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Earth Day celebrates environmental awareness

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Despite rainy and cold weather on Tuesday and Wednesday, Earth Day celebrations went on as scheduled and spread the message of environmental awareness to students.

On Tuesday, students gathered in the McGarvey Commons, where student and outside organizations presented information, activities, and giveaways to promote environment-friendly practices.

Alpha Phi Omega tie-dyed t-shirts with the Earth Day logo on them to add some fun to the environmental education. Kristen Rzomp, president of the organization, said that educating students on the impact they have on the environment is crucial.

"We're living on this planet and we have to encourage our generation to keep this planet alive for our children and children's children," Rzomp said.

The Behrend Outdoors Club teamed up with a representative for Leave No Trace to teach students outdoor ethics. Outdoor ethics includes such practices as "pack it in, pack it out" that says everything from wrappers to apple

cores should not be left outdoors.

Tri Beta had a display on hybrid vehicles, which include the Honda Civic Hybrid, the Honda Civic Insight, the Toyota Prius, and the first hybrid SUV, the Ford Escape. These hybrid vehicles have 80 percent fewer hydrocarbon emissions compared to the conventional car and there is a \$2,000 tax rebate for buying a hybrid car.

The Institute of Electronics of Electrical Engineers (IEEE) also had a fuel cell display car.

Trigon was giving away flower seedlings and was petitioning to restart the organization Eco-Action that promotes environment awareness and conservation among students, faculty and staff.

Lambda Sigma was planting sunflower seeds. Member Jenna Dominick said that the Earth Day activities "give students the opportunity to walk around here and get ideas and educate themselves about the environment."

Outside organizations included Sea Grant, had displays of exotic lake species and Lake Erie fish consumption information, and Earth



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Behrend students show their true colors by tie-dyeing t-shirts during an Earth Day celebration Tuesday.

Force, a youth driven program that teaches kids to identify problems and to find sustainable solutions, the Whole

Foods Cooperative, which had samples of organic dried food; and the National Weather Service.

Many of the organizations, including **EARTH DAY**

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Teams will not be eliminated from athletic program

by Lauren Packer
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Behrend has no plans to eliminate any sports from the athletic program, though many local and nationwide universities are cutting back to save money in times of shrinking budgets.

Behrend's ability to retain and fund all of its teams comes at a time when Edinboro announced it will eliminate three sports from its athletic program. Men and women's tennis, along with baseball, will no longer exist after the 2003 season.

Behrend Athletic Director Brian Streeter says that as of right now there are no plans to cut a sport from the athletics program.

"This coming year is going to be very tight. We've had a lot of things happen this year that have put a lot of strain on the budget. We could drop a sport if things got too tight, but are we looking at dropping sports today? No," said Streeter.

The budget for the athletics programs comes directly from what Penn State Behrend receives. Moreover, the budget is strictly an operational budget. The money allocated pays for the

operation of conference and seasonal play. Training trips, both in and out of a sport's season, are not covered in the budget. Teams must fund-raise the entire amount of trip.

Post-season play or post-season awards are covered by a reserve fund and also by a fund set up on campus to cover those types of achievements.

What stretches the budget thin is increased costs for traveling, official, and health care costs.

"Our biggest cost right now is travel. We spend 55 thousand dollars in buses alone. Add to that the rising cost of gas, the addition of more athletics teams, and overnight trips, travel consumes the majority of our budget," said Streeter.

If cuts were to be made, Streeter says that he would systematically sit down and look at the schedules of every team first. Shortening seasons by one or two games, reducing the number of assistant coaches, and avoiding long road trips are just a few of the areas he would look at before

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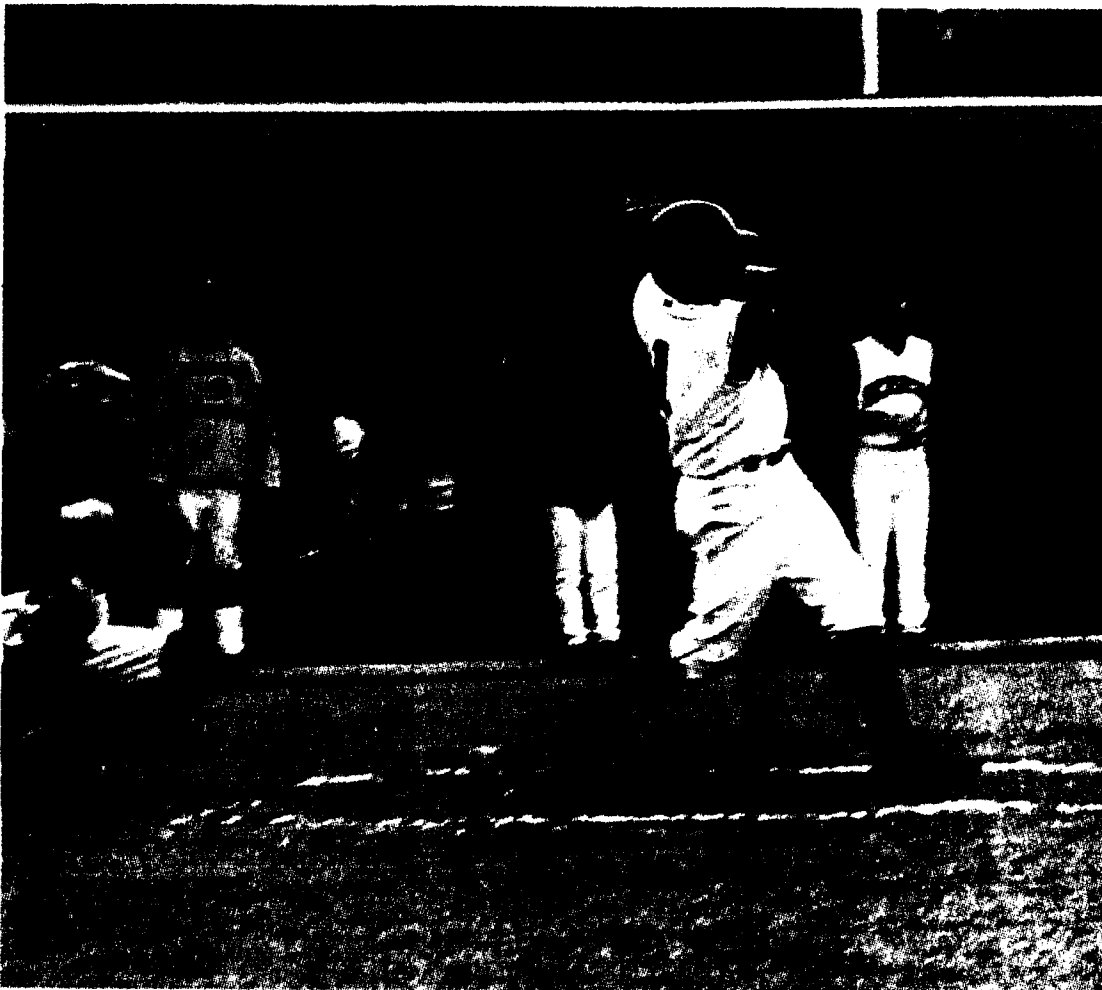


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Behrend goes up to bat against Frostburg in a game last month. If the athletic budget is reduced, some games may need to be cut out of the season.

Campus Q & A

A series spotlighting newsworthy members of the Behrend community

This week: Kevin Fallon

by Jen Henderson
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Editor-in-chief Kevin Fallon may be leaving The Beacon behind when he graduates, but his journalistic experiences are just beginning.

His tenure on The Beacon will come in handy when Fallon, an Erie native, undertakes an internship with the Erie Times-News. In addition to journalism, Fallon is also interested in creative writing and film production. His films "Law and Order" and "A Hard Day's Night of the Living Dead" recently tied for first place at Behrend's Student Film Extravaganza.

Fallon will leave a legacy of 22 Beacon issues and will carry with him fond memories from his time at Behrend.

Q: What is your best memory at Behrend?

A: Probably hanging out in the Beacon office with Rob Wynne and talking about the meaning of life and other nonsense topics. I could go into detail but it would probably be censored out, anyhow.

Q: What are you going to miss most about your time spent here?

A: I am kind of a nerd, so I enjoy school. I really have a thirst for knowledge, so I will just miss being able to go to classes and learn in that type of setting. If I had more time, I would like to take more English classes because I really enjoy fiction.

Q: What do you plan on doing after graduation?

A: Right now, I have an internship at the Erie Times-News. I am really looking forward to working there. I'm also excited to see the "Matrix 2" and hang out with my girlfriend.

Q: Where were you born? Where did you go to high school?

A: I was born in Erie and went to Harbor Creek High School.

Q: Do you have any siblings?

A: I have a younger brother, Brett, who is a dance major at Point Park College. He really knows how to bust a move. He is always picking up girls with his dance moves. I need him to give me some lessons.

Q: What is your favorite movie?

A: I love anything with Woody Allen, but my favorite is "Anne Hall." I also like "American Movie," "The Graduate," and the "Star Wars" trilogy. Those new "Star Wars" do not exist to me, though.

Q: Favorite band?

A: It's hard to pick one, but I like Pearl Jam, the

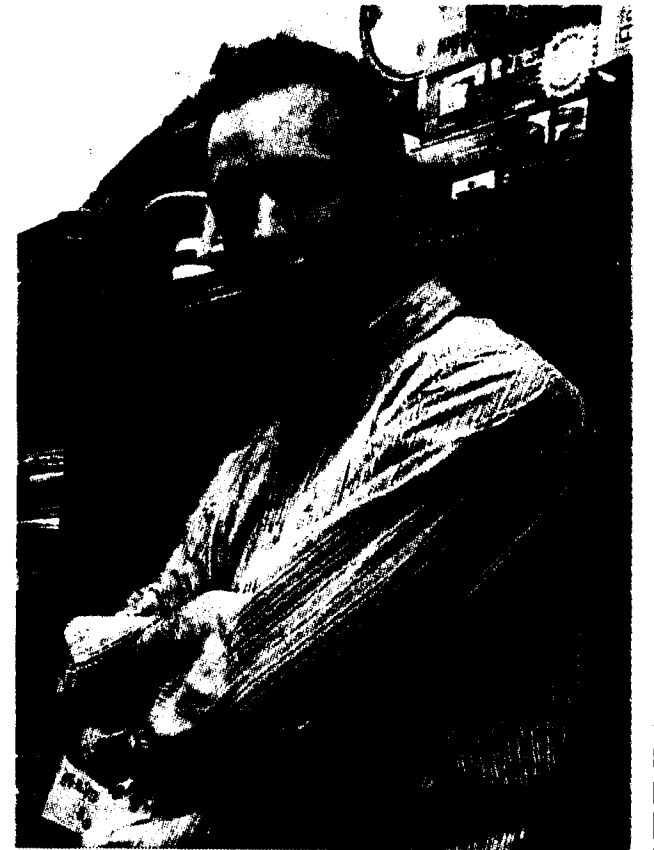


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Beacon editor-in-chief Kevin Fallon shows he means business.

Clash, the White Stripes, U2, and some hardcore stuff.

Q: If you could meet one person, dead or alive, who would it be and why?

A: I would like to meet my dad when he was my age to see what he was like.

Q: Who is your role model in life?

A: Elvis, because he invented rock 'n' roll. And without rock 'n' roll, I don't think this world would be worth living in.

Q: Do you have any advice for the next editor-in-chief of the paper?

A: Try to have a sense of humor. Sometimes I let the stress get to me and I learned that you just have to have fun with it. Also, don't be afraid to be creative and do new things.

Q: How long have you been interested in journalism?

A: When I started college, I had no idea what I wanted to do. I took some writing classes and fell in love with the craft. I love all types of writing. But I got interested in journalism because I love having that immediate audience and always writing something new.

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