

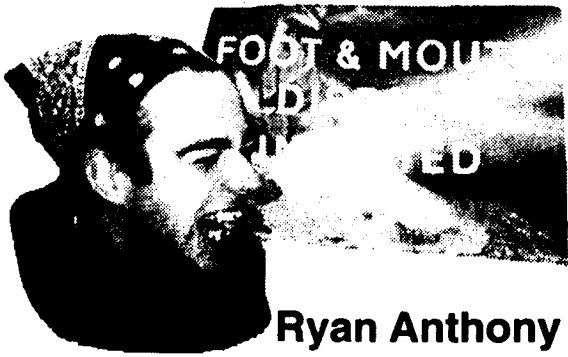
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The Behrend Beacon

Behrend becomes premiere Liberal Arts College



Ryan Anthony

The great war is finally over. A battle that raged for the past two months came to an end last week when the School of Engineering and Engineering Technology (SEET) was defeated by the Allies at Penn State Behrend in Erie, Pennsylvania. A peace treaty is expected to be signed later this week. Terms of the treaty are undisclosed, but it remains likely that Behrend will become an entirely liberal arts school.

When last reported, the Allies, consisting of Humanities and Social Sciences and the School of Business, were losing ground to SEET. At their strongest position in the battle, SEET controlled the west side of campus, including all of the engineering buildings, the Science Building, the Studio Theater, Glenhill Farmhouse, and Turnbull Building.

In recent weeks FOX purchased the rights to broadcast the war and scheduled it opposite the Winter Olympics. With General Stormin' Norman Schwarzkopf giving play-by-play and John Madden adding color commentary, FOX ousted the Olympics from its place on the top of the Nielson ratings. Ratings aside, the Battle for Behrend was a heartbreaking thriller of which even Steven Spielberg would have been proud.

In an effort to gain control of the Reed Union Building, SEET partially abandoned all of its previously acquired strongholds and sent all forces to the front. According to Benjamin Kundman, former SEET Major General and now POW 12 credits shy of a diploma, his side thought the Allies were close to surrendering when the attack on Reed took place. (This reporter must make a note to readers; the following interview was pieced together. Anyone who has ever talked to an engineering major can tell you how hard it is to get complete sentences from them. They do not use eye contact and their speech tends to slur or stutter.)

"Gosh. I thought their goose was cooked," Kundman drawled. "We reckoned they was gonna all give up and head for the hills, but them there Allies sure showed us. I always knowed I shoulda been a English major instead."

Four weeks into the war, SEET had developed sophisticated weaponry and even forged a locomotive into a tank. At the same time, it seemed the futures of H&SS and the School of Business at Behrend were doomed.

In theory, according to General Scratchsniff of the English Department, Allied control of the library did not prove to be as valuable as originally thought. "At any other university, the library would have been full of resources detailing war and battle tactics, but you have to keep in mind that this is Behrend's library. The only thing the books here are good for is setting them afire and catapulting them at the enemy."

Further dampening Allied efforts was the fact that it lost nearly an entire major's worth of soldiers in the English department. As communications, history, political science, and all business majors gave full support during the entire campaign, English majors gathered outside all campus buildings protesting the war. Pickets, peace chants, and the odor of patchouli filled the air during the day while songs were sung and candles and bras were burned during nighttime vigils. Commented one dedicated but unidentified marketing major, "Stupid hippies."

As the battle raged, overzealous SEET soldiers celebrated victories with all-night drinking binges. Soon after this, SEET's regular 8 a.m. attacks on the Allies tapered off and turned into mid-afternoon attacks. While the Allied army remained alert and ready for battle, SEET soldiers managed to mount a keg to the inside of their tank. According to SEET Officer Slimmy Reinhardt, "Once we got that keg up there, we didn't have to let fighting cut into our drinking time. We could pound Allies and beers at the same time."

Alcohol proved to be SEET's downfall. The night before SEET's fateful attack on the Reed Union Building was spent celebrating what they thought was an almost guaranteed victory. Drinking continued until late morning the next day and the attack took place early in the afternoon. SEET forces, still inebriated, sent all forces to the front in attempt to once and for all oust the dwindling Allied army from Reed.

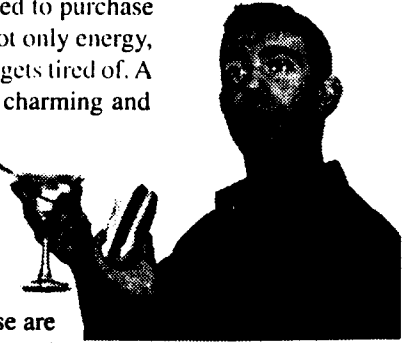
"Stormin' Norman explains what happened next. "SEET really thought they had this thing won. They sent in all their troops, leaving most of the engineering and science buildings unprotected. The Allies' army only appeared to be growing smaller because they had been occupying dorms on the upper part of campus. Ohio and Almy Halls were filled with Allied troops the night before the big attack. The next day when Reed was attacked and SEET felt sure victory, Allied troops stormed down the ski slope and flanked the hungover SEET army. There was a massacre that day, my friends. I shed a tear. SEET never knew what hit them. It was a move of pure military genius."

All remaining SEET soldiers were captured. Those who were unwilling to change to a business or H&SS major were sent to POW camps in Oil City. With a vast new budget, expect to see Behrend arise as one of the nation's top liberal arts schools.

Anthony's column will appear as soon as the English majors quit force-feeding him tofu for calling them hippies.

Aldi's product review

In the interest of health, I decided to purchase an Aldi's product that gives you not only energy, but has a great taste that one never gets tired of. A product that will make you seem charming and witty. A product that says, "You are dealing with a sophisticated person, and this is what sophisticated people eat!" Of course I'm talking about dsakjfh brand hot dogs.



Nick Capozzoli

"Hot dogs?!" you say, "But those are only meat sticks made of extra pig parts! Pig's feet and bungholes, gross!" Well, sir, it is a little known fact that those pig's feet and bungholes contain all the nutritional value of a tossed salad! To prove the nutritional worth of these little wonders I decided to do some research. Real research, mind you, not just flipping over the package and reading the government lie called nutrition information printed on the back. I decided to contact an expert to help me prove my theory. So I searched the Internet until I came across a listing for a Dr. Wienerschnitzel who lives in Frankfurt Germany (Wienerschnitzel is German for Hotdog, this guy must really know what he's talking about.)

I called the good doctor and asked him a few questions. I don't speak German so I had to make inferences form the sound of his voice. Here's how our conversation went:

Hello.
"Guttenag?"
Hello?
"Hello Dr. Wienerschnitzel?"
"Es tut mir wirklich lied der Doktor weg sien."
I am German, what do you want!
"I have a few questions about the nutritional value of hotdogs, can you help?"
"Sprich lauter! Mir ist, als ob ich stimmen horte."
Have you seen my erotic poop video?
"I am writing an article for my school's newspaper."
"Ich denke, es ware am besten zu versuchen andermal."
I eat babies and hotdogs!

Dr. Wienerschnitzel proceeded to threaten my life then ask me to marry him, but clearly he was a fan of hot dogs.

So can clearly see, evidence strongly supports my theory. I urge you to add a little class to your diet. Go out and buy some hot dogs today.



Figure 1: Hot Dogs

Dirty Teddy's Malt Liquor Boozehound of the Week

PENNSTATE Erie

Scabs



Some highlights from his evening, in his own words:

"So being that it was 6 p.m. and the party we were headed to didn't start till 10 p.m., we pregamed of course. I had about 10 p.m. full beer bong, the count is in the air due to the fact that I was pretty much lit by then (note: took down the beer bong after about 5 beers)."

"The girl that lived there introduced me to her mom and her aunt. I'm thinking in my head at this point, "Damn girl, yer aunt is hott."

"Next thing I know I'm grinding on Aunt Patty and I'm Sportin major California Redwood."

"After a few more drinks and a few more songs, I asked her how old she was (I told her she looked no more than 30). She got all embarrassed and said that she didnt want to tell me. So I kept at it and she eventually told me that she was 43 years old! I was not turned off by this, but more turned on."

"... We start makin out again and she starts grabbin me again telling me she wanted to make love to me and stuff."

"Oh well...My life is pretty much complete now...Messin around with someone who is more than double my age was something else."

Dirty Teddy and The Behrend Beacon encourage students to drink responsibly. Boozehound of the Week was created to show what can happen when one consumes too much alcohol and makes a complete jack-ass out of him or herself.

Send your 50-100 word nomination for Boozehound of the Week to: behrroll2@aol.com. Note: We will not publish stories about criminal acts. If you want your name in the paper, the nomination must come from your psu personal account. If you want your picture in the paper, send a jpeg file along with your story.

Jimmy Z's BAR QUESTION OF THE WEEK



Who is the sexiest cartoon character and why?

Send your answer in 100 words or less by 3/13/02 to: Behrroll2@aol.com.

1st place winner: free Fat Chick Sandwich
2nd place winner: free Fat Boy Sandwich
3rd place winner: free side of Fries

The Humor Page's Spanish Lesson

By: Mike Butala

So the next time you're in Mexico, you can speak fluent Spanish. Also great at parties and to pick up women.

English: I ate food in my house.
Spanish: Yo eato burrito en mi adobe.

Japanese Boy Band of the Month

Happatai wins with a 4-3 vote

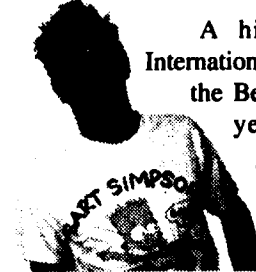


Once again, Happatai is The Behrend Beacon's Japanese boy band of the month. Although they fired their manager, blew up their tour bus, and got into bar brawls in 15 out of 16 of the major clubs in downtown Tokyo, these amazing Asians have managed to stay on top based on the strength of their hit single, "Yatta!"

- Ben Kundman

Every month, the humor page staff will select their favorite Japanese boy band. If you have know of any up and coming Japanese boy bands, please email behrroll2@aol.com immediatly.

International Olympics Committee to make sweeping changes



Ben Kundman

A high-ranking member of the International Olympics Committee contacted the Behrend Beacon Humor page late yesterday with news of groundbreaking changes to the next winter Olympics. In the interest of anonymity, the high-ranking member will be referred to as "Mitchy B."

Mitchy B attended a series of top-secret meetings discussing the low television ratings of several Olympic events. He had this to say: "Let's face it, curling sucks! The only people who watch curling are the same people who drive in the left lane with the cruise control pegged at 67 mph all the time, completely oblivious to anyone around them. These people have the brain activity of a baked potato."

"We were trying to come up with a way to make curling more exciting, when Dave, the token hippie, thought of something groundbreaking - proximity mines! More specifically, we will be replacing all of the 'stones' with proximity mines set to varying detonation distances! People thought the show 'Fear Factor' was cutting-edge, wait until they see curling in the 2006 Winter Olympics!"

"If anyone questions us for risking the lives of Olympic-caliber 'athletes,' we'll just tell them that for the next 202 weeks all these 'athletes' will be doing is pumping gas and sneaking into ice arenas after they close to practice their 'sport'"

Asked about making The Long Ski Jump more interesting, Mitchy B had this to say, "Since 87% of Utah

residents are card carrying members of the N.R.A., we thought it would be only natural to let their love of firearms help improve the sport of ski jump. From now on, ski jump will be referred to as "skeet jump." Five experienced hunters will line the side of the ski slope and try to take out the skier. The sound of shotgun blasts and limp bodies bouncing down the slopes will replace the predictable slap of skis landing time and time again."

Figure skating, a sport almost as popular with the ladies as it is unpopular with the fellas, will be livened up next

Winter Olympics. "We're going to release a hungry grizzly bear mid-way through each competitor's run. We talked about letting a polar bear loose, but figured it would have too much of an advantage and would probably maim the athlete too quickly for it

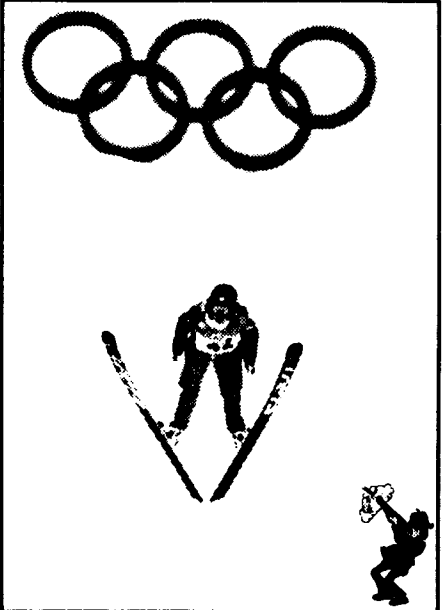


Figure 1: Skeet Jump

to be interesting." During couples, a female grizzly bear will be released on one side of the skaters with her cubs on the other. "She's going to be pissed, especially when she sees the shiny uniforms of the skaters" said Mitchy B.

"Carrot Top! Everyone hates that guy. To increase ratings across the board, we will be forcing Carrot Top to enter in every event with a high risk of serious bodily harm. The only safety equipment we're going to give him is a 1-800-COLLECT-T-shirt and a jockstrap because he annoys everyone in America at least five times an hour. We're going to enter him into events like the skeleton, aerial ski jumping, and super G, and the Skeet Jump.

Seeing Carrot Top's lifeless body bouncing down the bobsled track at 90 mph will definitely take our ratings above, say, 'Elimidate.'"



Figure 2: Proximity Curling

Kundman's next column will appear just as soon as he gets over his pseudo-celebritism