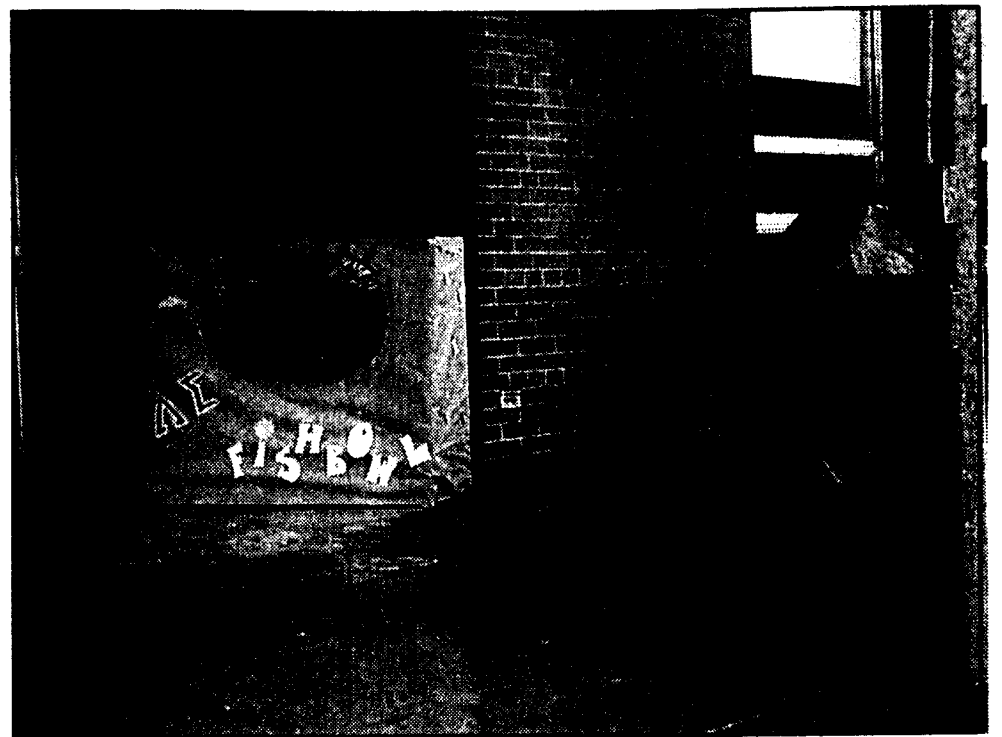


Behrend students empathize with homeless during Cardboard City



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On Wednesday, students gathered in cardboard boxes outside Reed to collect money for charity. The Behrend Beacon, Alpha Phi Omega, Omichron Delta Kappa, Reality Check, Lion Ambassadors, Alpha Sigma Alpha, SGA, Delta Sigma Pi, and Beta Beta Beta all participated in Cardboard City.

"Cardboard City was a really good idea because it gives a very good feel for what it's like to be homeless," said Jen Adams, Biology 04. The money raised benefitted the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, Special Olympics, Mario Lemieux Foundation, Fishbowl, Rape Crisis Center, THON, and ASPCA.

"More people should get involved in great opportunities like this at Penn State Behrend," said Abigail Long, Communications and Media Studies 04.

Street Beat percussionists show an enthralled audience how to make those drums sing. Wednesday's presentation of Street Beat, a show bringing the mean streets of New York to the cold streets of Erie, drew enthusiastic Behrend students and visitors.

The electrifying show featured eight musicians and heavy audience participation, leaving the audience a little hard of hearing but very impressed. One satisfied observer was visitor Dan Johnson.

"The animation of a Justin Bua painting, the 'human element' of a live performance, and the echoes of a Stomp concert combined to produce an absolutely amazing show," said Johnson.

Street Beat stomps its way onto campus

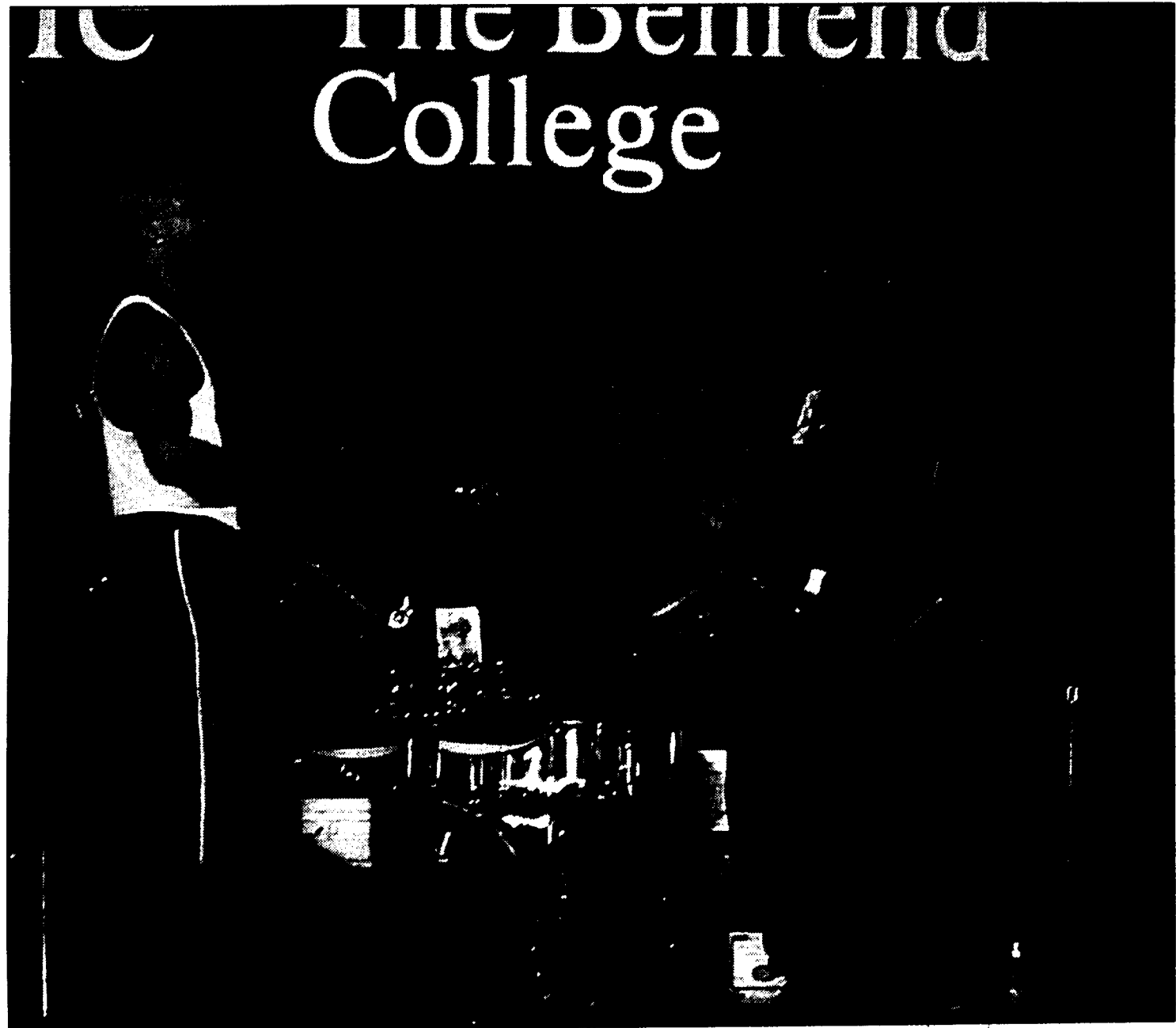


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Empty Bowl Dinner raises awareness about poverty

Doreen Foutz, community educator for the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwestern Pennsylvania, spoke Thursday night at the annual Empty Bowl Dinner, sponsored by Reality Check. For a \$2 donation, attendees received a bowl of soup and a roll from Panera bread. After everyone had begun to eat, Foutz discussed the problems of poverty in the Erie area.

"With the welfare reform that passed through our nation's government in the last two years, many of the people we serve had their benefits drastically cut back, if not eliminated," Foutz said. She encouraged Behrend students to aid Second Harvest in its efforts, noting that Behrend has always been a strong and supportive figure for the organization. The Empty Bowl Dinner was the last major event to occur during Service Week.



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LEB brings Will Power to Behrend



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Motivational speaker Will Power enjoys a pre-show snuggle with his wife and manager. Power began his hour-long performance last evening with a rap about his grandma. His poetic presentations covered a wide range of topics from HIV to oppression.

Power welcomed audience participation, particularly for the blues number that he performed. The most energetic of his performances was "The Barber Shop," a sketch in which he portrayed three different people -- a barber, a reverend, and a teenager -- simultaneously. Power's appearance yesterday was sponsored by the Lion Entertainment Board (LEB).