

Activity Fee continued

Association requested \$70,000 to allocate to Behrend clubs and organizations. This is up from \$50,000 last year. This money is used to support the approximately 80 clubs and organizations on campus. It was decided to start off at \$50,000 and add more if there was extra money at the end.

A major source of discussion was the funding of more activities on campus on the weekends. Behrend would like to bring in a well known band, on the same level as the Mighty Mighty Bosstones, which Gannon had last semester. Reber stated, "We need more large scale, fun activities, especially on weekends." Behrend students would be able to buy tickets at a discounted rate: around ten dollars. There would also be smaller, lesser known bands such as the Gathering Field, which was here last semester, on weekends for free. Rizzo would like to see, "something big happening all of the time." There were tentative plans made to fund the large concert and about five smaller, free concerts.

There was discussion about having the Health and Wellness Center open for a walk in clinic on Saturdays. The Center proposed that it be open from 9 am to 1 p.m. This was tried several years ago, before the suites were built. The service wasn't used very much and wasn't cost efficient. It was proposed by Brian Streeter, Director of Athletics and member of the committee, to reduce the hours from 9 am to 1 p.m. to 11 am to 1 p.m.. This brought up the concern of finding a nurse willing to work for only two hours on

Saturdays. It was decided to ask the Health and Wellness Center for another proposal.

The weight room and equipment were a priority for discussion. Several pieces of equipment need repairs, Streeter stated, "we need to maintain it [the equipment], I have tried to build it into my budget." Streeter also felt that the weight room should be open all of the time. As of now, the weight room is periodically closed to give sports teams sole access to the equipment. Streeter commented, "When we close, we are saying something to the students." Tentatively, \$4000 was allocated to the weight room for repairs and new equipment.

The issue of activities for students on campus was discussed at length as were several events, such as tailgate parties in Bruno's for Penn State and other sports. Also there was a discussion on possible formal dances and ballroom dancing lessons. Rizzo emphasized the importance of, "special events where you can do something out of the ordinary."

The committee met again last Sunday to make further decisions on the suggestions. According to Reber, the preliminary decisions on where the money would be allocated were made. They came up with a budget of \$189,000 that has to be reduced to \$159,000.

The committee will meet one more time tonight at 7 p.m. The decisions made at this meeting will still be preliminary and students are still welcome to make suggestions, as the budget at this point is flexible. The meetings are open to the public.

Behrend attempts to provide for the disabled

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Practically every door on campus is designed for disabled access. Most students might not have thought that much about the importance of this due to fortunate physical circumstances, but for disabled students such as Michael Nadolny, a sophomore student majoring in mechanical engineer technologies, it is definitely one of the essential elements in his daily life.

Beginning in 1990, the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) and Act 504 required institutions of higher education to modify facilities so that they are accessible to the disabled. As this new requirement was established, the Behrend administration immediately took action. Most students might not be familiar with the Office of Operations and Human Resources, but they are the department that is fully in charge of the physical plant, large projects occurring in our own campus.

As requirements from ADA were established, Behrend initially began with the basics, but the most significant part of the program was the installation of the automatic doors to the buildings. Even though the law requires administrations to "make reasonable accommodations", there weren't specific standards nor regulations provided, other than requiring a door with a force less than 8 lbs.

Therefore Behrend had to set a standard of their own by asking the question, "what accommodations do we need?" and deciding for the worst case scenario.

The major installations that were done in relation to the requirements were automatic doors to the buildings, restroom adjustments to proper heights of equipment, sidewalks, and signs for the handicapped. These installations were measured and inspected by the federal Office of Civil Rights.

According to the Director of Operations and Human Resources, John Ream, "It is an ongoing project that began in 1986. When a request comes in from a disabled student, we jump right in. That is the primary source. About three years ago, one student raised an issue about the installation of the automatic door at Hammerrill. We then made accommodation that was thought reasonable for his concern. This is the reason why it is considered to be an ongoing project." Disabled students play very active roles in establishing their corresponding needs.

There are also surveys that are given to disabled students by the Associate Dean of Student Affairs, Ken Miller, concerning their needs. According to Nadolny, "There are surveys that are given, but I usually go directly to a

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butted this with the fact that there is proof such as the maps of the Egyptians that came before Christ. Dr. Van Sertima furthered this debate by saying that it's hard for people to accept the fact that the so called "primitive people" did something before the Europeans.

After the speech, René Mascoll, 08 psychology, stated, "He was very knowledgeable about African American history in regards to various inventions that we use today and take for granted. He reminded those who knew about these inventions of their roots and enlightened those who didn't know."

Shannon D. Jones, President of the Multi-Cultural Council commented, "He spoke on some controversial issues that are still being debated by scholars all over the world. However, whether you agreed with him or not, he did spark a chord in you to want to do your own research and become more familiar with what you believe concerning that subject. The major thing that sticks out in my mind is how he spoke about in the past the inventions of many African Americans have been disregarded or other people have taken credit for their contributions. Dr. Van Sertima stressed that he was not trying to say that one group is superior and another group is inferior, he was simply sharing evidence that he has found, that leads him to believe that ancient people of Africa were more advanced than what the scholars and history books of today give them credit."

Jones went on to say, "I was extremely disappointed that a member of the staff became hostile towards the speaker because they had different views on some of the issues which were spoken about. I was enraged that shortly after commenting, that individual stormed out of the lecture hall. I was also embarrassed that another member of the staff was sleeping during the presentation. The purpose of the different speakers that MCC in-

one on one basis in requesting something. Inadequate service is a concern, I would have to say that the majority of it is [adequate], but there are still a little few things I wish they could change ... such as changing the entrance to the computer lab. I know it is acceptable by the ADA, but it is still somewhat inconvenient. But in most cases, I have to admit that I am served adequately. For example, since I live in Almy Hall, the only residence hall that possesses characteristics categorized under ADA, whenever I need to come down to the campus, I either call Police and Safety or other local organizations for transportation who all try to come as promptly as they can."

Since creating facilities for disabled students is an ongoing project, the total cost of these installations can only be approximated. According to the Office of Operations and Human Resources, the costs of any projects within the campus are divided into two categories: the minor projects (costing under \$30,000) and the major projects (costing above \$30,000). For the past 3 years, the combined total cost of these projects was approximated at \$157,500.

It is the administration's job to provide students with the facilities, but it is the students' job to let them know what is needed. As Ream states, "Handicapped or any students should make themselves known to the office, and we will certainly make accommodations for their needs."

vites to the college is not to change people's thinking but to challenge them to think on their own and become aware of how they feel about controversial issues. I do think that Behrend has a long way to go before it accomplishes the goals that have been set up by the Diversity and Educational Equity Committee. The college needs more faculty and staff who promote and develop an appreciation for differences in race, ethnicity, gender, age, physical ability, and sexual orientation. When Behrend does accomplish these goals, that is when I will believe this campus is free of barriers, both physical and attitudinal, which are discriminatory."

Development continued

the University in regards to the type of development that may occur. They do not want anything to detract from the look of the campus.

Ream said that for the Eastside Highway plan it would run "from Shannon Rd., across the Gorge, along the north side of the fields, circle around and come across the home plate of the new girls' softball field, south of the entrance to the school and just south of the interchange of Jordan and Station roads, parallel to Station, through the middle of the Child Care Center, and back to Station Rd."

The Child Care Center would have to be moved to a better, more accessible location, as the current location is in the path of the planned highway. A long term goal is to make Jordan Road a link to Knowledge Park and keep traffic at a minimum. Ream said that it is preferable that there not be any vehicular traffic on campus so that Behrend stays a pedestrian campus. PennDot plans to start acquiring property in 2-3 years, beginning with the area from the Bayfront to Sixth St. then from Sixth to Twelfth St., and finally from the interchange to the land across from University property. Two current main concerns about traffic in this area include Station Road's dangerous curves and the difficulty of getting in and out of the campus. Improving on these two aspects would improve safety immensely.

Behrend expresses views on White House scandal

by Jon Tatalovic
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By now, everyone in America has heard about the Clinton sex scandal. In the early stages of the sex scandal, there was much talk about a possible impeachment. However, despite the current accusations, President Clinton appears to be gaining supporters. A Wall Street Journal/ NBC News poll showed that Clinton has the highest approval rating of his presidency.

Here at Behrend, Dr. Diana Hume George, a professor of English and Women's Studies said, "I'm not interested in President Clinton's sexual

behavior except if it is non-consensual and/or if he lies under oath or encourages others to do so."

When asked how she felt about Clinton's high approval rating, George responded, "I think that it's fascinating and astonishing and it indicates either our national attention deficit syndrome, or a sensible refusal to bother with this tripe."

Some students share similar opinions. Nick McClearn, 02 DUS, said that impeachment of Clinton is unlikely, and shouldn't even be considered. "I think that President Clinton shouldn't even be hassled with this is-

sue." It seems that a majority of the nation and segments of the Behrend community support President Clinton in the sex scandal at the White House.

The current scandal started on January 17th, at the Paula Jones lawsuit when President Clinton was being questioned about Jones. He then was asked about relations with Monica Lewinsky with whom he denied having a sexual relationship. Now, information about recorded conversations of Lewinsky talking about her sexual relationship with President Clinton have surfaced, and prosecutor Kenneth Starr has expanded his investigation.

Phone registration has its ups and downs

by Andrea Zaffino
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For approximately the past six years any student attending Penn State University has enjoyed the convenience of scheduling their classes by telephone registration. Under this system a student can call in what courses he or she is interested in taking and know within minutes whether the class they want is full or has space available for them.

It gives every Penn State student direct access to the computer on which all courses are scheduled. In the past this benefit was not available. Before telephone registration was enacted, the process was done by a scanning form through a computer which the student filled out. If a class was completely booked all those students for whom there was no room were not aware of it until months later, sometimes not until a few weeks before the semester began.

However, with the convenience of the telephone registration, comes some problems as well. A major problem resulting is that students no longer are under any obligation to see their

advisors about class registration so they frequently sign up for classes they do not have the required prerequisites for. Ideally, this should not be the case, Robert Schenker, Behrend College Registrar says, "The student is always supposed to go through the advisor, it's just the way of submitting the registration that has changed."

The problem with "growing students" as Schenker calls the freshmen and sophomore students, signing up for classes they are not prepared for is that they frequently get in over their heads and end up marring their academic records with a poor grade for a class they weren't even required to take yet.

Even for students who don't wish to go through their advisors there are ways to avoid signing up for a class they lack the prerequisites for. For each semester when the schedule of classes comes out, there is a column in the last space of the schedule outline marked "note". For each class listed there is a number that represents this "note" column. In the back of the schedule book there is a listing of what all the numbers stand for. Any

class with a number one in this column is stating that a prerequisite is required.

The computer program that handles student registration has certain restrictions. One of those is when they built the Penn State program, it was impossible to include a prerequisite check of students' former classes leaving course selection to basically anything they wanted, save the graduate level courses.

There is also now an on line advising system, Comprehensive Academic and Advising Information System (CAAIS) to aid students in choosing their classes and other academic needs. However, even with this new advantage, it is still important for students to see their advisors, Schenker said, "Getting the prerequisite is a matter of knowing what courses have already been offered, that information is obtained through the student's advisor. The computer won't do it all, that is the student's responsibility."

Schenker added that, "The advisee-advisor relationship is extremely important, we have to give the advisors and students new tools for this."

Police And Safety REPORT:

02/04/98 Caller from the library reported two goats wandering around the Academic Building.

02/06/98 Someone put about thirty beer bottles and cans in front of his door, spilled beer on the floor and into his room, spread a banana next to the door and jammed the door shut with four pennies.

02/07/98 Complainant reported that she was involved in an accident on Jordan Road.

02/07/98 Complainant reported smell of smoke in the library. Checked the building and found everything normal.

02/08/98 Complainant called for emergency transport due to a front wheel falling off his wheelchair.

Question of the Week

What sports would you like to see Behrend add, why?

"Football. Because Behrend just needs a football team."

-Steve Fredickson, 06, Accounting

"Hockey."

-Mike Thieroff, 06, Communications

"Bocce ball. It's fun and relaxing."

-Tony Pallila, 06, Accounting

"Track and field. Because I did it in high school."

-Stephanie Jones, 02, DUS

"Football."

-Ron Henderson, 04, MEBD

"Swimming. I don't know why."

-Brittany Hunt, 02, DUS



photo by Jason Blake

Entrances to buildings such as the Glenhill Farmhouse are now accessible to the disabled