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therefore we do not believe that they will be followed. I also do not think there was an ounce of truth to their testimony and our standpoint should have been considered in determining the sanctions. If sanctions like these are going to be given out on serious issues, what is the point of the system?," wrote Funaioc.

Penn State Behrend is unique because it is one of the two locations in the university system that Greeks hear judicial matters related to other Greeks. The other location is University Park.

"In terms of fairness, in terms of understanding context, in terms of understanding how the culture of Greek life works, Greeks are probably best suited to hear cases involving Greeks," said Rizzo.

According to Stafford, Tau Kappa Epsilon still plans on being very active on campus and in the community. This semester they will be holding their annual Ice Plunge to raise money for charity.

The IFC president at the time of the incident and hearing was Brian Vollant, president of Kappa Delta Rho, and he feels that "Greek unity right now is going well. [Fraternity and sororities are working together.] It wasn't just a Greek matter and while Greek members were involved, I don't see anything arising from it."

## Competition

of the students that came up either parked at Junker or around Reed so they were able to see a lot more of the campus," said Lauren Breskovich, MANGT 06.

Breskovich, who joined the cheerleading squad during in the competition's first year, said the philanthropy may impact decisions to come to campus but the competition also "makes students a lot more aware of the activities we have."

Breskovich never met Becky Hubler-Decker, the former dance coach for whom the competition is named, but athletics officials won't soon forget.

"Becky was a great person and she always had a smile on her face and was always there for the girls when they were in need," said Pondo.

Hubler-Decker, who was on staff from 1999 until her death in January 2001, impacted the lives of her former dancers. Some of them even returned for the competition this year.

"It means more to them because they dealt with Becky," said Pondo.

"She had a lot of energy and was a great person to work with young women," said Streeter.

The Becky Hubler-Decker Cheer and Dance Competition is a cancer benefit developed by athletics department.

As Streeter puts it, "It's just amazing to watch the people participate and see the spirit that goes on that day."

## THON

at Penn State DuBois, knows just how hard dancing for 48 consecutive hours can be.

"For me, the worst part was the early morning," said Curry. "Your body just knows it should be sleeping."

And if it wasn't for Curry's internal clock, he would have had no idea what the time was. Dancers are prohibited from having any time-telling devices, including cell-phones. Even the clocks are taken from the inside of Rec Hall to ensure that nothing is distracting to the dancers faced with the formidable dancing task.

"I was really proud of Jenn and Jon," said SGA President Scott Soltis, GAS 06, "There were some rough spots, but I had faith in them."

Soltis ensured that Sutter and Meyn would be in top condition by purchasing bottles of Gatorade to help hydrate the dancers before and during THON. Replenishing the body with

drinks other than caffeine, juice or alcohol are just some of the way dancers can stay functioning longer, according to the official Dancers' Survival Guide.

There are committees devoted to keeping the dancers awake during the 48 hour stretch.

The Morale committee assigns one or two of its members to each dancer couple, and the "moraler" is responsible for helping the dancer along, surprising the dancer with presents and keeping them invigorated.

The Hospitality committee is devoted to feeding the dancers meals throughout the weekend.

"People get hungry at various times throughout the entire weekend," said Curry "so there is some type of food available at all times during THON."

Other committees include Entertainment, Corporate Relations, Family Relations, Finance, Rules and Regulations, and Security.

Commonwealth campuses were just given dancer privileges nine years ago, and since then, some have struggled to make their mark on THON.

"This is the first year that Behrend has made top five," said Curry "but I had a feeling at the beginning of the year that we would be around that area."

Curry commented that this year, the social Greeks on campus really contributed a lot to the overall total.

"I was informed when I transferred here that the Greeks weren't extremely involved in THON," Curry said "and that didn't make much sense to me because Greeks are who started this organization."

Curry and some of the committee members began attending IFC and Panhellenic meetings in order to generate interest in the committee and see if they could find some help.

"We were planning a THON here at Behrend, ran mostly by members of the Greek community," said Curry, "but due to budgeting problems and the nature of the program, we didn't receive funding for it and had to scrap the program."

Curry said that he wouldn't be surprised to see a THON on campus next year, however.

"The majority of the committee should be returning next year," said Curry, "so it should be an excellent year for them (the committee)."

Even though THON is over, the committee is still meeting and working on another project, as well as planning for next year.

Meyn is currently organizing an awareness social to be held on campus. A contest will be occurring during the social as well as time to meet and talk with the Four Diamonds Families. These families are the ones benefiting from the money raised through THON.

These families were in attendance this weekend and were able to interact with the dancers.

The Four Diamonds Families are introduced during THON as this year. "There were 138 Families in attendance," said Overall Chairperson Adam Duff in a television interview Sunday evening.

The committee is also working on planning for next year, in regards to structure.

"We still have a lot of issues to talk about," Curry said, "but there will be some changes in the way THON at Behrend is run next year."

Overall, however, the committee is ending on a positive note.

"This year's total is a tribute to the hard work of the THON committee and Behrend community this year," said Soltis. "SGA, the Greek community, other organizations as well as many individuals rallied behind a great cause and did a phenomenal job for the kids."

"I couldn't be more proud of Behrend this year," said Curry.

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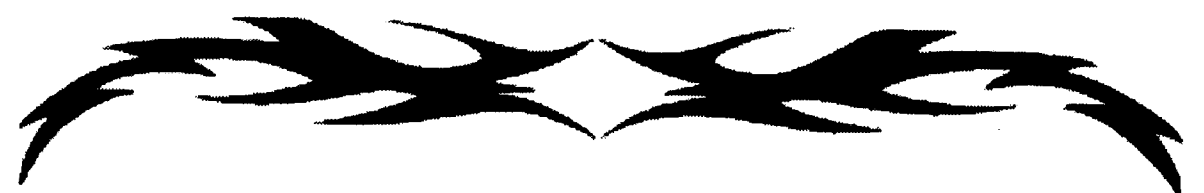
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