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New resources for MCC

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The Multi-Cultural Council (MCC) unveiled its new Resource Center on September 5. The Center is located in the former Student Government Association Suite in the Reed Union Building.

The "New Beginning" gave students an opportunity to get a peak at what the center will be all

A grand opening will be when most of the planned resources are in place.

To take a peak before the grand opening, an open house is the center are already in the planned for October 4th at 6:30

have offices in the center to make to evaluate and improve the contacting them easier for all center's assets. That team will be students. Regular meetings for working closely with Ken Miller

held in the center.

The Resource Center is not just for minority students. "The Multi-Cultural Resource Center is an asset and a resource to everyone on campus," says Derrice Ward, vice-president of MCC.

Ward also emphasizes the Center as a valuable resource tool on campus. The center has and will continue to add information about many other cultures as well as diversity issues.

Among the materials presently announced in the near future in the center are language tapes, minority periodicals and scholarship information.

Plans to expand the assets of making. According to Lourdes Tirado, president of MCC, an MCC member organizations assessment team has been formed member organizations are also and the Residence Life staff.

Tirado and Ward stress the importance of students using the center. "The more students make use of the center, the more we will be able to justify expansion

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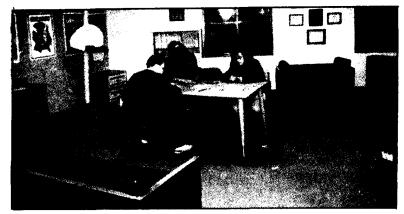


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SGA Elections... Seating is available

By Sean Siekkinen Collegian Staff

The Student Government Association will hold Freshman and Resident Senator elections Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the lobby of the Otto Behrend Science Building. Voting also took place Wednesday afternoon outside of the Reed Building.

Four freshmen and five resident students are running for a total of six SGA seats. Two Freshman Senators and six Resident Senators currently sit on SGA. Only four of the Resident Senator positions are up for election. The Resident Senator candidate elected with the fewest votes will remain in office only until the end of the semester unless SGA passes a constitutional amendment officially recognizing the sixth and final seat.

Since only six commuters are running for the eight available Commuter Senator seats, elections will not be held for that post. However, write-in ballots will be accepted. Although SGA has not determined a minimum number of ballots necessary for a write-in candidate to gain election, President Mike

Woycheck said it would have to be a substantial amount. Like the last Resident Senator seat, the eleventh and final Commuter Senator position, if filled, will be provisional pending SGA action on amending the constitution.

Charlotte Lafer, a psychology major who is also a Freshman Senator candidate, says she is running for office so that she will have the opportunity to get important things accomplished.

"In high school, every time I or somebody I knew wanted something done, it never happened. I wasn't involved in student government, of course. Now I would like to change that."

Resident Senator candidate Doreen Foutz is running on a platform of housing reform. She says she would like to see dorm life better regulated.

"I'm running because I want to have a voice at Behrend, and in what goes on," Foutz said.

According to SGA Commuter Council President Steve Landon, SGA members will be tackling such issues as student parking, listribution of funds, and 3ehrend's implementation of ravenues from the new student activity fee in upcoming months.

"I can't stress enough the importance of students becoming involved in choosing their leaders," Landon said.

In last year's Presidential election, 262 students went to the polls. Woycheck said, "We hope to be surprised," on the subject of this year's voter turnout. All voters will be asked to present their student ID card.

Woycheck encourages all candidates not gaining election to the Senate, and any other students interested in student government to participate in SGA through the various activities and committees that will be formed throughout year.

The Freshman Senator candidates are Jessica Schwab, Christy Wilcox, Bianca Collins, and Charlotte Lafer

The Resident Senator candidates are Jody Joy, Demetrius Reeves, Doreen Foutz, William Matory, and Elaine Gloz

Due to the existence of more available Commuter Senator seats than candidates to fill them, these candidates have already been accepted into SGA via special motion: Ed Haft, John Butler, Charlene Terrill, Timothy Mallon, Mary Kay Bleil, **Anthony Ricciardo**

"It's been a wonderful experience," said Shields of her time at Behrend. Shields began her career at Behrend after graduate school. "This position was my first out of graduate school," Shields said. "I don't know where I'll ever find such a fulfilling position.'

counselor/advisor to returning adult students.

According to Shields, her position in Altoona is "a little bit of everything." Some of her responsibilities will include admissions, recruiting of adult students and career development software. Shields hopes to increase adult enrollment at Altoona.

Shields says

farewell

Teryl Shields, Assistant Director of Student Activities, bids

farewell to Behrend after more than two and a half years of service.

Shields has accepted a position at Penn State Altoona as a

Shields last day is Friday, September 22 and will start work on Monday in Altoona.

"I've had a wonderful time here," said Shields concerning Behrend. "And I'll miss everyone."

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