

Clinton budget called "fraudulent"

The 1997 budget package proposed by President Bill Clinton Tuesday is not being received warmly by House Republicans. Tony Blankley, a spokesman for House Speaker Newt Gingrich called the \$1.64 trillion package "fraudulent" and "phony."

Clinton's proposal calls for \$119 billion in tax cuts, paid for in part by higher business taxes and closing some loopholes. The Clinton administration claims that the budget would balance federal spending by 2002. According to Blankley, the proposed budget is "a campaign document meant to get past the next election."

Dole closing in on Clinton

Bob Dole, Senate Majority Leader, may give President Bill Clinton some stiff competition, according to a national poll published Tuesday.

The Washington Post-ABC News poll says Clinton leads Dole 52 percent to 43 percent. A week ago, Clinton lead with 56 percent compared to Dole's 39 percent.

However, the likely GOP presidential candidate's age may be his Achilles' heel. According to the poll, 35 percent of those surveyed believe Dole, 72, is too old to serve effectively. Pollsters believe this view is held mostly among Clinton backers, but a third of independent voters and a quarter of those who support Ross Perot in 1992 feel the same. There is three-point margin of error in the survey results.

Sarajevo reunited

Sarajevo became a united city again after almost four years of being divided into warring communal ghettos. The reunion happened when Muslim-Croat authorities took control of the last district that had been held by the Serbs. The Bosnian capital's Grbavica sector was reluctantly vacated by Serbs on Tuesday in accordance with the Bosnian peace accord.

Police from the Muslim-Croat authorities found widespread destruction resulting from the lawlessness that reigned recently as departing Serbs, determined not to leave anything of value, laid waste to the suburb.

The Serbs' flight has been a deliberate blow to prospects for restoring a multi-cultural community of Muslims, Croats and Serbs.

History Day planned

BEHREND—More than 65 students from public and parochial schools will gather with their teachers, families and friends at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, on Saturday, March 30, to take part in the College's celebration of History Day.

Through a series of projects and performances, the high school students will share their insights on how various individuals, groups, and movements have encouraged change in communities, societies, nations or the world. The theme this year is "Taking a Stand in History."

Projects will be open for public viewing between 9 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. An awards ceremony will be held at noon in the Reed Union Building Commons.

For more information on this event, please contact the Penn State-Behrend Division of Humanities and Social Services at 898-6108.

Nelson offers Winnie settlement

South African President Nelson Mandela has told his lawyers to offer Winnie Mandela, his former wife, an out-of-court settlement. Mandela says he's hoping she will be reasonable and accept the payment to settle their differences.

The Mandelas were granted a divorce in Johannesburg Tuesday, ending their 33-year marriage. Yesterday, a judge rejected Winnie Mandela's claim to half the president's assets, because she did not show up in court and did not send an attorney to represent her at the hearing. She said she might go to South Africa's Constitutional Court to get a "fair hearing" in the divorce.

Gulf oil spill spreads

Workers have had little luck in containing a major oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, said emergency officials in Texas. About 100,000 gallons of heavy oil spilled from a ruptured barge grounded at the mouth of Galveston Bay in the Houston Ship Channel, the waterway that connects Houston's port with the Gulf.

Heavy winds have spread the oil in a plume stretching about five miles in the Gulf despite efforts by a fleet of skimming vessels and attempts to contain the oil with booms. Workers continued efforts to unload the remaining 516,000 gallons of oil still in the barge tanks that did not rupture.

12 Billion years of math

BEHREND—Dr. Richard Bollinger, professor of mathematics at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, will speak to his colleagues and the public in a lecture entitled, "My First 12 Billion Years in Mathematics," on Tuesday, April 2 at noon in the College's Teed Union Building Commons. Bollinger will make his presentation as winner of the 1995 Penn State-Behrend Council of Fellows Faculty Research Award. The lecture is free and open to the public.

The professor plans to touch on a number of unsolved mathematical problems during his talk, and examine several mathematicians whom he terms, "eccentric and otherwise." The title he selected is a reference to a childhood memory. Bollinger recalls that the universe was thought to be approximately four billion years old when he was a

child. Today, speculation is that it is closer to 16 billion years old. "I figure I must have been around for about 12 billions years," he says.

A widely-published scholar, Bollinger holds a Ph.D. in math from the University of Pittsburgh. He has served on the Penn State-Behrend faculty for more than thirty years.

His most recent work is a translation of Generalized Pascal Triangles and Pyramids; Their Fractals, Graphs and Application. The original book, a Russian monograph by internationally-recognized mathematician Boris A. Bondarenko, includes a discussion of several papers published by Bollinger.

Bollinger felt the Russian had done the mathematical community a service by publishing this survey of more than 500 results and references, and after corresponding with



Math-osaurus: Dr. R. Bollinger is the 1996 recipient of Fellows Faculty Research Award.

Bondarenko, decided the work deserved to be made more widely available in English. The translation was published by the Fibonacci Association at Santa Clara University in 1993.

For more information on Bollinger's lecture, contact the Office of Development and University Relations at Penn State-Behrend, 898-6159.

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Correction

Last week, in our story about the Alternative Spring Break, we claimed that Sarah Rogers worked at a women's shelter owned by her sister when in fact, the shelter is not run by Roger's sister. The name of the shelter is "My Sister's Place."

SGA Report

by Sean Siekkinen
Collegian Staff

The Student Government Association holds its weekly meeting every Wednesday at 5:15 in Reed conference room 114.

The question of presidential authority and the extent to which it should reach was raised at last night's SGA meeting.

In light of an incident last week in which President Timothy Mallon voiced the possibility of vetoing an SGA resolution, Multi-Cultural Council President Lourdes Tirardo moved to amend the SGA constitution to restrict presidential veto power. As a constitutional amendment, the motion will automatically be tabled for two weeks. If passed, the president will only be able to veto a motion at an SGA meeting within one week of the motion's passage.

The motion that sparked the amendment was passed last week with the intent of requiring Behrend CCSG representatives to vote against the proposed SGA stipend. Mallon had announced his intent to vote for the stipend, and according to Tirardo threatened to veto the motion after the meeting.

Mallon said he was merely contemplating the issue, and didn't think SGA should effectively tie the hands of CCSG representatives. Mallon says SGA sentiment kept him from following through with the veto.

CCSG defeated the stipend proposal in committee.

In the president's report, Mallon also announced CCSG had passed a resolution to double the computer access fee to \$70 if the University does not receive \$4.5 million in state funding next semester.

Another CCSG motion opened seats on the board of trustees to full-time students from any University campus.

SGA elections will be held on Wednesday, April 3 and Thursday, April 4. Petitions for candidacy are due in the SGA office by 5:00 this Monday.

Senator Michael Zampetti is researching Behrend's commencement practices, looking into the separation of church and state. Behrend is the only University campus whose graduation ceremony includes a prayer. SGA will discuss the topic at next week's meeting, with the intent of adopting an official stance on the controversial subject.

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