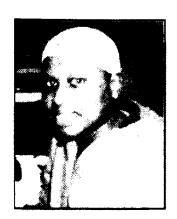
**Question of the Week** 

## by Dana Vaccaro, features editor Should we have had class Tuesday?



"I am a commuter. It was slippery and the bus is always late, and to stand outside for 20 minutes it was • hard. You couldn't even see in front of you."

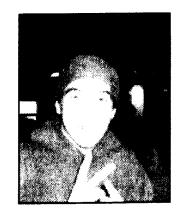
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"It shouldn't have been canceled. I think it was unnecessary for Edinboro to be canceled too. I drove from there to be here on Tuesday for one class my professor didn't show

> Jim Cole BLASC, 08

up for."



"I was disturbed about the lack of responsibility pertaining to the cancellation efforts. Many lives, like mine, were in jeopardy of driving here because of the slippery road conditions."

> Ryan Deimel **MATH, 06**



"I think it definitely should have been. The two-hour delay did not help me at all, I still had to shovel the mounds of snow off my car. The roads were icy to the point I had to make the decision to come to class. It wasn't worth the risk coming here."

> Katie Morris DUS, 02



"I thought it was ridiculous. I drive an hour and a half to get here and it took me two and a half because of the snow. This place should take into consideration not everyone lives on campus."

> Christine Logan METBD, 08

## **Governmental Affairs** recruiting students

by Brad Stewart staff writer

Your tuition is rising. Last year it rose by 7 percent, and it is expected to increase by another 10 percent for 2004-2005. Where does that money go?

According to the Governmental Affairs Committee, the state of Pennsylvania spends \$3,460 on each Penn State student per semester. Sound good? \$6,230 is spent per Temple student and \$5,030 for each Pitt undergraduate. And here is the kicker— Penn State students pay more in tuition than Pitt or Temple.

So why are Penn Staters getting less from the government when they are paying more?

Since 1975, PSU has held rallies on the steps of the state capitol in an attempt to attract legislative attention to the topic of tuition. This year the rally will be held on March 22—and just like every other year, students from all 19 of Penn State's campuses will gather to protest the rise in tuition and unfair tuition distribution. In the past, thousands of students came.

In Harrisburg, students will have the opportunity to speak with state representatives and senators. President George W. Bush has been invited as well as the five leading democratic presidential candidates.

SGA senators Deepti Soni and Kathleen Streaker are leading the Behrend campaign to "Rally in the Rotunda" (the Rotunda is the steps of the Pennsylvania Capitol building that lead into the legislative chambers).

With the help of their politically aware volunteers, the SGA senators hope to bring to students' attention that they can make a difference.

"Politics affect everyday life," said Streaker. "The government runs everything. You have to play a part in it." What part can a student play? Help is needed to construct posters, send out fliers, decorate hallways and eventually to protest on the steps of the capitol building in Harrisburg.

"It is important to get the word out," said Soni. The goal of the rally is to gather enough support to press representatives to notice that students are a vital part of society. That is why the SGA senators are also pushing voter registration.

Currently, only a small percentage of students vote. Streaker and Soni hope to increase student involvement. If we could get all of Behrend to vote we could overpower the voters of Harborcreek Township. We could elect who we wanted. We could control Harbocreek politically and force our representatives to recognize students," Streaker said.

The SGA senators and their volunteers plan to make voter registration forms easily accessible and to set up drop boxes in every dormitory.

If you would like to help in the campaign to fight tuition increases you can attend weekly meetings on Wednesday at 4 p.m. at Reed 3. For more information, e-mail Deepti Soni and Kathleen Streaker at dus143@psu.edu or

## Have a suggestion for Question of the Week? E-mail your question to us at: behrcoll2@aol.com. hosts comedy

Students at Penn State Beh treated to a night of com last Thursday evening at a Laugh Comedy Club on Stells

The event raised money for the Diamonds Fund. The Behread at the raised approximation of the Behread at the second of the s according to Justin Curry, comments co-chaltrperson.

The Thon committee coordinating this event with the stage Jr.'s in late December. Co member and Thon dancer Jens made the first inital contact with establishment.

"The staff of Jr.'s was very help us out in any way that they said said Sutter, MKRTG 08. "And give the excellent turnout we had Th night, I think the event was a total success."

The committee was informed dis-it could make 150 reservations. would split all of the ticket sales evening. The committee was all granted permission to self raffic sectors

for baskets and 50/50 chances Committee members Sutter Nicole Steetle, as well as eo-th Rachael Yates, collected donations from businesses in the community for raffle bashes.

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There were tour descriptions women's, a men's, a date and a date women's, a men a, basket. Tickets were sold for \$2 a.

and \$10 for an arm's length.

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It wasn't until 5 p.m. on Western that the committee manufacture informed by Sutter that have been more than 150 reservations.

"We really let out a sini when that happened," said C 08. "We were counting on war many reservations, and the course promised Jr.'s we could do so?

The comedians of the night was Jason Douglas, Michael Rheates Reed Rankin. The show tearted arms 7:30 p.m. and ended around 7:37 p.m. The whole evening was filled of comedians picking on appear

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The success is a testament to the Committee's tireless efforts for It was a good time for a great

Think that given all of our classes this year, we are setting the process to be an even better and the received year," said

## kes282@psu.edu. Cavaliers tickets sell

by Lauren Packer

editor in chief

Students hoping to see the Cleveland Cavaliers take on the Atlanta Hawks on March 3 will have to wait another year. or find their own way to Cleveland.

All 28 of the student tickets offered by Behrend and the SAF fund have been sold out, and it took just three hours: Tickets went on sale Monday, Jan. 26 at 8 a.m. and by 11 a.m., the RUB desk's supply had been exhausted.

The total cost of the trip is \$10 and includes a ticket to the game and free transportation. Students will have the chance to tour Gund arena, the merchandise shop and receive a free LeBron James bobblehead doll.

Michelle Barbich, coordinator of student organizations and programs at Behrend, was contacted by the Cavaliers to take part in the group event.

"I talked to some students and staff and asked them what they thought," Barbich said. "The response was pretty positive so I thought, OK, I'll put in an SAF proposal."

An oversight on Barbich's proposal left the transportation funds short. Barbich originally thought SAF would fund all of the transportation cost. When the proposal returned from SAF, Barbich was funded for the cost of

tickets and one-half bus transportation. "I was happy with the students overwhelming response to the tickets," Barbich said. "But at the same time, I was upset with myself and hadn't done more research on the proposal and had

the opportunity to offer it to a bus load of students."

To remedy the money dilemma, Barbich decided to offer fewer tickets and take school vans so that students would not have to pay for transportation. Thirty tickets were originally available for students, but two tickets must go to the drivers of the vans.

"The word was already out that tickets were going to be \$10, even with transportation," said Barbich. "I didn't think feel that it would be ethically responsible to go and then put those tickets on sale for a higher price."

Barbich felt relatively confident when the Cavaliers contacted her that students would respond to this chance to see a professional basketball game. "A lot of students go to the basketball games here, so why wouldn't they want to see a professional game?"

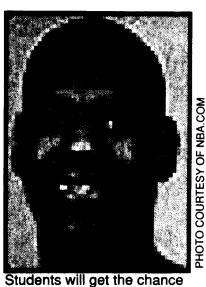
Giving students a chance to get out of Erie also weighed in Barbich's decision to apply for SAF money.

"It's an opportunity for them to see a different city and get off-campus," Barbich said. "It's also a time for them to spend with their friends, or people they don't know and maybe make new

Barbich said that this is the first time that Behrend has offered students the chance to see a professional team in another major-city since she has been at Behrend. And because of the overwhelming demand and success of these tickets, there is likely to be more of the same events in neighboring cities with professional sports teams.

"We may not offer a chance to go to Cleveland next year," said Barbich. "If Pittsburgh gets a new, hot recruit, we might go to a hockey game. It's just a chance to offer students additional opportunities to get off-campus."

Barbich's contact with the Cavs also spurred students to have another opportunity to see the Cavs. Shortly after Barbich confirmed the ticket sales with the Cavaliers, she was again contacted by the team. On Feb. 18, Cleveland is hosting a sports career fair with numerous professional teams looking to fill internship, part-time and full-time positions. One fee allows Behrend students access to both the career fair and a ticket to the Cavs game that night. However transportation is on your own.



to watch LeBron James play March 3.