

Greater numbers at Behrend

by Danielle M. Murphy
Collegian News Editor

Interest in Behrend is soaring. The number of Penn State applicants choosing Behrend as their first choice campus and the number of potential students accepting offers to attend Behrend are growing. These increases have led to problems in housing and more selectivity in the admissions process.

"This is a really a different year," said Mary Ellen Madigan, Director of Admissions and Financial Aid. "Interest in Behrend has really grown."

According to the Admissions office, about 60 percent of Penn State applicants chose Behrend as their first choice campus. Of those applicants, 64 to 65 percent were accepted.

In the past, of students who come to Behrend, 60 percent remain until graduation. As of August 28, Behrend's enrollment was at 127 percent of what Admissions had expected in enrollment.

"We want to stay a small college," said Madigan. "Students come here for the small college part of Penn State and the personal interaction."

In the future, it will be more difficult for students to get into Behrend. There will be higher, more competitive admission standards.

Currently, twenty-four students live in temporary, on-campus housing in quads or converted study lounges. These students received discounts on their room charges and upgraded off campus

bookings were made available to students unable to get on-campus housing.

As of August 17, 138 students were on waiting lists for on-campus housing.

According to Ken Miller, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, the University intentionally overbooks because not all students who accept admission register. This year more students accepted and registered, leading to over enrollment.

"We'd rather have this problem than have empty rooms and

classrooms," said Miller. "Next year will be another tight year."

To open up more on-campus housing, a 136 student, co-ed residence hall will be constructed behind Tiffany Hall. The hall is in the preliminary design phase and changes are still being made. "We want to invite student feedback on the design," said Miller.

Students can see the preliminary design Wednesday, September 27 from 9 am to 11 am in the Dobbins Gazebo. Students will have the opportunity then to offer their ideas and concerns.

Battle over Citadel continues

The Citadel may not remain all male, despite efforts on the school's part to reverse the judicial decision that allowed Shannon Faulkner to attend the military college in South Carolina.

Nancy Mellette, a senior at Oakridge Military Academy, a military-style high school in North Carolina, has added her name to a suit against The Citadel. Mellette, a second Lieutenant Cadet, has won numerous scholastic and athletic honors, completed an application to the state-funded Citadel and plans to major in electrical engineering, according to court documents.

Mellette's father is a 1963 graduate of The Citadel and her brother is currently a senior there.

Faulkner, who won the right to attend The Citadel after a two year court battle, left the school, along with many other cadets, after suffering from heat exhaustion during "Hell Week," the first week of the semester.

Mellette's filing comes after South Carolina inaugurated a so-called women's leadership program at private, all-female Converse College in Spartanburg, S.C. The court will decide if the program is constitutionally equivalent to The Citadel. The trial is scheduled for November, and if found constitutionally equal, women can legally be diverted there.

Serbs resist NATO bombings

In Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, rebel Serbs have shown no sign of pulling heavy weapons from Sarajevo despite repeated NATO bombings during the past two weeks. A senior U.S. official has prepared to meet with Serbia's president, Slobodan Milosevic, to negotiate an end to the 40-month-war. The warring parties have agreed in principle to divide Bosnia giving the Serbs 49 percent and a federation of Bosnian Croats and Muslims the rest. Positions of the factions are still being felt out before any new meetings concerning the plan.

After Serbs captured United Nations "safe areas" of Srebrenica and Zepa in July, the U.N. and NATO agreed to protect the four remaining safe areas in Bosnia, using massive airstrikes. The Serbs have said they would rather suffer airstrikes than pull back their heavy weapons from around Sarajevo.

Pres. Spanier gives address


On September 15, Penn State's 16th president, Graham B. Spanier, will give his State of the University Address at Eisenhower Auditorium in University Park. His address will be broadcast live via satellite to Behrend at 3:00 pm. Students, faculty, and staff can watch the broadcast in the studio in the Academic Building.

President Spanier had been Chancellor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and assumed his role as president September 1.

SEAC NATIONAL CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 13-15, 1995
CHAPEL HILL, NC

- Focus on youth and environmental justice.
- Workshops on organizing skills.
- Feel the energy of 2,200 young activists!
- Invited speakers include Cecilia Rodriguez, Speech (Arrested Development), Vandana Shiva, and Barbara Dudley (Greenpeace).
- Invited band Rage Against The Machine!

For more info, contact SEAC, PO
Box 1168, Chapel Hill, NC 27514-
1168, (919) 967-4600.
SEAC@lgc.apc.org (e-mail).



from FEE on page 1

Dr. Reber was one of the major drives behind the proposal "The student activities fee, as currently proposed, will provide funding assistance that would be very helpful to expand and maintain out of class student concerns," said Reber.

The Council of Commonwealth Student Governments (CCSG), a student government body composed of representatives from all the University's locations outside of University Park, has

enthusiastically endorsed the proposed fee.

In the release "CCSG's Official Stance On the Student Activities Fee," the organization outlines several goals it wishes to see in the final policy regarding the fee.

The five (5) items they will be advocating are:

1. All money raised at each campus will stay at each campus.
2. The student activity fee will not replace the University allocated budgets for student programs and activities at any campus. To ensure this, the University is to commit to continue with its past practice of raising the budgets in these areas by a comparable percentage of any and all tuition increases.
3. This money is only to be used for student activities and related events and issues.
4. There is a safeguard against the University folding this

money in among the general tuition funds.

5. The student activity fee does not exceed \$25 for its first five years in effect.

At Behrend the fee would generate approximately \$160,000 (based on approximately 3200 students).

How the money will be disbursed is unclear at this point.

Dr. Reber hopes the final policy will create a special committee composed of at least half students. That committee will review various proposals and recommendations and make final decisions on the disbursement of the funds.

"I personally hope that a high priority is placed to registered student organizations and for efforts and programs that will enhance evening and weekend out-of-class life of the college," Reber said.

Core services such as Career Development, Health and Wellness services and personal counseling could also be expanded with the addition of the fee according to Dr. Reber.

According to Jeff Butler, CCSG's BOT representative, the fee is expected to pass easily through the Board of Trustees.

"The administration is fully behind the proposal and most Trustees have already expressed their support for the concept," said Butler.

The resolution to be voted on Friday only approves the concept of the fee and does not outline specifics on disbursement procedures.

The final policy regarding the fee will be formed after the vote on Friday.

Though many support the fee, some however some do not advocate it.

Resident assistant Brian Schaeffer said he did not think that the fee would make a significant impact.

"(Students) do not want to pay for what was free before and considered bad by some," said Schaeffer.

However, according to Schaeffer, not all programming is bad. In fact, Schaeffer said that the programming is very good.

"As a stigma, with programming, people expect to be disappointed. For example, at Brunos (this weekend) the band Jake's Blues performed. This is a

"The administration is fully behind the proposal and most Trustees have already expressed their support for the concept."
--Jeff Butler

very popular band in Erie, but there was a low turnout here. We really do have good programs, but people don't come," he said.

Schaeffer added that people associate Bruno's with being disappointing. Though the quality has improved very much this year, Schaeffer said he feels people haven't realized that yet.

This is why Schaeffer said he against the fee. With the instated fee, students would be paying for programming they don't want (or in some cases, don't like).

According to Reber, a committee composed of representatives from all concerned areas of the University will likely be formed to reach agreement on how funds will be handled.

Dr. Reber is pleased that the fee is being considered after investing years of effort to make it a reality. "The entire college community has long advocated a fee to provide important new programs and services as well as expanding existing ones. I am delighted the prospect appears promising."

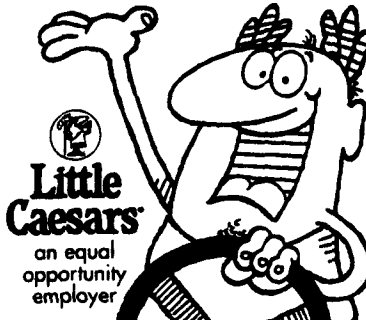
WANTED!

DELIVERY DRIVERS

Little Caesars is looking for great people to deliver great pizzas!
To qualify, you must be...

- Willing to work evenings & weekends.
- Excellent with customer relations.
- 18 years or older with valid drivers license and insured automobile.
- Reliable with a good driving record.

Giant Eagle Plaza
899-8600



Little Caesars
an equal opportunity employer

FROZEN CAKES FOR PARTIES AND ALL OCCASIONS



Lawrence Park
4219 Iroquois Ave.
Erie, PA 16511
899-8655