

# NEWS

## What does the SGA do for you?



"It pays for our class trips. I know that."  
 Josh Glessner  
 Plastics Engineering 08



"They make it possible for organizations to get allocated money for events on campus, and that basically promotes participation on campus."

Anita Srivastava  
 Political Science 02



"Nothing that I know."  
 Chuck Gasdick  
 Software Engineering 06



"It provides money for the lacrosse team."  
 Danielle Tomasello  
 Biology 02

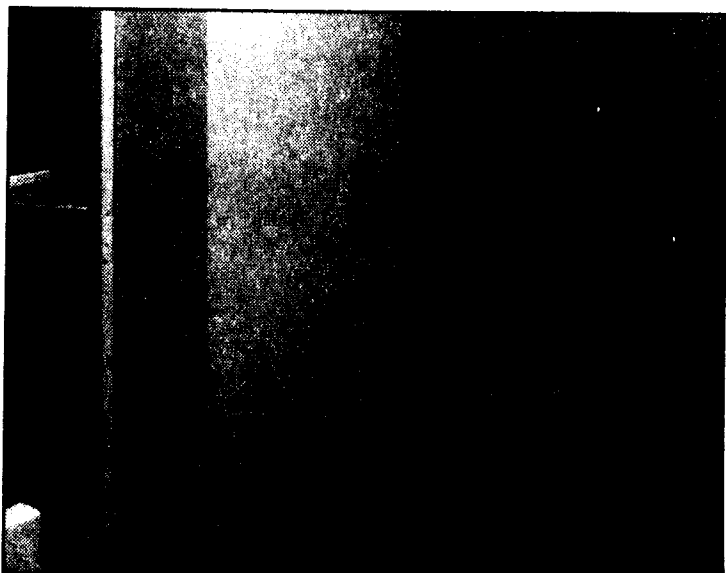


"They help improve really interesting and fun events. They make student life better."

Samantha Yong  
 Journalism 02

Have a suggestion for question of the week? E-mail ideas to [editorinchief@psu.edu](mailto:editorinchief@psu.edu).

## Student office walls now protected with carpet



Robert Frank/THE BEHREND BEACON

The LEB office was one of many offices to receive carpeted walls.

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Student Organizations and club members returned from Spring Break to find their office walls covered with carpet. Over spring break several walls in rooms 10A through 10K were carpeted. These rooms are located downstairs in the Reed Union Building. The project was done to help preserve the walls and prevent damage and marks that the wall sustained over a one year period.

The idea of the carpeting originally started with former Director of Student Activities, Chris Rizzo, and former associate director, (now current director), Kris Motta-Torok. Throughout the first year that these walls were constructed, the walls were easily damaged. The plaster on the walls sustained several different markings mostly as a result of chairs rubbing against the walls. Allison Flynn, coordinator for Student Organizations in Program Development, wrote a proposal to the Student Activity Fee to receive funds for the renovations of the walls and proposed carpeting of some of the office walls. "It

would benefit student involvement and out of class activities," she said.

According to the Student Activity Fee handbook, campuses may consider to use a portion of fee income for facility upgrades. In early February the Student Activity Fee committee accepted the proposal and granted just under \$4,000 to cover the cost of labor and carpeting. A quote was received from the Beals-McMahon company for the project. For all of the walls to be carpeted it would have cost around \$8,000. Beals-McMahon is a company of house painters and contractors located in Erie on W. 21 St.

They started and finished the project over spring break from March 6 - March 10. Students have mixed opinions about the project. Student Randy Martell stated, "It makes the rooms look more professional and will help preserve the offices." Whereas student Brian Song said, "The walls look tacky. Maybe they should have made them blue like our school color." Plans to put carpet on the rest of the walls of the club/organizations rooms in the Reed

Building have not been set but will be considered in the future when the financial situation is right for the project.

### Behrend Briefs

The former United States jazz ambassador to the world Lenora Zenzalai Helm will be performing twice at Penn State Erie, on both Apr. 5 and Apr. 6. The Apr. 5 performance will be part of Music at Noon: The Logan Series, held in the Reed Union Building McGarvey Commons. The Apr. 6 performance will be held at 7 p.m. in McGarvey commons, and tickets are available at the RUB main desk.

George Looney and Sean Dougherty, Penn State Erie English faculty members, were awarded 2006 Pennsylvania Arts Fellowships. The fellowships were awarded by the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts. Each faculty member earned the 2006 Individual Creative Artists Fellowship in the category of literature-poetry.

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### Police and Safety

**2/25/2006**  
 Complainant reported that his LCD computer screen was hit by a pellet gun sometime between 2/23 at 2300 hrs and 2/24 at 0200 hrs. More information will be forthcoming.

**2/27/2006**  
 Complainant reported that an LCD computer screen had been damaged sometime between 0800 on 24 Feb 06 and today at 0800 hrs.

**3/1/2006**  
 Complainant reported fire extinguisher missing from Ohio Hall.

**3/2/2006**  
 Janitor witnessed someone breaking the bottom window next to the door of the stairtower. Located the three individuals behind Senat.

**3/2/2006**  
 Officers were dispatched to the Reed Wintergarden after two males were seen fighting.

**3/3/2006**  
 East County asked that I go to Wesleyville PD to assist them since they had arrested a couple of students.

**3/3/2006**  
 Student reported that his vehicle was hit in Nick North Lot at 1500 this date drivers.

**3/9/2006**  
 Report of theft in Junker Center.

**3/13/2006**  
 Complainant reported receiving harassing calls on her cell phone.

**Register for classes now!**

**Summer 2006**

<b>3-week session</b> May 10-May 31	<b>8-week session</b> June 14-August 2
<b>4-week session</b> May 10-June 7	<b>Late summer</b> 3-week session August 7-August 25

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