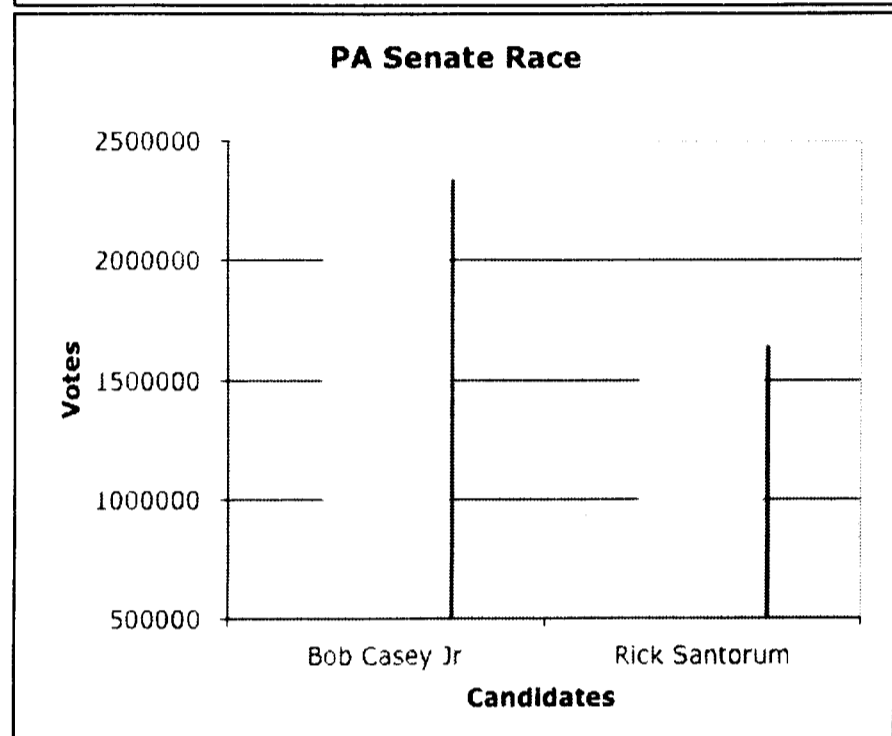
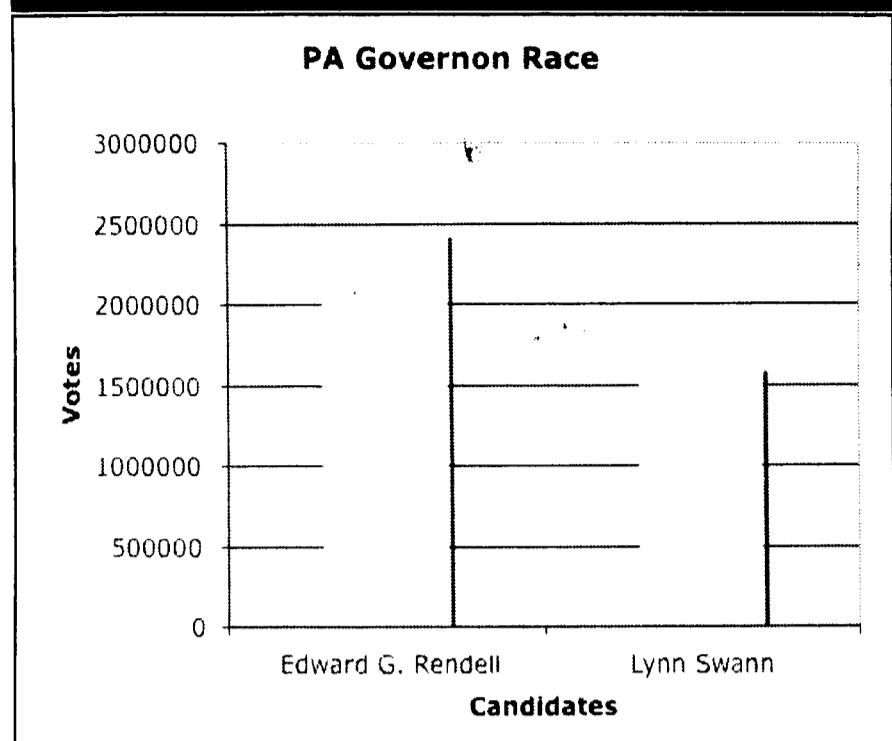


# NEWS

## Pennsylvania Election Results



## MISC more than just miscellaneous

By Ashley Bressler  
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The Media and Instructional Support Center (MISC) at Penn State Behrend offers printing and copying needs, along with audio/visual equipment and support for professors and students. The MISC department, located in 075 Kochele, is primarily used by professors to fulfill their printing, copying, audio/visual needs, graphic arts and technical classroom aids, but their services are also open to students as well. MISC is often consulted when student organizations are planning events on Behrend's campus, but there has been some debate over the consistency of their service charges.

Jim Carroll, Manager of MISC, commented on the process that students and student organizations must go through in order to access their services. "To my knowledge, any student organization that wants to have an event has to first go to the Student Activities Office and fill out a request form. Student Activities gives us the form, and if it has a name and contact number, we talk with the group to make sure they are requesting the right piece of equipment first, then we have to make sure it is available on the date they want it," says Carroll. In many circum-

stances, Carroll explained that students may incorrectly request a piece of equipment, request a piece of equipment that has already been reserved for another event, or they may request something that the department does not even offer. A lot of the negative connotations concerning the MISC department deal directly with these conditions.

The MISC department had planned to install three podiums in the conference rooms in the Reed Union Building before the beginning of the 2006 fall semester, but due to time constraints, the podiums have yet to be installed. Once the podiums are installed, the need for organizations, departments and professors to go through the process of reserving and renting audio/visual equipment will no longer be necessary. The podiums will include all the most frequently requested equipment, making it available to anyone using the conference rooms. Since there was an unexpected delay in the installation of the podiums, the MISC department decided not to charge students or student organizations for the use of any audio/visual equipment during the 2006-2007 school year. "I understand why some people are confused by the inconsistency of our prices. We are in the process of changing the system, and

were delayed by the podiums not getting in. We felt it wasn't fair to charge for the A/V equipment because we didn't keep up our end of the deal. Next year everything should be good to go, and if anyone wants to use equipment that is not included in the podiums, there will be a charge," said Carroll.

There is a standard fee for the setup of audio/visual equipment, which is \$25.00. Once a member of the MISC staff or a workstudy student sets up the equipment, he/she will teach the group how to use it. Due to the short number of staff members, if a group requires further assistance or wishes to have the staff member stay to operate the equipment for them, there is a \$32/hour labor fee. Some of the additional equipment/services that are available to all students, faculty and staff members are digital video cameras, videotaping, microphones, color copying, resume printing, video conferencing, digital cameras and portable screens. To access a full list of the equipment and services available, to fill out a request form or for any additional information about the MISC contact Carroll or Carolyn Brown at 898-6121.

## Behrend prepares for snow season

By Chris Brown  
copy editor

Last week the Erie area received its first snow of this upcoming winter season. If last week's weather was a taste of what's to come for the area, then it looks as though we're in for a long snowy winter. Meteorologists are predicting more snow than in a normal winter across the nation, which they attribute to the presence of El Nino in the Pacific Ocean.

Penn State Behrend is criss-crossed with student pathways, roads, and parking lots that must be plowed and cleared of snow. This task falls on the shoulders of Behrend's maintenance department. They are responsible for clearing all paths, building entrances, roads and parking lots on campus. When asked how prepared they were for last week's snowfall, Tom Guph, Grounds Foreman, said, "all equipment except for one plow was ready to go."

Each morning during the winter, crews begin clearing snow before the crack of dawn at 5:30 A.M. If there is particularly bad weather or some other emergency, Police and Safety can call maintenance so they can get started even earlier. Every year the salt and plow trucks are given a schedule they follow when plowing and salting.

The schedules give each truck an area of campus and a route to follow. These are often amended during the year when prob-

lems arise or if a plow needs to be repaired. While the trucks plow the parking lots and the newer, wider paths, the older paths and all building entrances are cleared by hand.

Last year winter was particularly difficult for maintenance because of the heavy, wet snow the area received. Because this problem can't be prevented, it is important to remain patient, all the paths and parking lots will be cleared it just may take more time.

One problem already anticipated with snow removal this year stems from the completion of the Research and Engineering Development Center. More paths, entrances, and parking lots must be cleared near the REDC, but maintenance has the same amount of plows as it did in the past. This means each plow is responsible for a larger area than in past years.

Guph urges students to be cautious once the weather gets bad, pointing out that "even though the campus speed limit is 15, no one goes 15." He thinks this will help students stay out of ditches and stay on the roads. He also warned about cars being too close to plows because often plows are not looking for other cars most of the time and have huge blind spots on the sides and behind them.

If during the school year a student notices a recurring problem or safety issue related to snow removal, students should call Police and Safety.

**"Even though the campus speed limit is 15, no one goes 15."**  
- Grounds Foreman Tom Guph

## Docksider's takes action

By Janet Niedenberger  
copy editor

An article printed in *The Behrend Beacon* has sparked changes at a local bar. Two weeks ago in the Beacon, an investigative report entitled, "Behrend minor served at local bar," was printed. The article was written after an investigation was done to check if any bars around Erie would card before serving alcohol or not. Out of the four bars that were tested, three passed, the Docksider Tavern did not. Chris Brown, 20, was served a beer.

To follow up that investigation, a phone call was again made to the manager at Docksider's. According to said

manager, there had been some slight changes at the bar.

Both the bartender who served Brown, as well as one of the security guards who was supposed to be checking I.D.s at the door, were suspended for one week. The manager also said that if either of the men serve a minor again, they will be terminated from their jobs.

"It was all just a fluke," said the manager. He said that the two security guards who were supposed to be checking at the door were both doing other things at the time of the incident. One was in the bathroom, the other was in a back room. The manager believes that the bartender simply assumed that I.D.s were checked at the door.

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According to CIRCLE, the estimated youth turnout jumped from 20 percent in 2002 to 24 percent in 2006, and the 2006 votes does not yet include the 2006 absentee ballots. The youth turnout could hit a record high for a midterm election. Research indicates those high numbers favor democrats. According to CIRCLE, of all the voters between the ages 18-29, 60 percent voted Democrat and 38 percent voted Republican.

At University Park, the *Centre Daily Times* reported a higher than average turnout. The polling place for four student precincts was a the HUB-Robeson Center. According to the *Centre Daily Times*, the turnout rate at the HUB ran between 13 and 16 percent, up from 7.5 percent in the midterm election in 2002. The *Centre Daily Times* also reported that Democrats dominated the election. Of the 753

voters who turned out, 256 cast straight-party ballots for the Democrats. Only 78 cast straight-party ballots for Republicans.

This year's strong showing at the polls by young voters could set a voting precedent. One study from Harvard found that this year's record turnout could signal a trend among young people. "Voters are habit-forming," said Harvard researcher Kristen Anderson. "Once college students get into the habit of going to the polling place and filling out absentee ballots, it's going to be a lot easier for them to do it the second time around."

## Police and Safety Report

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"It is strangely absurd to suppose that a million of human beings, collected together, are not under the same moral laws which bind each of them separately."

— Thomas Jefferson, third U.S. president (1743-1826)

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