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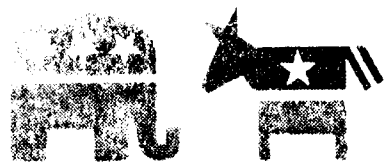


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Behrend students can make the holiday season special for young local children by offering gifts to the less fortunate.



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Penn State updates policy on academic integrity

by Jason Snyder
editor-in-chief

In an effort to promote the importance of academic integrity at Penn State schools, the Council of Academic Deans has recently issued a statement stressing the benefits of honesty in the college setting. Last spring, the University Faculty Senate passed massive changes to the then current policy on academic integrity, which is currently in effect for the 2000-2001 academic year. Senior Associate Provost and Dean Dr. Jack

Burke said, "the revised policy is aimed at promoting academic integrity as a fundamental value in all scholarly conduct and at dealing with incidents of academic integrity."

The responsibility for promoting academic integrity on campus and for implementing procedures for handling cases of academic dishonesty falls on the college's Student Life Committee. The biggest change made from the original policy includes the levying of the grade "XF." The "XF" grade will be included on students' transcripts for classes they have failed due to

academic dishonesty. The Student Life Committee is also developing recordkeeping procedures for handling cases on the issue.

The statement made by the Council of Academic Deans defines, encourages and lists ways to accomplish academic integrity at all Penn State locations.

According to the statement, academic integrity is defined as "the pursuit of teaching, learning, research, and creative activity in an open, honest, and responsible manner." It "includes a commitment neither to engage in acts of falsification, misrepresentation, or deception, nor to tolerate such acts by other members of the community."

The statement calls for the support and promotion of academic integrity by not just the faculty and administration, but by students as well. It reads, "students and faculty should contribute actively to fostering a climate of academic integrity in all their scholarly activities."

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CONCERNS VOICED



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Provost and Dean Dr. John Lilley listens to student concerns at "Pizza with the Provost" this past Tuesday in Ohio Hall. Issues brought up involved campus development and completion, safety, and unawareness of events. Twenty students were in attendance. Full story on page 3A.

Feed the Need begins Monday

by Katie Galley
editorial page editor

This Monday, October 30, kicks off this year's annual Feed the Need program at Behrend. Running until November 13, the program is a chance for Behrend students, faculty and staff to participate in feeding the hungry people of Erie.

Starting on Monday, 11 Behrend organizations will kick off the food drive by placing labeled boxes at different locations across campus. People can drop off canned goods and nonperishable food items in these boxes.

Headed up by Lambda Sigma, this year's food drive looks to be as successful as last year's. Behrend, in the University and Technical school category, took second place overall at the local BreadBox awards last year. After falling short of Gannon's collection numbers, President of Lambda Sigma Nick Pflugh says he wants to surpass Behrend's collection total from last year: "we want to be the number one collectors this year to help the less fortunate people of Erie."

The 15-day food drive will be highlighted by two events. The first will be on

FEED THE NEED

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Bush and Hadassah Lieberman campaign in Erie

College Republicans active in Bush rally Congressman Phil English to speak at Behrend

by Jason Snyder
editor-in-chief

As the presidential campaign approaches election day, Vice President Al Gore and Texas Governor George W. Bush continue their final push to take control of the all important "swing" states that could decide our next president.

Hadassah Lieberman, the wife of Gore's running mate, made a stop in Erie this past week. She visited the International Bakery then held a roundtable discussion with seven local women at the Marketplace Grill.

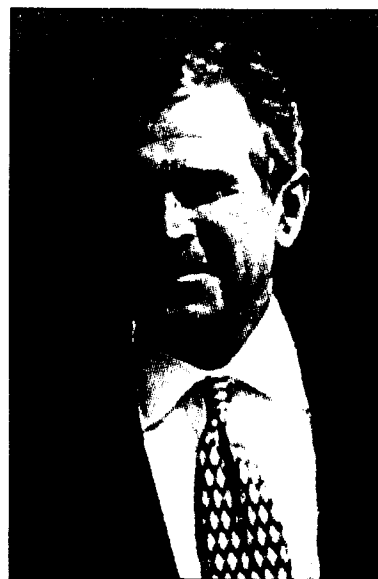
Bush held a rally at the Erie International Airport this past Thursday with many local politicians in attendance. Pennsylvania governor Tom Ridge and General Colin Powell both spoke and introduced Bush in front of thousands of local supporters.

"The opportunity for our club to see George W. Bush, Colin Powell, and Governor Ridge in this type of positive and motivating atmosphere was amazing," said Behrend's College Republican President Erin McCurdy, who led 20 Behrend students in taking an active part in the rally. Seven members from the group sat on stage with Bush

to help represent the student vote Bush hopes to win. McCurdy added, "we have been working so hard in support of Bush that it was really nice for us to have the opportunity to meet him."

"I think that seeing Governor Bush reminded us all why we work so hard to campaign for him. We are all looking forward to a victory on November 7," added McCurdy.

Next week, the Beacon will publish a Voter's Guide detailing the presidential election and local races that Behrend students will be voting for on November 7.



George W. Bush

by Mike Frawley
managing editor

Delta Sigma Pi, the International Professional Business Fraternity, is bringing Congressman Phil English to speak on campus November 1, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. in the Reed Commons. Congressman English will be "Speaking Up For Education" with a rally to follow. English has been working on education legislation saying that his legislation, "will help students reach their goals by making education more affordable." He proposes to increase the maximum Pell Grant and has introduced a three bill education package to

expand Education Savings Accounts.

English is the Republican currently running for his fourth two year term as the U.S. House of Representative member from the 21st Congressional district. His Democratic opponent is Dr. Marc Flitter, a Board Certified Neurological Surgeon at Hamot Hospital. A major issue of their campaigns has become health care issues.

English last met with a group of Behrend students over Spring Break 2000 in Washington D.C. to discuss legislative decisions that he had supported over the past six years.