and equipment available to assist students to succeed academically.

National Competitions: Informational meetings will be held on Monday, Sept. 18 and Tuesday, Sept. 19 from 12:15 - 1:00 p.m. in the Reed Conference room #3 (1st Floor). Learn more about the Truman and Goldwater Scholarships, Fulbright, Mellon, NSF Fellowships and many other opportunities. Call 898-6160 for more information.

Auditions for "Heathen Valley" will be held Thursday 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the Studio Theater. Scripts are available from director Tony Elliot, in his office, Academic 145. For more information, contact Elliot at 898-6279.

14 - Thursday

"Heathen Valley" auditions, 6 - 9 p.m. in the Studio Theater

Wm. Soccer v. Grove City 3:30 p.m.

15 - Friday

16 - Saturday

Men Soccer v. Fisher 1:00 p.m.

Tennis v. Alfred, Allegheny 3:00 p.m.

17 - Sunday

18 - Monday

19 - Tuesday

Learning Assistance Center Open House: 2:00-6:00 pm

Volleyball v. Wooster 7:00 p.m.

20 - Wednesday

Tennis v. Buffalo State 3:00 p.m.