

Question of the Week

by Angela Szesciorka & Dana Vaccaro, news editors

Do you take advantage of Behrend's Napster?



"I was thinking about using Napster yesterday, but I do not have the XP operating system, so I have to go back to illicit operations."

Jesse Kilmer
MET, 08



"No. Once I graduate I can't use it anymore. I'd rather have music I can use everywhere."

Ryan Rodemoyer
CMPBD, 04



"Hell yeah! Every chance I get!"

Zac Meyers
MRKTG, 08



"No, I live off campus. I don't get the DSL, I get the dial-up. If I could, I would."

Joanna Obert
PSYCH, 08



"From what I hear, PSU Napster is not compatible with Millenium, so I am not able to use it."

Karen Niemla
GAS, 06

Have a suggestion for Question of the Week? Email your question to us at: behrcoll2@aol.com.

SAF gives students their money's worth

by Collin McHenry
staff writer

Every student at Behrend pays an activity fee of \$44 with their semester bill. It is this fee that allows students to enjoy such activities as comedians in Brunos, jeopardy, movies in Reed, and the upcoming Battle of the Bands. Stacey McCoy said, "None of this would happen without the student activity fee."

Money that Behrend will receive from the student activity fee is estimated at \$346,293. None of this money is sent to University Park, so Behrend students are able to participate in all the events.

When the activity fee started in 1997 only nine programs were funded. This year, 120 programs are receiving funding, the majority of these programs are requested by students.

"Without the activity fee many of these programs would not happen. The programs that did take place, did so to a lesser degree," said McCoy.

Many students do not realize some of the activities that are funded by the student activity fee. The Logan Wintergarden Series, or Music at Noon is one of these activities. This was a program that was going on without the student activity fee. It was founded by K. Logan and the Social Science Center, and received all funding from these two groups. The student activity fee doesn't replace this funding, but rather expands on it to make the program better.

The Lion Entertainment Board has been in charge of keeping students entertained throughout the week. They do this by hiring comedians and showing films in Reed. The student activity fee has made it easier for them to expand on their programs in order to keep students entertained.

Alex Mulfinger is one student who doesn't mind the fee. "It's just 40 bucks. I don't mind paying it. I've managed to go see enough movies and comedians to get my money's worth."

Other students are not so pleased with the fee. Through the past many have stated that tuition is already high enough, they don't want other expenses tacked on.

Stacey McCoy defended the fee by saying how, "Many of these programs are student driven. By having these different varieties of activities students are exposed to a lot more. In the end it really enriches the entire campus."

The deadline for student proposals for Summer and Fall is March 19th at 5 p.m. Any student wishing to submit a proposal should do so by then. You do not need to be part of a club or organization to submit a proposal. Most proposals that are accepted however appeal to a large group of people. Out of the \$346,293, about \$80,000 is going to be held off for new proposals during the fall. Money that is not used will be rolled over to the next month. There is a position open on the activity fee committee if any one is interested in getting involved.

BEHREND HOOPS

The Beacon encourages you to "Pack the House" this Saturday as the men and women's basketball teams take on AMCC rival Pitt-Greensburg. We want each of the 1,600 seats filled. In Erie, we know snow, so let's show Pitt-Greensburg what happens when all fans wear white and create a "Behrend Blizzard."

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Annual Greek Fair welcomes students with tropical theme

by Justin Curry
news editor

With only 1.4 percent of students at Behrend belonging to a social fraternity or sorority, the Greek community on campus has always worked hard to promote a positive image to those non-Greek students. An event that has been revamped to do just that is being planned for next Thursday, February 26.

Greek Fair will be held in the McGarvey Commons at 8 p.m. This year's fair is a tropical theme, and will feature a Jimmy Buffett cover band,

"Gypsies of the Palace." Students will also be able to enjoy free food, take part in some games and have caricatures drawn.

This event is one where both Greek life and Greek unity is promoted," said Panhellenic Social Chair Maria Montana, PSYCH 04, "Students have the opportunity to meet the current Greeks and have a good time with them."

Montana feels that there is a negative image of Greeks on campus, and that sentiment is felt due to the fact that Greek life is not a large part of campus

life, so not much is known about it. Basically, most people are uneducated about what we actually do stand for," said Montana.

Panhellenic President Sara Grant, INTB 06, feels the same. There is more to Greek life than what you see on the weekends," commented Grant. "Social Greeks also place emphasis on academics and morals, not just parties and having a good time."

In the past, non-Greek attendance at Greek Fair has been low. "Most people think it's just a party for the Greeks," said Montana, "but it's not. All students are

welcomed and encouraged to attend."

Alpha Sigma Alpha sister Seriana Naef, PSYCH 04, has been working with other Greeks on planning the event and hopes that this year's non-Greek attendance is higher than previous years.

The past two years have focused on raising awareness as to what Greeks are about and what we do on campus," said Naef "and Greek Fair is a great way to find out everything you wanted to know about Greek life at Behrend."

Naef also feels that the majority of students don't understand the Greek community. "I think that we are very

stereotyped," said Naef "but we're nothing like the Greeks you see on MTV."

All social fraternities and sororities must complete a set amount of community service, attain specific GPAs, and remained actively involved in their organizations to remain a member.

We just want people to realize what we're really about," commented Montana "but we can only do so much, and Greek Fair is a great way for students to meet us and for us to promote our true image."



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