

Question of the Week: Should there be deferred rush?

No. Other organizations are allowed to have 01 standing members. Why should fraternities and sororities have deferred rush?

-Justin Grimm, 06 MET, Sigma Tau Gamma

No, for I believe that it should be at the discretion of the students to decide whether or not to join the greek system.

-Mike Woycheck, 06 MIS, associate member Sigma Tau Gamma

No. Deferred rush was created to improve greek scholarship. It has not improved scholarship. Why should we continue a program that has been proven not to work?

-John Butler, 06 Accounting, associate member Delta Chi

No. Looking at grades from the '94 spring semester, which was before deferred rush, and the '95 spring semester, which was during deferred rush, both average GPA's were 2.58. So then, tell me what the point of deferred rush was again?

-Erick Wong, 03 MIS, Delta Chi

No, deferred rush discriminates against fraternities and sororities. If their membership can be limited, then all other organizations including athletics should follow deferred rush.

-Dave Miller, 06 EET, Tau Kappa Epsilon

No, because deferred rush is ineffective. By comparing GPA's before deferred rush and after it was placed into effect, it can be seen that there was no rise in GPA's at all. Deferred rush is ineffective in raising GPA's; however, it has been effective in decreasing greek members from 292 to 227 in the past year.

-Adam Rapp, 06 Political Science, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Interfraternity Council president

Yes, freshmen need a semester to get the feel of college life without activities going on.

-Kelly Pahel, 02 DUS, Theta Phi Alpha

No, deferred rush has harmed greek life instead of helping it like it was supposed to.

-Theresa Freeman, 06 BECON, Theta Phi Alpha

I see good points and bad points to both sides. However, I support IFC and (Pan)hellenic Council 100% in whatever they decide.

-Melissa Barger, 09 Biology, Alpha Sigma Alpha

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Are you an average guy?

PHILADELPHIA (CPS)--If you're the kind of guy that buys four frozen pizzas, drinks 44 beers and has sex seven times a month, then congratulations. You're average.

So says an article in the March issue of "Men's Health" magazine, which purports to have made the end-all, be-all list of average guy attributes using reports, surveys and "realms of marketing data."

Perhaps a bit unscientific, the list nonetheless is one way that men can rank themselves against other men, said author Greg Gutfeld, who describes himself as pretty average.

"I think guys are always... in some kind of friendly competition," Gutfeld said, according to Associated Press reports. "We're always trying to find ways to massage our egos and maybe this is just another way. You want to mark yourself against others."

"We're trying to show that maybe your perceptions aren't exactly what you think and maybe you have an edge that you didn't think you have."

Or, maybe you can learn how to rise above the ordinary masses of average Joes.

For instance, if you're the average guy and can run a mile in

12 minutes, maybe it's time to give up a few of the 28 hours you spend in front of the television. After all, the active average guy can run a 7 1/2 minute mile.

Other average guy qualities:

- * Drinks 11 beers a week
- * Spends 44 minutes a day arranging his hair and clothes
- * Can do 33 1/2 situps in a minute
- * Marries at age 26
- * Lives for 72.8 years
- * Has sex with 5 to 10 partners during his lifetime
- * Saves less than \$3,000 for retirement each year
- * Earns \$29,533 annually
- * Spent \$447.25 on jewelry last year
- * Spends \$46 a month at the convenience store.
- * Loses virginity at age 17



Expansion for Behrend

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The committee was also asked to draft an outline of what Behrend college would look like with a student population of 4,000 over the next ten years and 5,000 students ten years after that.

Dr. John M. Lilley, provost and dean, described the proposal.

The growth proposal is "...part of University reorganization. We are to look at the possibility of new colleges and combining campuses," said Lilley. "The two year programs have more options, [our plan] is more straightforward. We just have to consider combining with DuBois and Shenango [campuses]."

After considering mergers with DuBois and Shenango campuses, administrators felt that while a merger with the Shenango campus is possible, it would be difficult because of the distance.

Administrators concluded that a merger with DuBois is not practical.

In response to Spanier's request, plans were unveiled for student population growth at Behrend. Realistically, student population could reach 4,000 students in the next ten years at a rate of 150 additional students every other year. Currently, Behrend has an enrollment of 2,940.

Behrend could absorb these additional students in three ways.

The first way is by filling unused capacity in current academic programs. This would mean more students in each class.

The second way is to expand current academic programs. Many programs are at current

funding levels and others are near that mark.

The final way to absorb more students is to add more academic programs.

These three areas identify potential growth enrollment of near 1,160 students, which would exceed 4,000.

Growth of this proportion would generate an additional \$4.5 million in tuition funds. If this happens, Behrend would go on a different budget plan.

"We all hope for the new budget," said Ken Miller, associate dean of student affairs.

In addition to a new budget plan, Behrend would need new

buildings to accommodate a larger student population.

Behrend has requested a number of new buildings and projects: A multipurpose recreational center, which has been approved but lacks funding, a research and development center, a new police and safety office, renovations for Erie Hall, Otto Behrend Science Building, the biology labs in Nick, phase two of the Reed Union Building renovations, and a lab complex retrofit. To expand to 5,000 students, Behrend has requested funding from University Park for a research and economic development center.

SGA Report

by Sean Siekkinen
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The Student Government Association holds its weekly meeting every Wednesday afternoon at 5:30 in Reed conference room 114.

Timothy Mallon, SGA president, announced the resignation of Bill Mattory as Joint Residence Council president. Demetrius Reeves, a resident senator, was appointed temporary JRC chairman to oversee creation of a new constitution.

Mallon also appointed Steve Landon, commuter senator, to the budget committee to fill the seat vacated by Mary Kay Bleil.

Adam Rapp, Interfraternity Council president, motioned for a resolution giving SGA's support to IFC in their ongoing talks with the school concerning Greek life guidelines. The motion passed without objection.

Michael Zampetti was accepted into SGA as a commuter senator.

Lourdes Tirardo, Multi-Cultural Council president, asked SGA for money to pay for a leadership retreat in Pittsburgh. Steve Landon objected to using SGA money to pay for the retreat. SGA will debate the issue at next week's meeting, when Tirardo provides guidelines on how the money will be spent.

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