



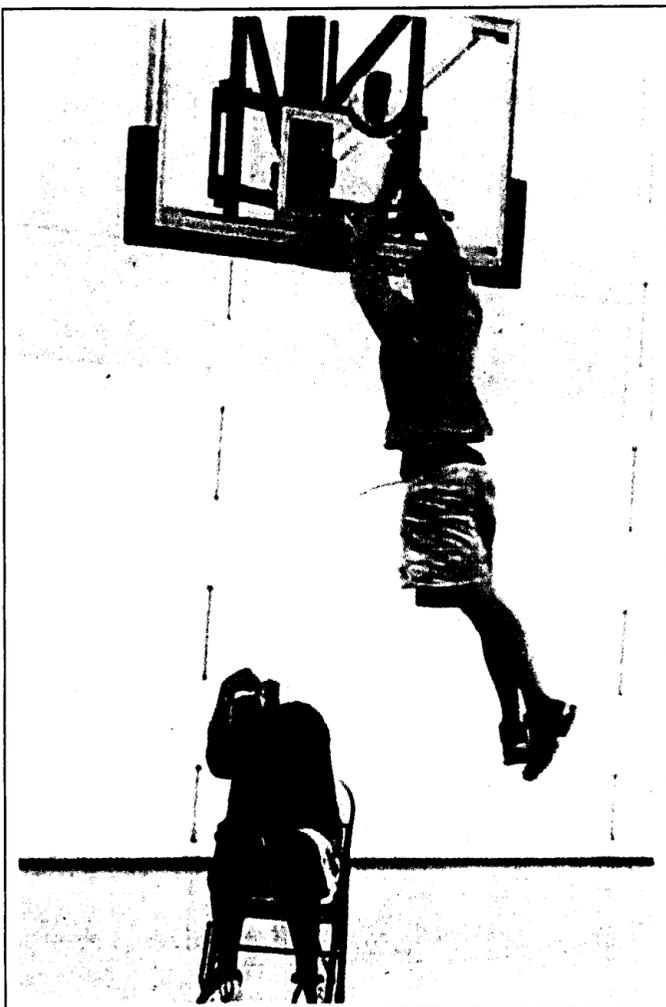
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Brian Werner leaps over a student in one of his winning slam dunks.

## Hoop it up

### 'Dunker at the Junker' draws crowd

by Alicia McGrail  
contributing writer

More than 70 students gathered at Junker Center on April 10 to watch eight basketball players showcase their slam-dunking skills. The Dunker-at-Junker was sponsored by the brothers of Kappa Delta Rho, and all proceeds went towards the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance and the Matthew Bartosek Memorial Fund.

The night was held in honor of Barbara Junker, who recently died after a bout with ovarian cancer, and Bartosek, the cousin of one of the KDR brothers who was killed in an all-terrain vehicle accident.

Brian Werner, Ben Snowden, Steve Smolen, Dave Hairiston, Keith Snead,

Kirk Feth, Matt Rabb, and Eric Confer all competed in the first round. Four of the eight dunkers advancing to the second round, and two to the final round. A panel of judges scored the dunkers' form from one to 10 based on the applause of the enthusiastic audience.

Twenty-one-year-old KDR brother Werner was named the winner at the end of the night and received a commemorative basketball and gift certificates donated from local restaurants and companies.

"I wasn't really expecting many people, and was surprised by the competition who came out," says Werner. "It seems like everyone really

**Dunker**

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## Gamble receives international award

by Lori DeFabio  
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Dr. John King Gamble, professor of Political Science and International Law, recently received the 2003 W. LaMarr Kopp Faculty International Achievement Award. Each year, the LaMarr Kopp International Achievement Award honors a member of faculty, staff, and a student. This year, the faculty member being honored is Gamble because of his significant international relations contributions to the University. Gamble received his award at a ceremony in University Park in March.

After receiving his B.A. from the Wooster College in Ohio and his Masters and Ph.D. from the University of Washington in Seattle, Gamble worked at the University of Rhode Island for five years and then came to teach at Behrend in 1976. He decided to teach at Behrend because "even though all schools say that

they have a balance between research and teaching, Behrend really does."

Gamble has served as the coordinator of the Behrend Honors and Schreyers Scholars programs for the past five years. He was the vice president of the American Society of International Law, and is a member of the American Political Science Association, International Law Association, the Canadian Council of International Law, the Academic Council of the United Nations System, and the International Studies Association.

Dr. Gamble believes his proudest accomplishment in his career is being able to teach Political Science 003 every fall and show college students that there is a world out there beyond the United States.

"We think that the lifestyle we have here fits everyone," said Gamble. "People go to Ontario and think that people there think the same way we do, but they don't. They're actually quite different."



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
Dr. John King Gamble received this year's W. LaMarr Kopp Faculty International Achievement Award.

## Greener Behrend Task Force makes every day Earth Day

by Katie Zellars  
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Earth Day reminds people to be more aware of how they affect the environment. On campus for the last two years a sustainability group called the Greener Behrend Task Force has been making "every day, Earth Day at Penn State Behrend."

"The Greener Behrend Task Force is kind of an umbrella group of faculty members and administrators who are charged with addressing sustainability issues for the whole college," said task force head Dr. Thomas Wortman.

Some projects in the works for the Greener Behrend Task Force include investigating free EMTA (public bus) ridership for students, composting all yard waste, looking into solar-powered outdoor lighting, and developing an education program for the Bayfront bike trail and getting bike racks on campus.

The task force began when the university strategic planning process asked Behrend to write something on what it was doing about ecological sustainability. Instead the college decided to start a major effort towards sustainability and that began the Greener Behrend Task Force.

The task force has seven goals: 1) reduce energy use and promote cleaner fuels; 2) conserve water; 3) minimize solid and liquid waste; 4) increase the healthfulness of food and reduce waste; 5) protect and preserve natural areas; 6) incorporate "green" practices into the construction and renovation of facilities; 7) promote ecological stewardship within the college community.

"The Greener Behrend task force has done a number of smaller things that add up, I think, to big things," said Wortman.

Some of these small things include setting the school printers to print on both sides, recycling transpires, monitoring newspaper readership to eliminate over distribution, and using recycled colored paper in the MISC office, among many others.

Behrend recycled before the task force formed. Recycling Coordinator Gordon Walk says the recycling program began in September 1990. At the end of February 1991, 19.43 tons of paper and cardboard and 16.64 tons of glass, aluminum and bi-metallic cans were recycled on campus. Walk has no recent figures on recycling but says, "I am comfortable when estimating that we are recycling more than 145 tons of material annually."

When asked what students do to be more environmentally friendly, the majority answered that they try to recycle.

"I try to recycle, throw away my plastic bottles in the recycling bin and try not to litter," said freshman Sara Hester.

Commuter Angela Szesciorka recycles at home.

"I recycle because I want to give the next generation an equal chance to appreciate the beauty of this world," she said.



PHOTO BY ERIN McCARTY  
An Earth Day display reminds Behrend students of the volume of junk they generate.

## Campus Q & A

A series spotlighting newsworthy members of the Behrend community

This week: Scott Soltis

by Jen Henderson  
assistant news editor

Scott Soltis has been living the good life lately. He was recently elected SGA president and has been nominated for a college-wide award. With only three weeks of school remaining, who could be sad?

Soltis was born in Monroeville. He lived in eight different towns while growing up, and ended up in Erie to further his education. After graduating from Moniteau High School in 2001, he declared his major in the General Arts & Sciences at Behrend. While in high school he played on the golf team, basketball team, and participated in Academic Sports League.

Soltis has always been big on politics. While in high school he went to the polls to gather support for George Bush. As SGA president, he has a chance to make this campus a better place.

Q: How long have you been involved with SGA?

A: I became involved towards the beginning of the Spring '02 semester. I saw there was an opening in the Senate and I thought I'd check it out.

Q: What is your favorite thing to do, either in or out of school?

A: My favorite thing to do is hanging out with my two nephews. Austin is 2 and Dylan is 1. Except for when they want to watch Barney or need changed, they're pretty cool.

Q: How would you personally improve the Behrend campus?

A: I would love to see tuition come down here at Behrend. I worked with local state representatives this year to try and get tuition down by increasing the state appropriation. That is something that would benefit every Behrend student.

Q: What other activities do you take part in at Behrend other than SGA?

A: I am sports editor of the Behrend Beacon, president of the Irish American Society, I am in the Midnight Bingo Board, and I served as a member of the Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration Committee.

Q: What is your favorite movie?

A: My favorite movie is probably one of

the best musicals of all time, "South Park: Bigger, Longer, Uncut." Although this movie is REALLY profane, it's a guilty pleasure and gets a cheap laugh out of me every time I see it.

Q: Favorite song/band?

A: I don't really have a favorite band at the time. I have seen Mest and Goldfinger a bunch of times and they always put on a great show. Good Charlotte's new CD is pretty good, too.

Q: What do you do in your free time?

A: In my vast free time that I have, I play basketball and run over at the Junker and play X-Box with my buddies.

Q: Who is your role model?

A: So many people have made an impact on my life that I don't really have a single role model. However, when I was a kid, they were Darryl Strawberry (before the drugs), Orel Hershiser, and Donatello from Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

Q: What are your aspirations for after your time at Behrend is over?

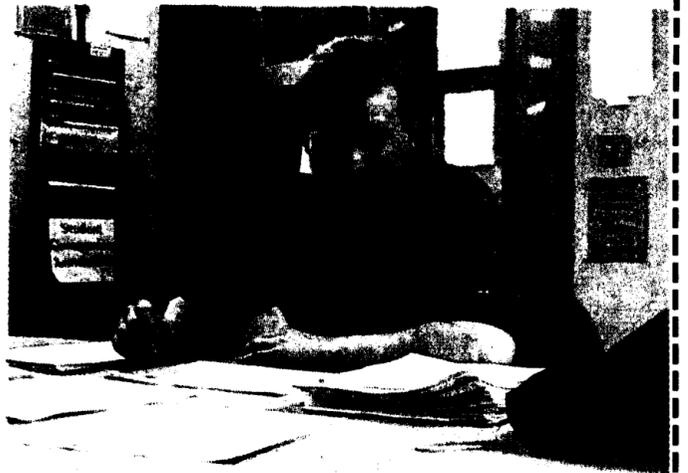
A: I want to go to law school and then maybe run for state office, like the state House of Representatives. I think I'd be

able to do a lot of good for the state.

Q: After reading your articles in the Beacon I can see that you are a true Syracusebasketball fan. How did you feel about them winning it all this year?

A: I was stoked to see the Orangemen win. The only thing better would have been

if the Behrend Lions would have made it to and won the D-3 tourney this year. I've got faith in them for next year.



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