

Student Activities Fee considered

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Plans to adopt a student activity fee at Behrend are developing. The proposed \$25 fee would, if accepted, be assessed to students beginning in the fall of 1994.

Joe Mycka, President of SGA, said the Commonwealth Campus Student Government (CCSG) will meet this weekend to determine how much support exists for the proposal and if plans to implement the fee should continue.

In the summer of 1992, the Council of Chief Student Affairs Officers appointed a task force to study the implications of an

activity fee.

The plan for a student activity fee was developed last December here at Behrend by Chris Reber and John Lilley. The plan follows a proposal written by the Penn State University Council of Chief Student Affairs Officers.

According to the proposal drafted by the council, "a fee has the potential to enhance significantly out-of-class programs and services at some, if not all, Penn State campuses."

The proposal also states that "a modest activities fee... could enhance services and meet new needs without taxing the University's existing funding sources."

Lilley stated in a memo that

The Council of Chief Student Affairs Officers believes that a two-year pilot project should be tested on one or more campuses. The plan proposed for Behrend is based on the parameters "the number of registered student organizations at Behrend has increased by 23 since 1987 to an all-time record of 71 current groups."

Lilley adds that the overall funding to these organizations has decreased in the last five years.

"The growth in organizations combined with the cutback in funding has resulted in an average club allotment that is 30% lower than in 1989," Lilley also stated in the memo.

recommended by the council.

According to these recommendations, the activity fee would be instated on a two-year trial basis, during which time, a fee of \$25 will be charged to full-time students, and a pro-rated fee to part-time students.

Income from the fee would not replace, but rather supplement, any existing funding for the programs on campus.

All money generated at Behrend would stay at Behrend.

Funds would be limited to use for student organizations, residence life, athletics, and intramurals. The money would not pay anyone's salary.

Funding would be distributed among campus programs by a

committee of students, faculty, and staff. These decisions would be subject to approval by campus executives.

CCSG coordinator Ben Stevenson said that the idea is still in the planning stages.

According to the National Association for Campus Activities, almost 75% of four-year colleges have an activity fee.

The Association of College Unions-International reports that campuses with 5,000 or fewer full-time students have activity fees ranging from \$10 to well over \$100.

The CCSG meeting this weekend will determine which Student government organizations support the proposal.

Big man on campus

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Two of the most important positions at Behrend are Provost and Dean. Both of these positions are filled by the person, Dr. John Lilley.

But, do the students really know who he is?

Lilley came from modest economic circumstances. His parents had high hopes and dreams for him. They wanted him to become a public school teacher. His parents have been very supportive personally and his professors professionally.

"My professors were the ones who encouraged me to attend graduate school," said Lilley.

Lilley received his undergraduate and master's degree in music at Baylor University in Waco, Texas. He received his doctorate in music at the University of Southern California.

From 1966 to 1976 he was a professor of music at Claremont College in California. This was

a time of demonstrations, free speech, and anti-war movements.

He then went into academic administration at Kansas State University as Assistant Dean of Arts and Sciences. Kansas State was a good experience because of its public service role, open admissions, and research environment, Lilley said.

Kansas State sent him to the Institute for Educational Management at Harvard Business School.

Dick Chait, the education director of the Harvard institute, subsequently went to Penn State. He was responsible for recruiting Lilley into the pool of candidates for Provost of Behrend. This recruiting process included a search committee conducting an interview of finalists.

When asked how he likes it here at Behrend, Lilley said, "Behrend has been a wonderful opportunity to build and to create a first rate institution that really values learning through

inspirational teaching and solid research. Most people who have a position like mine are managing decline desperately. They are losing students, resources, and quality."

"This part of the country needs a small university where teaching and research are valued. Here at Behrend there is truth and beauty, but also science, business, and engineering. This region needs an institution especially dedicated to research, and this is what Behrend is."

"Teaching and research make up the learning environment. Penn State-Behrend is the only institution in this region which requires every instructor to be significantly involved in research," Lilley said. "This is our unique responsibility."

"We have the strongest student body of all local schools, and it is improving. We are creating an institution of inspiration while protecting the campus' natural beauty."

When Lilley was asked about the proposed activities fee, he



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Late Show with John Lilley?: Not really, but we flipped the photo sideways in case you were wondering.

said he is strongly in favor of it. "My colleagues and I feel that students involved in extracurricular activities have done the best historically."

Coffee with the Provost is an activity here at Behrend in which students can sit down with Dr.

Lilley and discuss things with him. It is open to everyone.

"Coffee with the provost is an important time to me," said Lilley.

Lilley feels that he learns a lot from the interaction.

Russia: Russian troops attacked the Parliament building with tank and automatic weapon fire in order to drive out rebel forces. These people loyal to former Vice President Alexander Rutskoi and Parliamentary chairman Ruslan Koshcheyev were flushed out of the building by 9:53 a.m. Monday. Russian troops also attacked the main TV station, which was under rebel control. The battle resulted in

Rancho Mirage, Calif.: The proverbial glass is half empty. Tammy Faye Bakker, the first wife of televangelist Jim Bakker, died the night of the wedding. She was Jim Bakker's wife, but Kansas divorcee, Rox Messner. The wedding took place on Sunday in Rancho Mirage, Calif. The Bakkers' 15-year marriage ended in divorce last year. Jim Bakker is still serving a his eight-year prison term for making PTL followers of more than \$150 million.

Spring Hill, Fla.: A serial killer, dubbed "The Gravity Killer," has killed four widows in two months. The victims are attacked while sleeping, then set ablaze so the killer can cover his tracks. Amazingly, Hernando County, where the murders have taken place, had only four murders committed all of last year. Police are still searching for suspects.

Erie: On Tuesday, city schools Superintendent James Barker formally endorsed the 1993 United Way campaign for the city of Erie school district. The kick-off is set for Monday, October 11. In 1992, the United Way and its 39 member agencies provided 46,328 units of service to school-age children alone.

Nassau County, N.Y.: You can now erase all the "Buddhists" movies and mini-series you have on tape. Joey made them all obsolete on Tuesday. He pleaded guilty to third-degree rape and admitted that he had sexual relations with Amy Fisher and was aware that she was only 16 years old at the time. Joey faces up to six months in jail, a \$5000 fine, and five years of probation.

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