

# STUDENT LIFE

## Students prepare for primary

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With the flurry of coverage surrounding the Democratic presidential primary, one key question is begging to be asked: are students being lost in the maelstrom?

The primary is Tuesday and with practical matters beyond voter registration yearning to be addressed, such as transportation, the voting location and the ballots (the currency of elections), are any student organizations doing anything to assist the process?

Not everyone who attends the Behrend campus has an accessible vehicle to use to go vote, but SGA has stepped up to provide a solution, with a staff driven shuttle van.

"Students have cars, but still half of the students who live on campus don't," said Dr. Ken Miller, the Director of Student Affairs. "We just want to be sure that people have an opportunity to vote if they want to."

Starting around 9 a.m. until sometime between 5:30 and 6 p.m., a van driven by volunteering Behrend staff members will make round trips to the Brookside Volunteer Firehouse, the voting location for nearly all Behrend students who have registered in Erie.

The Brookside Firehouse is on Athens Road, which is just off of Station Road. It is less than one mile away from campus.

But even with transportation provided, will students take advantage of it? Have they decided on who they wish to cast their votes for? General trends seem to point to a lack of decisiveness, even with voter registration is way up from previous primary periods.

Katie Miller, a communications and media studies major, remains undecided.

Miller, who admits she has not kept up-to-date on the politics, is considering voting due to the state's recent importance: "This is the third time in fifty years that the primary in Pennsylvania has mattered," she said. "I'll think about it."

When asked if the SGA shuttle will increase the odds of her showing up at the firehouse on Tuesday, she stated that "I may very well might go because it will be easier for me to do that."

Miller, who has a pacemaker and is currently on her parents' insurance while she attends college, expressed that the key issues for her were social security and medicare, both of which she may use to decide who she will cast her vote for.

If students are not registered in Erie, they must vote by absentee ballot, a mail-in method, of which unfortunately, the deadline has already past.

It should be noted that students who make it to the firehouse on Tuesday should be aware that if their ballot is not found there, they can fill out a provisional ballot. The provisional ballot is a temporary ballot that will be counted after it is researched whether the voter was indeed eligible to vote.

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