

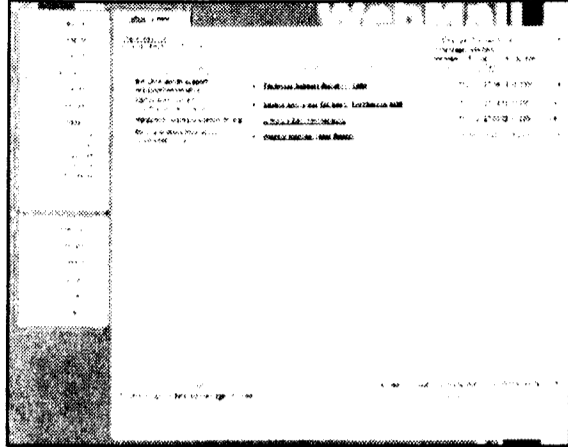
Orientation Edition

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WebMail2: Awful or awful? You decide

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Students returning to Penn State Behrend this fall are noticing numerous changes to the campus. From the completion of the Research and Economic Development Center (REDC),



Is Webmail2 more efficient or less convenient?

University Gate apartment complex, the changes can be seen everywhere: including the internet. Beginning in August, students have been directed to the new e-mail system, called Webmail2.

Information Technology Services (ITS) revamped Webmail over the summer. There are several big changes to the email server. Webmail2 is equipped with faster servers, which ensures quicker access to the inbox. Webmail2 also has a tabbed interface. This feature was added to provide ease when one wants to switch back and forth between different boxes; it also saves time, as there is less waiting for the page to reload.

Another way that Webmail2 has improved is in its customizable spam filters. Under the options choice in the menu, the user can choose the 'filter options' tab and can automatically have e-mail from certain addresses or which fit certain criteria sent directly to the box they prefer. This feature shortens the time it takes to sort through e-mail.

When it comes to sending e-mail, the composition screen of Webmail2 has also received some changes. The composition screen now has a new HTML editor, as well as an enhanced spell checker, which corrects gram-

mar as well.

Lastly, for those who wish to change their Webmail2 colors, but don't want to spend a lot of time doing so, there are now customizable themes. Some students may find it difficult to locate this feature; it's in the 'Color Options' section under Options. There are four different color themes to choose from; or for the more creative types, the option to choose any color is still available.

While Webmail2 was created to provide ease and convenience to the students, many of them are not as optimistic. Joe Sepich,

Electrical Engineering 05, says he finds "no real benefits to Webmail2. It's pretty much the same as the old one."

Many other students believe the same thing. "Webmail2 is like the New Coke; everyone hates it, they'll bring back Webmail Classic and everyone will be happy," says Jerry Pohl, Journalism 07. Being much less optimistic, Pohl quipped, "Webmail wasn't broke, so clearly they had to fix it."

While there have been many changes to the e-mail server, there is one prominent negative. For those with dial-up internet, or even cable internet, it may take awhile for the pages to load. This is due to Webmail2 being made up of many pictures and, with slower internet services, it takes a longer time for those to completely load.

While Webmail2 may not be very different from the original Webmail, the changes are for the better. It may take time for students to adjust to the new layout of Webmail2.

Mitchell and Jaussi set superior standards

By Nick Underhill
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Penn State Behrend is an institution that strives for excellence in all areas. Last summer two student athletes raised the bar just a little bit higher to a level that has been attained by very few. Through their athletic achievements, Dan Mitchell and Sandy Jaussi showcased what being a Lion is all about.

Mitchell is no stranger to success; throughout his three years at Behrend, he has become the school's most decorated javelin thrower. He qualified for Nationals for the second time after a one year layoff in 2005, where he placed ninth overall, the highest ever for a men's athlete from Behrend. "He's a great athlete, one of the best we've ever had," explains Brian Streeter, Penn State Behrend's Athletic Director.

Track and field coach Dave Cooper feels that the secret behind Mitchell's success is simply hard work. "He deserves everything. He's one of the hardest working kids I've ever had. I just wish he would have made All-American," says Cooper.

"You have to work harder than everyone out there," Mitchell explains. "One day you're going to meet those people and if they out-work you, you're going to lose when you see them."

Only the top eight qualify for the All-American team, which Mitchell missed by just a few inches despite having his longest throw of the year, 194'6". "I missed out by seven inches, it was rough. I was really pushing for being All-American," says Mitchell.

Mitchell wasn't the only one impressing people with his arm. Jaussi added another chapter to what is quickly becoming one of the greatest careers by a softball pitcher in Behrend history. The Lady Lions hosted and won the AMCC tournament last summer and also qualified for the NCAA tournament for the first time. "Without her, we couldn't have done it. This is the best season we have ever had," says Coach Stacy Pondo. "She's the driving force behind this team. [She is] the motivator, she keeps everyone on the right track."



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Mitchell (left) and Jaussi (right) will return for their senior seasons this spring.

"Sandy might be small but she is a huge part of this team. She's our team leader and her hard work rubs off on everyone," adds teammate Michelle Zill.

Although Jaussi ranks in the top ten in every statistical category for the school's softball pitchers, she is very modest regarding her achievements. She attributes her success to all the people around her. "I just go out there and throw the ball. It's the girls behind me that make me look good. They make all the plays," Jaussi says. "It's nice to have all these records and to be recognized, but I can't take all the credit; they're the ones that go out there and get it done." One of the highlights of Jaussi's career was when she threw a no-hitter against Medaille in the first round of the AMCC tournament in 2005. "It was like living out a lifelong dream. Every softball pitcher dreams about throwing a no-hitter. It was an

amazing feeling," explained Jaussi, but as always she is quick to shine the light on someone else. "You know Julie Koman is even better. She threw two no-hitters last season. She's the real star of this team."

These two athletes are entering their senior year at Penn State Behrend and plan to continue their illustrious athletic careers. Mitchell currently holds the school record in javelin, with a throw of 197'6", but he is not content with that. "I try not to look at that a whole lot, if I do it will make me content, and I don't want that. I want to get better. I just can't sit on it and be happy or else I won't improve," says Mitchell. "Next season I hope to throw over 200 feet and be All-American." As for Jaussi, she is just hoping to return to the NCAA tournament and win some games with her teammates.

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Fill in the

By Ben Raymond
humor editor

At some point in your college career there may come a time when you need gaps in your memory filled from the previous weekend. This is a "mad libs" style way to remember your first weekend experience at Penn State Behrend or at least how you would have liked it to go. Fill them out share them with others and see who can come up with the best. The first thing you'll need to do is write down words that correspond to the following:

day, time, number, adj, noun, residence hall, noun, verb, name, adj, verb, event, noun, place, names, event, adj, action, time, verb, event, noun, verb, event, period of time, verb noun, two different names, verb, place, verb, adj, noun, thing, event, place, verb, adj, verb, day, adj, verb, place, adj, noun, adj, verb, noun

After you have done that fill the words into the story below. The idea is to pick the words prior to reading the story in order to make it more interesting. If you cannot figure out what to do from this explanation then maybe college was not the right choice. I suggest picking up an application at your local car wash or fast food chain, as it may be a better career choice.

I left for Penn State Behrend on _____ at _____. It took me _____ hours to get here. After I picked up my keys from housing I took my _____ to _____. Before I could open the door a pack of _____ my car.

When I got to my room my roommate _____ was already there. He/She is the _____ person I have ever _____. After getting settled in and having a floor meeting it was time for the _____. While we were there we had our first taste of campus _____. Which was immediately followed by our first trip to the _____.

Right after that I caught up with _____ and _____ who I met earlier and we headed outside to the _____. After that I was pretty _____ so then I _____ for the rest of the night.

The next morning around _____ I _____ for about an hour. I got ready just in time to make it to _____. There were so many _____ there that I didn't know where to _____. After that we had a mandatory _____ which lasted for _____.

After that I was about ready to _____ my _____. Instead I met up with _____ and _____ and we _____ off to _____. While we were there we _____ the _____ we had ever seen.

Next my new _____ and I were in the mood for _____. Luckily for us there was a _____ already going on in the _____. There wasn't a place to _____ in the whole area. It was getting _____ out so my new friends and I decided to _____.

The next thing I new it was _____ and I felt _____. So I _____ out of _____ and went to _____ and had the _____ of my _____.

Overall I would have to say that my first weekend at Behrend was a _____ one. And I wouldn't _____ it for _____.



Chris Fox passes the Behrend spirit to this year's Orientation Leaders on Thursday afternoon.
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