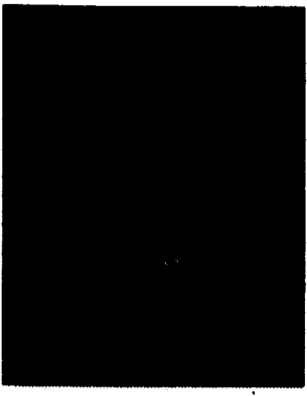


Question of the Week

by Justin Curry, news editor

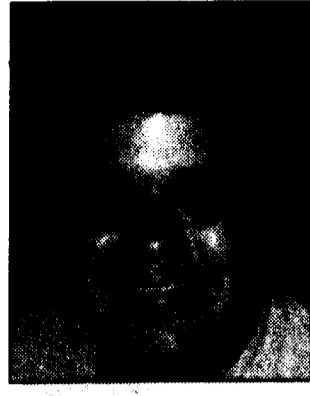
Who do you predict will win March Madness?



"For the love of God, don't ask me. The Steelers?"
Jenn Sutter
MKTG, 08



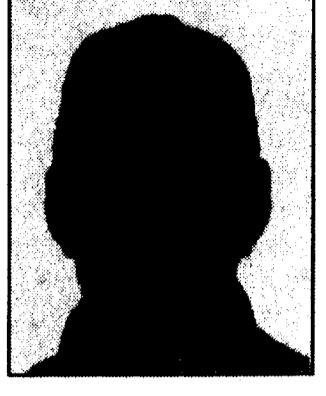
"I think St. Joseph's will win the men's and Penn State will take the women's tournament."
Mike Schodt
CEEED, 08



"St. Joe's for the men and Penn State in the women's."
Chris Hilferty
PLSC, 04



"I don't really watch basketball."
Ryan Orrico
MIS, 07



"Duke and Penn State."
James Wyble
EEED, 06

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Students to rally over growing tuition

by Justin Bootes
staff writer

In the past three years tuition has gone up 30 percent. That is a 10 percent increase per year. College costs have been on the rise around the country.

Everything about college is expensive. Books are estimated to cost \$696 a year. Food is estimated to be \$1,800 a year for a commuter and \$2,860 a year for an on campus student. Dorms cost \$3,080 a year. Technology fees total \$236 a year. Students living on campus can expect to pay \$3,469 a year. Off campus students can expect to pay \$1,399 a year.

The totals above do not include actual tuition. They are also estimated. The above total will give students food, computers, activities, room, board and books.

Tuition is expected to go up 9.8 percent next fall. This is almost ten dollars for every hundred dollars spent. So instead of spending a hundred dollars it will be \$110.

There have been voter registration events on campus to get students more involved in elections, both on state and federal levels. The main goal of such events has been to lower tuition costs.

An increase in student voter turnout will affect the outcome of elections. If students vote, politicians will be more active in appealing to the younger generation of voters, who want lower tuition.

"Voter registration is a very big deal,

it is hard to get legislators to listen if you are not registered to vote. Reason being, you cannot vote them back into office. You help them they will help you," said committee co-chairperson Kathleen Streaker, INTPL 04.

For the first time ever Penn State Behrend will be participating in a student rally. The event will be held in Harrisburg. The bus leaves early Monday morning. Students can sign up at the RUB desk.

The event will be an excused absence for students. There will not be food provided.

Students should notify their professors if they plan to attend the one day event.

The goal of the rally is to get more state appropriations this year when the budget is passed. Penn State would also like to be more politically involved in state politics.

The governmental affairs committee paid the \$2,000 bill for the bus trip. This means that students can enjoy a trip to Harrisburg for free. The bus ride is 12 hours round trip.

"The rally is from 1 to 2, afterwards the students are given 2 1/2 hours to tour the capital, meet legislators, sit in on sessions, whatever they would like," said Streaker.

Last year Penn State students were going to be involved in the rally, but did not participate because of the death of the speaker of the house.

Penn State expects that 1,000 students will be attending the event.



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Penn State students will be gathering Monday at the capitol building in Harrisburg to rally state legislators for lower tuition rates. Penn State students have had to rally in prior years, as was the case above in 1975. This year's rally is the first year that students from Behrend will be participating in the rally.

"The rally will have live coverage, Deepti (committee co-chair) and I are doing three television interviews this weekend and have an article in the Erie Times-News," said Streaker. According to Streaker, the rally is getting a lot of

attention, which means it is already starting to work. The students are starting to get involved and prove that they are worth it, their voices are being heard more and more. Streaker says that there are still seats open to go, and that

the bus leaves at 5:30 a.m. from the Reed building, and that it has TV screens so students can bring movies to watch. They can contact Katie Streaker kes282 or Deepti Soni dus143, said Streaker.

New aquatics board shows more than just records

by Lauren Packer
editor in chief

The walls surrounding the pool deck of the Junker Center are no longer white-washed and barren. Instead, at the shallow end wall, there rests a brand-new, blue and white swimming and diving record board.

The board measuring 22 and one-half feet tall by 16 and one-half feet wide, is unique to the area. Only North East High School has a board similar.

Athletic director Brian Streeter waited three years to erect the sign, which was paid for with state-appropriated money when the building was constructed.

"The swimming and diving programs are only in their fourth year of existence," explained Streeter. "When we first started out, records were being broke every meet. We wanted to give the program time to grow and give the records validity."

Streeter stressed that the wait was necessary for another reason.

"I wanted a record board designed that people would be able to read," said Streeter. "It just so happened that I was at North East and saw their board and I said, 'That's it. That's what we need.'"

Head swimming and diving coach Jen Slack explains that what makes Behrend's board great is that it can be read from anywhere without problems.

"Most record boards are hard to read because the letters are so small and are so high up that if you are actually close enough to read the letters the angles are too sharp."

The record board holds both team and

pool records for men and women's swimming and diving. Still, some records remain from the early seasons, but most have been shattered by this year's group of standout freshmen swimmers, especially on the women's side.

Brittany Yost, along with teammates Whitney Marshall and Alison Jaskolski, have taken over the women's record side. Nine of 15 individual records, as well as four of five relay records, changed owners this season.

Samantha Cibula, a former swimmer and current water polo player, has one record on the board that has yet to be broken. "I would like to see my name come off the record board because it shows the program is becoming stronger and developing," said Cibula. "But still, there's definitely a sense of pride when I look up and see my name."

However, there is one spot on the board that remains empty, with no names to fill the spots. That blank spot belongs to the team records for women's divers. Behrend has not yet been able to attract a female diver. A cleverly designed advertisement now rests in the diving record spot. It reads "WE NEED A DIVER."

On the men's side, all records are full, many dating back to the first years of competition. The men's diving records are filled by Michael Sandretto, who put together an amazing performance in his only year of attendance at Behrend. Only two individual records fell this season on the men's side.

"Once you get past the size and the records you notice at the bottom it says

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