basic programming skills in PASCAL, C++, PERL and Java in a Unix-based computing environment.

**The Degree**

The BSc degree will be awarded by the Madhya Pradesh Bhoj (Open) University. This is an Open University set up by the Madhya Pradesh Government by an Act of the State Assembly in 1991. At present the Bhoj University is conducting undergraduate programmes in arts, science, commerce, health science, computer applications, management as also courses leading to Master of Business Administration and Master of Computer Applications.

The National Undergraduate programme at SMI will be guided by an expert committee that has been set up for this purpose.

**Eligibility**

Students who have passed their 12th standard examination will be admitted on the basis of their performance in an entrance examination. This year the entrance examination was held in Chennai, Bhopal and Chandigarh. It is hoped to increase the number of centres in the coming years.

More information about SMI and the undergraduate programme can be had by writing to:

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(Information is also available at the web site http://www.smi.ernet.in)

The advertisement regarding the entrance examination for 1999 is expected to appear in all leading newspapers sometime in February 1999.

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2. On page 93, last line should be read as ... ancient data, however this agreement were not there for a few stars.

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