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### HSU-LI

personally," she said. Recently, Hsu-Li hired a manager, and they are record-label shopping. If she does sign to a label, so many opportunities arise. However, she is cautious in doing so, as Asian women have had very limited success in the American music industry.

"This is fulfilling; it gives my work purpose, and I feel as though I've blossomed," she said. She is rightfully proud of her uniqueness, and has worked too hard to conform to a mold she doesn't want to.

"It's refreshing to see a musician who can actually sing and play real instruments," said Amanda McKain, senior, after the astounding performance.



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Musician Magdalen Hsu-Li came to Behrend with

## Behrend recognizes Alcohol Awareness Week

by Caley Doran  
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Oct. 16-22 was National Alcohol Awareness Week. At Behrend, Kris Motta Torok and the Partnership for Prevention Team organized the week's events. Throughout the week, Student Affairs intern Tony Ross and Residence Life staff set up a table outside Bruno's offering various services in relation to alcohol.

"Residence Life set up a fake jail in which students had to walk a straight line with the fatal vision goggles on, and if they didn't pass they went into the jail for a few minutes," said Jill Forsman. All 42 resident assistants worked the table. During the Monday Night Football game in Bruno's, Partnership for Prevention and Perry Hall Council provided free food and information concerning alcohol to students.

A memorial board was also set up where people could place pictures and/or names of those killed in alcohol-related accidents.

Forsman said that the purpose of the week was "to bring awareness to the campus and to educate

students about responsible drinking." According to Forsman, the week gets better every year and was very successful this year.

"We hope to have the program return next year," she said. "This is a week that is educational and fun at the same time!"

According to information provided by the Health and Wellness Center, drinking to get drunk is referred to as binge drinking, and this type of drinking can be fatal. It can also lead to alcohol poisoning, car accidents, violence, and unprotected sex.

Once alcohol reaches the brain, the brain's control centers become weak or are knocked out, causing judgement, reflexes, and coordination all to be affected. The information states that drinking alcohol at a speed faster than that which your body is processing the alcohol causes intoxication or alcohol poisoning. This can cause a person to become unconscious, stop breathing or even die.

According to the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, there were 14,079 alcohol-related crashes in 1999. Thirty-four percent of all traffic deaths in

1999 for the state were alcohol related, and 33 percent of drivers, ages 16 to 20, who were killed in automobile accidents were under the influence of alcohol.

More than 41,000 people are arrested each year in Pennsylvania for driving under the influence (DUI). Every 11 minutes and 30 seconds a person is arrested for DUI, according to the Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Report of 2000. According to the PLCB, there are various ways to be convicted of DUI, including blood tests, breath and urine tests, or a combination of the three. Refusing to take any of these tests will be used against you in court and you will automatically lose your license for one year.

A DUI charge can also result in hefty fines. Fines can be anywhere from \$300-\$5,000 for the first or second offense, \$300-\$10,000 for the third, fourth, and subsequent offenses. For any DUI offense your license is suspended for one year. According to the PLCB, in addition to the fines and imprisonment that may result from a DUI, the person convicted must also undergo treatment at their own expense.

## Pizza with the Provost addresses student complaints

by Erin Scott  
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Have an objection, an issue you want resolved, or just have some suggestions to help make campus better? Then the Pizza with the Provost meetings held throughout the year are the perfect opportunity for you to make a difference.

These meetings give students a chance to voice their ideas and opinions on new improvements or concerns about campus. The students go one-on-one with Dr. Jack Burke, interim provost and dean, and ask things like, "Can Dobbins dinner hours be extended?"

The most recent meeting, on Wednesday, was a productive one, touching upon a variety of subject matters, the first being a shower problem in the Almy and Ohio Halls. Many residents of the halls complained of the water drainage and water temperature. Attendees

to the meeting asked Randy Geering, the director of Housing and Food Service, what could be done about the slippery and wishy-washy water temperature.

Other affairs discussed were the sanctioning of decorating for holidays, the Bayfront Highway construction, salt coverage on roadways during the winter, and the new landscaping on campus grounds.

The hot topic of conversation, however, was one that dealt The Behrend Beacon. A few students adamantly expressed their concerns on the humor page. Many feel that the page is too explicit and sometimes oversteps boundaries.

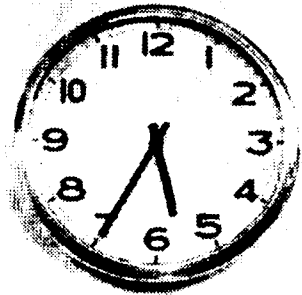
"I feel such a strong anger towards the paper because of it," said Abigail Long, who is a fifth semester Communications major. "I think the page makes our school look really bad because the community sees it. Parents of prospective students, as well as Communications majors, see it and read it, also. It works

against so many associations. We have such a strong school and it reflects poorly upon our reputation. The writers are choosing to be disrespectful."

Many in attendance agreed that the use of satire would be more appropriate and that the bluntness should be expelled from the page.

In accordance to the complaint, many students have written letters to the editor and have been attacked and ridiculed for their concern, causing an even bigger issue at hand. The question is — When does controversy become a catastrophe? Are the writers too censored or should they be censored more? Where do you draw the line?

Students can send their comments on this issue, both good and bad, to the Behrend Beacon. For more opportunity to discuss other campus issues, stop by the next Pizza with the Provost on Nov. 11.



# IF TIME IS MONEY, HOW COME I HAVE SO MUCH OF ONE AND NOT THE OTHER?

## SGA ponders longer hours for library, coffee shop

by Jen Henderson  
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The Student Life Committee is working towards improving privileges on campus. It has recently been granted \$1,000 to buy videos that will be available to rent from the Library. The SGA is now polling students on movies that they would like available to them and also about the possibility of the library extending its hours.

Some students believe if the library was open until 2 a.m. it would provide more time for those with jobs or lengthy projects to get in those extra hours. There are talks underway about posting a poll online to see if students would use the library during these hours and if it would be worthwhile overall.

The committee also proposed lengthening the hours that the coffee shop on campus is open. This might provide students another atmosphere to study in while eating or getting warm drinks from the shop. The only problem is finding students to work and getting enough response to make it useful for the school.

"As Behrend is growing and students are focusing more on their academics and getting more involved, we need to provide a place for that," said SGA President Brandi Hovis. She also pointed out that there is only one 24 hour lab on campus and that is in Hammermill.

The Student Life Committee is also looking into purchasing more bike racks for the campus and a video-gaming device for student use at Bruno's. This would be an expensive project, but could easily be paid for by advertisers who want to get the word out to the students here.

THON raised \$500 towards its goal on the first day of the new campaign for this year. The 'Just \$2-it' Campaign is also underway. This campaign is asking for each student to donate \$2 towards THON to help children with cancer. The MBNA credit card company is also donating \$20 for every application that is filled out. This is titled the "Donate \$20 Without Even Opening Your Wallet" fundraising effort.



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