



Gretchen Foust gets her bids at the ASA Date Auction

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Daniel Donnellan smiles for the crowd at the Date Auction

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Voter registration deadline approaching

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About twenty years ago, the Supreme Court decided that college students could register to vote in the district where they attend college. With the deadline for voter registration rapidly approaching, it is important that students who wish to vote in this election register immediately.

Since college students spend most of the year living on or near their college campus, many want to vote in that district rather than in their hometowns. One reason is convenience. Lansana Shorrow, 01 Mechanical Engineering, is originally from Georgia. Although he has not registered to vote yet, he is planning on registering in Erie. "It is a lot less trouble than going home," he commented.

Students may vote in their hometown by absentee ballot instead of traveling home on election day. However, the deadline for requesting an

absentee ballot is well before the election.

Another reason students vote at school rather than in their hometown is that officials elected in their hometown don't usually have a direct effect on the community that students spend most of the year in. If a student is arrested for a crime while at school, she or he will be tried in the court that is in the district the college is located in, not in their hometown. Because district judges are elected, students might find it more effective to choose the judge in their college town than in their hometown.

Mike Wolf, 01 Business Management, is registered in Erie County, though not in Behrend's district. "I haven't thought about it that way. I guess I should," he said in regard to choosing a district judge.

One reason students don't vote locally is that they simply don't know that they are allowed to register to vote in their college town instead of their

hometown. Sara Chesley, 01 Elementary Education, is a Behrend student who wasn't aware that she could register to vote here.

In addition to choosing a local judge, other local officials make choices about zoning and other ordinances that could affect students. Zoning is a particularly important issue to Behrend because of the proposed development around Station Road. The area is currently zoned for college related buildings and businesses, but as the development becomes more prominent, local residents may resist the changes. The elected officials in Harborcreek will be the ones to make the final decisions about zoning.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, and the final day to register in Pennsylvania is Monday, October 5. Voter registration forms are available at post offices and libraries.

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are going to make some money." Gretchen Foust, 03 Business, when asked how she felt about being auc-

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tioned off, replied, "I was a little nervous at first, but it was fun and it was for a good cause." When asked how he felt about being auctioned off for seventy dollars, Patrick Kramer, 03 Environmental Resource Management, said, "I don't know how to describe it, it makes you feel really good about yourself." Steve Husted said that he signed up "because my fraternity got me into it."

ASA has been working on this program for two years now and each year it becomes a bigger and bigger event.

LETTERS TO
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Question of the Week

Where were you when the earthquake hit?

"Working in the bookstore. I didn't feel it, but I bet it sucked."

-Beth Shaffer, 01 Communications Disorders

"What earthquake?"

-John Jones, 01, DUS

"Driving home. I'm sorry I missed it"

-Kelly Jordan, 03, Business

"Taking a nap. I'm so angry I missed it. I'll probably never experience one again."

-Meredith Shallen, 03, Political Science

"I was studying. Everything in my room started to shake."

-Samuel Potgen, 01, DUS

Police And Safety REPORT:

09/20/98 Harrassment by communication.

09/24/98 Unattended fire found burning in the fireplace of the picnic grove. No events scheduled for this date to use the grove. Fire was put out.

09/25/98 Traffic accident on Station Road at the campus entrance. No injuries, both vehicles were drivable.

09/25/98 Saw a vehicle in 15 minute spot that was leaking gas. Belonged to a commuter student. Officer left a note.

09/26/98 Observed two males, who were eating pizza in S Lot, throw the empty boxes on someone's vehicle. Had them remove the boxes and warned them that future acts like this would result in charges of disorderly conduct being filed.

09/26/98 Found a male sleeping under a truck in parking Lot F. The male was charged with underage drinking.

09/26/98 Individual complained of receiving modem calls on the emergency phone line.



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