

SGA's on the web and digging in their pockets

Student Government accepting budget proposals

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It's already that time of the semester when budget request forms are due to the SGA. Clubs and organizations that wish to receive funding for special events and activities must submit requests for the Fall of 2000 by Friday, February 25. The budget process is set up for currently registered clubs and organizations to request funding from SGA.

SGA Vice President George Leshnock encourages clubs to "take advantage of the opportunity to get involved on campus with your club or organization."

There is a detailed process clubs must go through to request this funding. Initial requests are due before 5 p.m. on Friday, February 25. The Budget Committee will call for a hearing if an application is unclear or if the committee has any questions regarding an application. If necessary, these hearings would be scheduled between March 20 and 24. Following any hearings, the budget Committee meets to make allocation recommendations, and then presents those recommendations to SGA. Budget allocations will be put in club mailboxes on Thursday, April 14; appeals are due in the Office of Student Activities by Tuesday, April



SGA President Andrea DiPlacido

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18. The Budget Committee is a University committee consisting of ten voting members. Those members include the SGA Budget Committee chair, the SGA president and treasurer, and student appointees. Also, several administrative staff members and one faculty member advise the committee and act as non-voting members.

Money that clubs and organizations request is to be used for financing programs and activities of a recreational, cultural, educational and service nature. These programs and activities are to be designed primarily to benefit current Penn State Behrend students.

There is a list of seven items that cannot be funded according to University Policy, including the

purchase of or reimbursement for alcohol and for the hiring of legal services or appropriations for the personal gain of any student, faculty member, staff member or citizen.

Twelve items are listed as things not normally funded according to the restrictions set by SGA. Included are clothing, uniforms or similar personal items, money for programs at campuses other than Penn State Behrend, donations, and charitable contributions.

For further information about the SGA budgeting process and its requirements, contact the Office of Student Activities at 898-6171 or the Student Government Office at 898-6220.

SGA on the Web

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The Student Government Association at Penn State Behrend is now online. SGA recently got its website up and running. The site is located at www.clubs.psu.edu/BehrendSGA. Posted on the new page are minutes from SGA meetings, updates of what's going on in SGA, and photos and email addresses of council members, senators, and officers. There are also links to respective committee pages. The SGA Constitution is also posted, including up-to-date amendments and corrections.

"We're hoping that the new SGA website will improve communication between the SGA and the student body. This will allow us to let the students know what SGA is doing for them and to get feedback from them regarding how we can improve our service to them," said Demian Blair. Blair is a senator and a website committee member.

A goal for the near future is to add pages for separate issues, such as current events and hot topics. Blair said that the committee will also be working on posting a calendar of events and activities for each club and organization at Behrend.

There are currently two Behrend student webmasters working on the web page for about 15 hours a week.

SGA Vice President George Leshnock said, "With the growing use of technology, this will allow students to have more access to SGA and to make us more readily available to the students."

If any students have ideas or questions about the website, contact Leshnock or Blair in the SGA office.

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on the weekend.

The ideas and problems which students gave at the forums will be given to the Student Life Committee. The Student Life Committee will then decide which ideas and problems are most important to act upon.

Some ideas that SGA is currently working on are improvements in the Back Room, getting a traffic light at Station Road, and canceling the fee for the MAC machine.

The problem that SGA currently is working on is the air conditioning issue in the Turnbull Building.

The importance of each idea or problem is measured by how many

students the idea or problem affects.

SGA was pleased with the turnout for the two forums. Melody Sherosky, the Public Relations co-chair, stated, "turnout can always be better at Behrend events, but we were happy with the group of people we got. We got some wonderful ideas from everyone who stopped by. One big concern was a MAC machine on campus with no fee. We'll definitely be working on that one."

Anyone with an idea or problem concerning Penn State Behrend is encouraged to visit the SGA Office in the Reed Union Building.

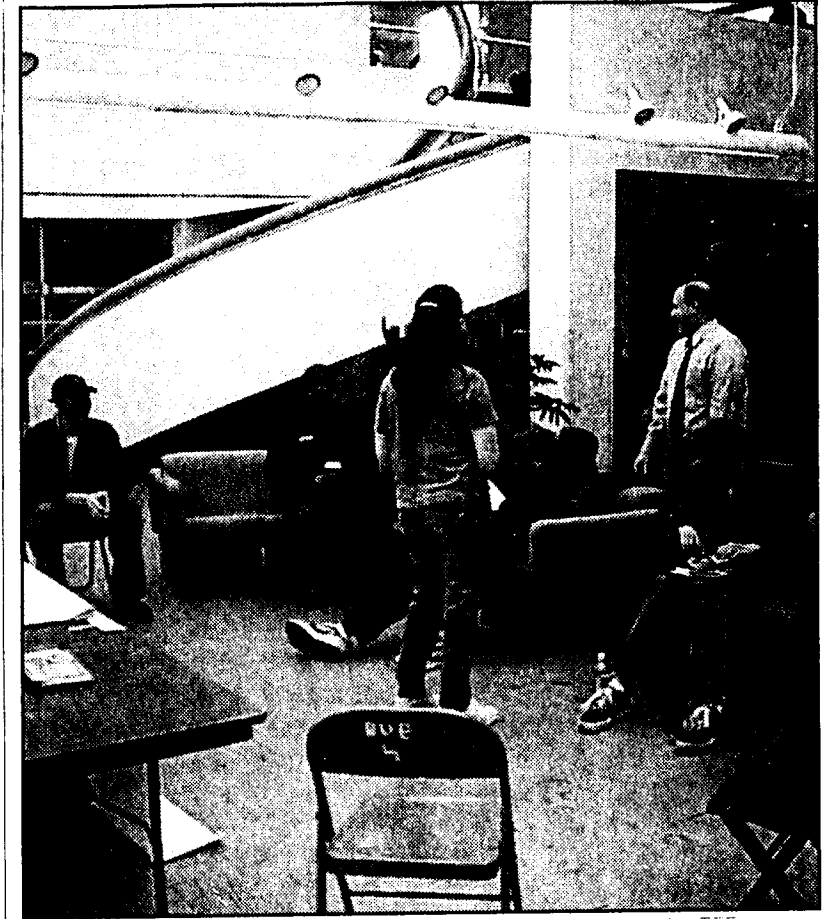


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SGA Senator Melody Sherosky talks to students at the SGA Forum this past Tuesday.

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