

## Microsoft contract software available for students

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Microsoft software is now available for students at no cost from the Computer Center. This software is being provided to all of the students of Penn State Behrend through a contract signed with Microsoft. This contract with it makes Microsoft the official software supplier for the University, in return for supplying students with free copies of popular Microsoft titles.

Currently at the Computer Center there are two Microsoft titles available. Office 2000 and Front Page 2000. To receive their free programs, students must show their Penn State ID Card and fill out an on-line registration form. The student will then receive CDs with the software. The software is currently available in both IBM and Macintosh formats.

These programs, according to the contract the school has with Microsoft, can only be installed twice, and if the program is not registered on-line within fifty uses, it will deactivate. This is to prevent people from reselling copies of the programs, or from putting it on multiple computer systems.

Currently there are very limited



PHOTO BY JEFF MILLER  
A Behrend student shows off his Microsoft Office program that were given out at the Computer Center.

quantities of these titles available for students, but more will be available soon from Microsoft. With Microsoft Office 2000 costing upwards of \$200, the contract with Microsoft will result in great savings for students who use these programs for their classwork.

Microsoft Office 2000 is a multiple program software package, including the popular Microsoft Word and PowerPoint programs that many

students use when they prepare their classwork. Microsoft Front Page 2000 is a very easy-to-use Web Page creation program that does everything from the basic creation of a Web Page to publishing it on the Internet.

The Computer Center is available to answer any questions that students have about obtaining their Microsoft software.

## Engineers complain about resources at Pizza with the Provost

by Nicole Green  
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On Monday, November 8, Dr. John Lilley met with students from Behrend in the Pizza with the Provost series. This meeting was directed toward the commuting students here at Behrend. Although the meeting was intended for commuters, the issues discussed focused not on parking and other topics that would seem to interest commuters alone, but instead on issues such as creating more buildings for the School of Engineering and addressing issues on diversity and tolerance.

As an introduction to the meeting, Dean Lilley discussed his interest in finding out the names, majors, and favorite professors of each of the students in attendance.

Two students, Douglas Watkins, 07 MIS, and Brian DeSalle, 07 MIS, made an appeal to the Dean for better conditions for the MIS computer labs. They each addressed Dean Lilley in a calm yet firm manner and stated that although "the Behrend MIS program is one of the greatest in the nation," they are surviving on, "a shoe string budget." As they expressed, "the lab holds fourteen people plus a professor and lab assistant, and the MIS major is growing exponentially." The

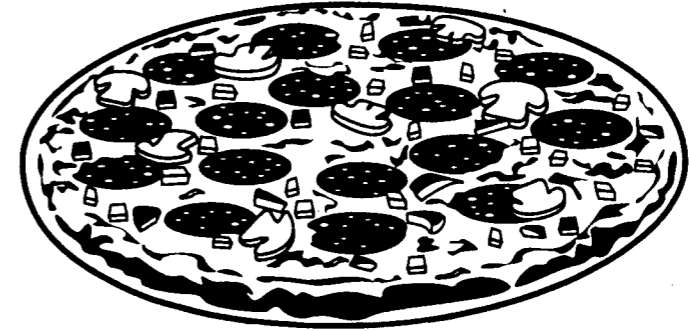
two young men even brought in a demonstration of an old computer that was donated to the lab - one that had seen a lot of work done on it.

After stating that it was not necessary for Watkins and DeSalle to carry the piece of equipment all the way down to the Reed building from the computer lab in the trailer, he also addressed their concerns. He stated and stressed that the problem with the MIS

complaints was not a lack of resources, but a lack of diversity on campus. Her idea of one way that this could occur was through the Freshman orientation. Programs could be established that would make students aware of the diversity on the campus. Dean Lilley responded by saying that "our students are more tolerant than they used to be."

Another plan Dean Lilley stated was that the school has proposed is a fine arts center. This would take the place of the studio located on the side of Turnbull. However, when asked when these plans would be put into effect, the Dean stated, "I don't know how soon that will happen." What is certain though is that, "we'd like to give it [the present studio] a different use. We'd like to use that as a gathering place."

Other issues addressed included making accommodations for the increasing enrollment at Behrend, hosting a job fair for business students, and initiating common hours into the daily schedule. Dean Lilley heard the concerns of the students and was attentive to what everyone had to say. Although no promises were made for the issues addressed, he had open ear and was willing to work with the students for what they believe in.



computer lab "is not a financial problem, it is a planning problem." The plans for better conditions for the labs have not been completed. However, he did invite Watkins and DeSalle to e-mail him in a detailed letter with all of their concerns for the lab, and he stated that he would make an effort to make amends to some of their concerns.

One adult student made known her concerns for the racial, gender, and homophobic slurs that have recently been found on dry erase boards. She stated that the school should be "ad-

## BLUE LIGHT SPECIAL

### Police and Safety holds meeting to discuss campus safety

by Jennifer Primerano  
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Police and Safety officer Charles Geer addressed campus safety concerns at a meeting Monday evening in the Lawrence Hall lobby.

Geer highlighted specific features on campus like blue light emergency phones, demonstrated basic self-defense moves and gave tips on how to avoid an unsafe confrontation.

"Most of it's common sense," said Geer. For example, knowing the exact route to walk and appearing confident can deter possible attackers. Also, know where the blue light emergency phones are located. Several are located near Almy Hall and Ohio Hall, two at the Behrend fields, one on the new path leading to the science building, and one near Erie Hall.

When partying, it is important to be aware of your drinks and not to accept drinks from others. Also, it is smart to let someone know where you are going and when you expect to be back.

Geer said that the main goal of self-defense when being confronted is to "draw attention to yourself anyway you can and get away." Yelling "fire" or "fight" are simple ways to attract the attention of others.

If you ever find yourself in a situation where it is necessary to get away, there are several techniques you can use to protect yourself. "For simple self-defense, go for the eyes, the groin, ears and piercings," said Geer.

Geer also suggests "doing anything to distract them for that second where you can run."

Since no weapons are allowed on campus, students should improvise weapons in a possible emergency

with the things they usually carry. For instance, the average backpack weighs 25 pounds, so hitting someone in the head or just throwing it at them can impair the attacker for at least a few seconds. Pepper spray is permitted, but be sure the spray is unwrapped and easily accessible for immediate use. Also, carrying keys in between the knuckles serves as a self-defense maneuver. They can be used to poke someone in the eyes or scratch the face. Similarly, a pen forced into the ribs is another way to defend yourself.

It is also important to know what not to do in an attack situation. For example, don't challenge the attacker or don't bluff that you have a weapon like a gun or knife. Furthermore, a 24 hour escort service is offered on campus. Call Police and Safety and a walking escort will assist you.



### DECEMBER 1999 SUPPLEMENTAL STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE COMMITTEE

#### Request for Student Activity Fee Funding Proposals

The Student Activity Fee Committee is again preparing to allocate funds for the Fall 1999 and Spring 2000 Semesters. We invite your proposal requests. Please pick up a Funding Proposal Request Form at the Reed Union Building (RUB) Information Desk, the SGA Office, the Office of Student Activities, or the Office of Student Affairs to suggest uses for the available funding. Funding guidelines are summarized below. **The SAF Committee will be meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup> to review proposals. The proposal submission deadline is November 30 by 5 p.m.**

#### GUIDELINES

Excluded from funding consideration are salaries, major building renovations, and construction of new facilities. Student activity fee revenues cannot be used to replace activities currently supported through general University funds. Student activity fee revenues may be used for the following purposes.

#### GENERAL STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE FUNDING CATEGORIES

- CAMPUS ACTIVITIES which enhance out-of-class experiences for students.
- EQUIPMENT which facilitates opportunities for student involvement and campus-wide programming.
- FACILITIES UPGRADES in direct support of out-of-class experiences.
- PROGRAM SUPPORT to meet campus-wide programming needs, such as lecture series, music programs, cultural events, and entertainment.
- RECREATION, including support for club sports, intramurals, open recreation, and facilities and equipment which support these needs.
- DIVERSE POPULATIONS AND ISSUES, including programs and activities which support and/or enhance such diversity and non-traditional activities.
- SELECTED SUPPORT SERVICES

Please return your written suggestions to:  
**Dean of Students Office, 115 Reed Union Building**  
no later than  
**Tuesday, November 30, 1999 @ 5 p.m.**

Questions may be directed to Mr. Ken Miller, Interim Dean of Student Affairs (ext. 6111), Andrea DiPlacido, SGA President (ext. 6220), or Stacey McCoy, RUB Desk Manager (ext. 7135). Thank you in advance for your input.

#### Some of the programs which have been funded this year...

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| Intramurals Programs   | Mascot Uniform and School Flag   |
| Bills vs. Steelers Game - Almy Hall Council  | Guest Speaker - Math Club  |
| ASO Food Tasting - ASO   | Technology & Science Lecture Series - ME Club                                |
| Moon Filters, Red Flashlights, Astroscan Telescope, etc. - Astronomy Club/Physics Club | Entrepreneur Workshop - NSBE   |
| Blue Bus   | Perry Nuclear Power Plant Tour - IEEE Club                                   |
| Computer Equipment for <i>Beacon</i>   | Spring Friday Fiesta - OLAS  |
| Behrend Cultural Series - MCC  | Hispanic Heritage Month - OLAS   |
| Blinds for windows in Reed 114, 113, & 112   | Outdoor Rec. Programs - Intramural and Rec. Programs                         |
| Theater Performance by Vinnie Burrows - Women Today & ABC                              | Student Government Association   |
| Career Night - Math Club   | Spirit Stations - Athletics  |
| Fall Festival  | Concert & Coffee House Night - RASO & Women Today                            |
| Casino Night - NSBE  | Theatre Trip to Stratford - RoundTable                                       |
| Date Auction - Alpha Sigma Alpha   | Safer Sex Cabaret - Trigon   |
| Dart Board - BackRoom  | Jagman Weight Scale  |
| Easels for club/organization use - RUB Desk  | Reed 117 Screen and Amp  |
| Annual Egg Drop Competition - Physics/Astronomy Club                                   | Lion Entertainment Board   |
| Expressions of Blackness - ABC   | Snowball Formal  |
| Fall Alternative Break - Student Activities Office                                     | Video Projector, Cable Box, and VCR - LEB                                    |
| Freshman Interest Groups/Logan Dinners   | Behrend Speaker Series   |
| Trick or Treat Program - Lawrence and Niagara Hall Councils                            | Concerts & Special Events (Train/Angry Salad, Cedar Point, Cider Rock, etc.) |
| Harambee Dinner - MCC  | Game Day Promotions - Athletics  |
| International Dinner - International Management Class                                  | Stools for Computers in Reed Union Building Mailroom Lobby                   |
| Jagman Weightroom Equipment  | Student to Student - Health & Wellness Center                                |
| Lion Ambassadors Membership Drive & Spirit Day Food                                    | Center for Service Leadership - Student Activities                           |
| Fall 99 Leadership Conference  | Swing Lessons and Dance - LEB  |

You're invited to join the crowd!

## FREE CLASSIFIEDS

E-mail your classifieds to  
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## Corrections

On the graph on last week's front page, the under 11 age group was incorrectly labeled as being 11 years. We at the Beacon apologize for any inconvenience that this may have caused.

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