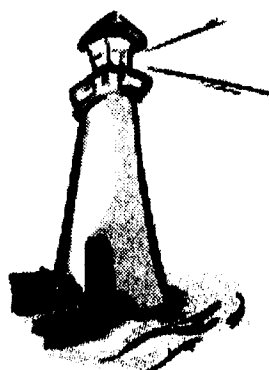




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Inside TKEs lose privileges

Brothers work on image following judicial board hearing

by Courtney Straub Greek page editor

Fraternity Tau Kappa Epsilon has lost pledging privileges for this spring semester...

The incident involved five brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon, four brothers of Delta Chi and members of the baseball team...

All three of the groups are recognized by Penn State Behrend so the University became involved.

First, all individuals went through the student affairs process to determine if a punishment was necessary.

"All the people who were involved from my organization all had to go through student affairs. They were found not guilty," said Jon Stafford, Tau Kappa Epsilon president.

Next, the issue was taken to the Interfraternity Council (IFC) because Delta Chi and Tau Kappa Epsilon are both governed by IFC.

"Chris Fox, for instance, submitted the information as an incident that he thought that the IFC judicial board should look into. The IFC J-board Vice President makes the decision whether or not it should go on to the hearing board," said Chris Rizzo, director of

student activities in the Reed Union Building. The office of Greek Life reports to him.

Delta Chi and Tau Kappa Epsilon were accused of violating substantial university policy for off campus behavior.

According to Fox, coordinator of student organization and program development, behavior or actions of any individual or member of an organization, has a significant effect on the way the member represents their organization.

According to Fox, even when members of the Greek community are off campus, they still represent their organization and therefore if they do something wrong, their organization can be held liable.

The IFC executive board made the decision that the information given by Fox should go to the IFC judicial board. The IFC judicial board is chaired by the Vice President of IFC and the vice presidents from each fraternity chapter.

The hearing took place on Dec. 4, 2003. Many members from both fraternities were present at the hearings. Rizzo served in the role as adviser to the board which means he helped to advise the board on issues of due process and points of order within their constitution.

The IFC judicial board found members of Delta Chi not guilty and found members of Tau Kappa Epsilon guilty.

According to Rizzo, the sanctions are defined within the scope of their constitution.



PHOTO COURTESY OF DELTA CHI WEBSITE

The Delta Chi house, at 3316 Buffalo Road, was the scene of an incident involving brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon, members of the baseball team and brothers of Delta Chi last September.

"I don't think the punishment fit the crime. Let's say that I just hope it doesn't give people any negative view because if you look at all the good things we do for the community, for our organization, for Greek life in general, it far outweighs few little things like this," said Stafford.

Steve Funaioc, Delta Chi president, issued a written statement on what his

fraternity thinks of the outcome. "As the president of Delta Chi I am speaking on behalf of the chapter. Our chapter feels that the schools Judicial System did not do an adequate job with the investigation. We feel the sanctions given to the organization and the individuals were insufficient. These sanctions are hard to enforce and

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Spring break options explored

This week's features page is full of fun and sun. Check out your options for this upcoming spring break.

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Basketball teams host AMCC tourney

Behrend's men and women's basketball teams captured their regular season crowns last Saturday, entitling them to host this weekend's AMCC tournament.

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Latest intramurals recapped

The latest round of intramural sports has come to a close. See the winners in this edition of the Intramural page.

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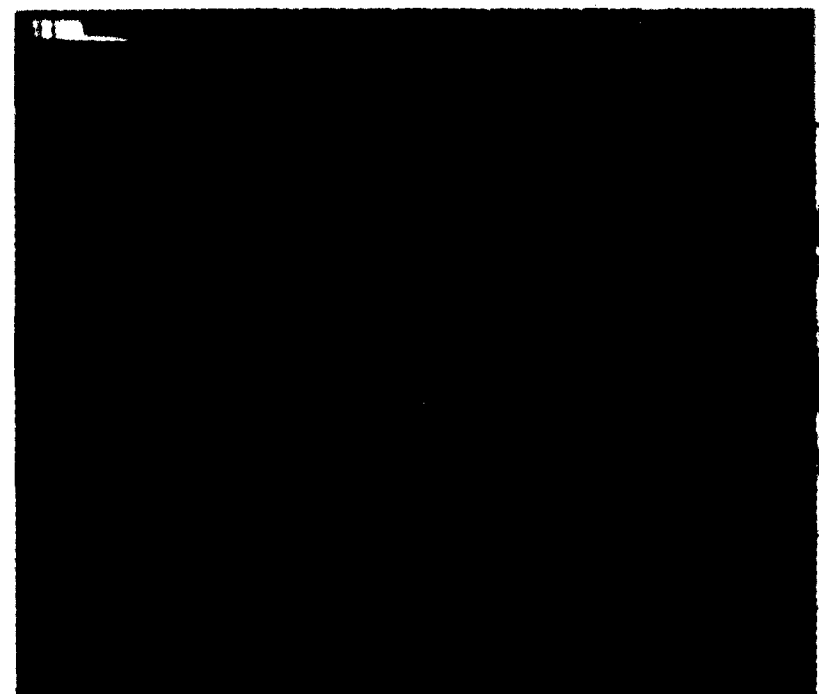
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Students give back to community

Three organizations participate in philanthropies throughout the weekend

Third annual competition raises \$5,000 for ACS



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Athletic Director Brian Streeter (L), presents Nancy Rutkowski (center) of the American Cancer Society and Mary Hubler with a check for \$5,000 Saturday at the third annual Becky Hubler-Decker Cheer and Dance Competition.

by Dan Stasewski managing editor

The cheerleading and dance teams handed a \$5000 check over to the American Cancer Society, Saturday, at the third annual Becky Hubler-Decker Cheer and Dance Competition.

More than 30 teams from area high schools and colleges participated in the event, which was held in the Junker Center.

Donations this year added up to \$5,000, doubling last year's total and more than tripling the \$1,500 raised in 2001.

Athletics Department Officials hope that the increase in donations is a sign that the competition is

involvement as fulfilling the mission of the competition.

"Its about trying to spread the word about cancer," said Streeter, who is eager to see the competition go further than just the Behrend campus.

Streeter did not say there were plans for expansion off-campus, but he hoped the competition could spur other cancer benefits or even a national event much like the fund-raising walks that occur across the country on a single day.

In addition to the philanthropy, Streeter said that the competition was a great way to expose prospective students to the Behrend campus. But he's not the only one who sees it that way.

"I think it shows off Behrend itself, because a lot

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THON committee places fourth among campuses

by Lauren Packer editor in chief

As the crowd yelled the final seconds of the countdown, the two struggled to hold their bodies up. Feet swollen, suffering from exhaustion, Jenn Sutter and Jon Meyn fell from the standing position they had been in for 48 hours.

Co-chairperson Rachael Yates, along with seven other Behrend students made the trip to University Park to provide both physical and mental support to Sutter and Meyn.

"While it was very difficult for them, I think they did a great job," commented Yates, BIOBD 06 "There were times that I wasn't 100 percent sure they were going to keep going but they did, and I'm proud of them."

Yates even went as far as buying Sutter a foot scrub to pamper her swollen, tired feet on Sunday evening.

And so ended THON 2004 for the two first-time dancers. Months of preparation, committee work, and canning came to a close Sunday night at 7 p.m. in Recreation Hall. Seven hundred and two dancers filled the floor and more than 3.5 million dollars was raised to fight pediatric cancer, slightly less than the previous year's total.

Behrend raised and contributed

\$14,500 to the Four Diamonds Fund, the recipient of all funds raised by the Interfraternity/Panhellenic Dance Marathon. Behrend's total this year exceeded the amount raised in previous years.

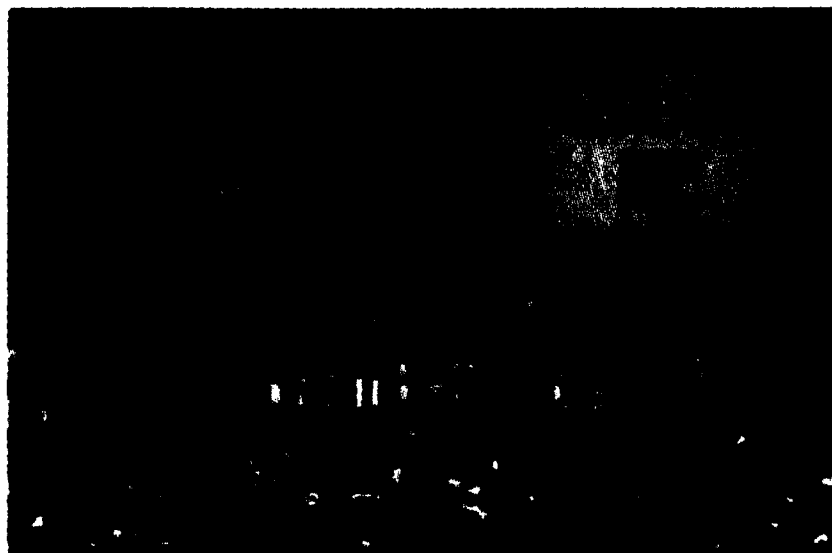
The total also placed Behrend in the top five commonwealth locations that raised funds. That finish may even be a top three. Behrend is waiting on word from University Park because a computer glitch may not have tallied all of the pledges, according to Justin Curry, THON committee co-chair.

"Overall, I was very pleased with the committee this year," said Curry. "They were hard-working people and we had a great year."

Yates agreed, "I think our committee did a great job coming together, keeping our goal in mind and maintaining a positive attitude."

Curry, who danced in THON two years ago while

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Members of the 2004 Penn State IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon Over-all Committee reveal this year's total at the Dance Marathon held at University Park last weekend. Participants stayed awake for 48 hours and collectively raised \$3.5 million for children with cancer.