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New Found Glory performed at the Patriot Center in Fairfax, Va on Halloween 2004. The group, a punk band from Florida, will be performing at Behrend in March.

New Found Glory coming to campus

By Daniel J. Stasiewski
editor in chief

The punk group New Found Glory will make a tour stop at the Penn State Erie's Junker Center in between trips to Philadelphia and Hartford, Conn. The date, scheduled for March 31, will be the first major concert to hit the campus in three years.

Tickets for the event will go on sale to students Feb. 1. Students can buy up to two tickets at \$15, with additional tickets costing the public price of \$18. If the show doesn't sell out on the first day, public ticket sales open up Feb. 2.

For students interested in a legal way to get into the show for free, concert committee chairpersons are looking for a few hard-working students to help make the event happen.

Applications are currently being accepted for the various committees. They include Publicity, Security, Hospitality, Box Office/Ticket Sales and Production.

Applications are available in the Office of Student Activities or on-line. Kris Torok, associate director of student activities, touted this concert as an opportunity to be a part of nationally touring show.

"Here you get to see everything. The roadies walking around, the tour manager," said Torok. It is uncertain whether committee members will actually get to meet the band. Torok said it was New

Found Glory's decision to meet or not meet the any of the workers. She noted, however, that the groups request for all tickets to be under \$20 means they may be a little more "down to earth."

According to MTV.com, New Found Glory is a Florida-based punk group with seven EP and full length albums to their credit. Their single "I Don't Wanna Know" is currently in the running for the daily top ten countdown show, "TRL."

The concert fits into the original programming mold established with sold out from 1998-2000. Featuring artists breaking into the mainstream, the shows included 1998's Goo Goo Dolls concert, 1999's Train/Angry Salad double-header and the 2000 Shaggy concert.

By the time the 2001 Sugar Ray concert came to an end, Torok said the novelty of a big concert wore off. The 2001 committee had a tough time booking the band, and the concert committee was disbanded until fall of 2004.

An application process in the October brought on a new crew of students. Concert Committee Chair Ross Zambanini, INBUS 04, said the 2004 concert was selected through an e-mail survey conducted last semester. Zambanini said the survey proved students had a strong interest in both New Found Glory and the punk rock genre.

But the business major knew it was all about the numbers. With an SAF-funded budget of \$35-\$40,000,

Zambanini and the committee had to find answer the question, "Where could we get the most bang for our buck?"

All the pieces came together, and New Found Glory, with what Zambanini described as a "cult following," was their band.

Student opinions, however, remain mixed.

"I'd prefer someone else but if they came I'd go see them I suppose," said Janet Niedenberger, COMBA 04.

Niedenberger's opinion is the middle ground, with some students like Amy Drauch, DUS 02, saying the choice was "awesome" and others like Alissa Mague, BIOL 02 saying "I feel like they should have picked someone better."

Torok was positive about the concert, saying her office received a call from a person in Canada who wanted to know how to get tickets.

For Zamabini, however, the concert isn't just about a band. It's about getting students excited about Behrend.

"It always sort of irks me when someone says, 'There's nothing to do,'" said Zamabini, who in addition to being concert committee chair is involved in a number of on-campus clubs.

Students who are excited about Behrend, New Found Glory or just the chance to be a part of a national tour, however, only have a few weeks to apply to one of the many concert committees. Deadline for application is Jan. 21.

Faculty earns \$24.8 million

Behrend professors gross big numbers over 10 years

By Erin Ahlgren
staff writer

Over the past decade members of the Penn State Behrend faculty have earned research funding totaling \$24.8 million, earning \$46,332 in the 2004-2005 academic year alone. With sound growth, Robert Light, Ph.D., senior assistant dean for research, graduate studies, and outreach "would like to see the yearly average reach \$5 million."

No doubt this would create a positive impact at Penn State and the surrounding community. The grants awarded not only improve the region's economic, social, and intellectual development; Behrend students reap benefits also.

In the 2004-2005 academic year, 58 students were awarded undergraduate research grants ranging from \$400 to \$2,500. With the cooperation of faculty members, undergraduate students are able to put their money to work.

The Behrend College Undergraduate Student Academic Year Research Grant Program is just one of the programs available to students. The programs available make it possible for students' involvement in faculty research programs. Students are required to go through a "formal proposal process, including selection of a faculty mentor, development of a research project, composition of a formatted proposal, and a review process at both the school and college level."

"It's a good experience for students in their majors," said Nicole

Swartzentruber, COMBA 08. "Behrend should consider creating a class that involves a research program."

Involvement in undergraduate research not only gives students the opportunity to work closely with faculty members, it also allows students to gain skills and experiences, learn about the latest technologies and share the excitement of making new discoveries.

Each year students are able to show case their research and creative accomplishments at the Penn State Behrend-Sigma Xi Undergraduate Research and Creative Accomplishment Conference. Students from other regional colleges and universities introduce their results orally or by poster.

In 2004, the 13th Annual Conference was quite an accomplishment, with 81 faculty members, 166 students and 107 posters and oral presentations. It involved nine colleges and universities in northwestern Pennsylvania.

The 14th Annual Conference will bring more colleges and universities than previous years with the involvement of a school in Cincinnati, according to Robert Light, Ph.D. The upcoming conference will take place April 16 and is co-sponsored by Penn State Behrend and Sigma-Xi.

Light would like to encourage students in humanities and social sciences to participate more and hopes to see more sophisticated projects. To learn how to become involved or if you are interested in a particular field of research, talk to your advisor, a faculty member or the staff of the dean's office.

MLK commemoration

By Lacy Buzard
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What place does non-violence have in the world today? This is the question that students, faculty and staff will try to answer during the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration this Monday.

In 1983, President Ronald Reagan signed the bill that would make every third Monday in January a tribute to King. The new law was intended to provide federal offices, banks and schools with a day off to reflect on King's message.

Penn State, however, does not free its students of classes on this holiday in spite of an online petition organized by students at University Park. "It's more valuable for students to continue their education and then participate in MLK's message," said Andy Herrera, director of Educational Equity and Diversity Programs.

Instead, Herrera and a committee comprised of students, faculty and staff, with the support of many student organizations, the Office of Educational Equity and Diversity Programs, the Office of Student Affairs and the Student Activity Fee, have organized a variety of events honoring King throughout the entire week.

The goal of these events is to get students to engage in some personal exploration of the meaning of equality, according to Herrera. He said that this equality is not limited to racial issues but includes a broad spectrum of different lifestyles, religions, etc.

The most important parts of King's message, according to Herrera are respect for all, justice, opportunity and love.

"Martin & Me" will be the highlight of the upcoming week. The play by James H. Chapmyn is a "personal tribute to the man, not the myth...to the messenger that was Martin" according to the description on Behrend's website. "Martin & Me" will be performed at 4 p.m. Monday.

Directly after the performance, Marvin Sanderson, PSY 08, will add some additional insight into the life of King during a candlelight observance. Sanderson will also read a poem, "The Difference," written by Danielle Faulkner, FNC 02.

"My goal for being on the committee is that someone will be inspired to make

a difference," said Faulkner.

Sanderson agrees. "The spirit of Dr. King's dream should illuminate all of our paths," he said.

On Thursday, the School of Humanities and Social Sciences is sponsoring an open forum, "Non-violence...is it just a dream?" at 6:30 p.m. in Reed 117. Dr. Miriam Mc-Mullen Pastrick, Dr. Zachary Irwin and Dr. Gregory Fowler will each speak for five minutes and then open the discussion to the audience.

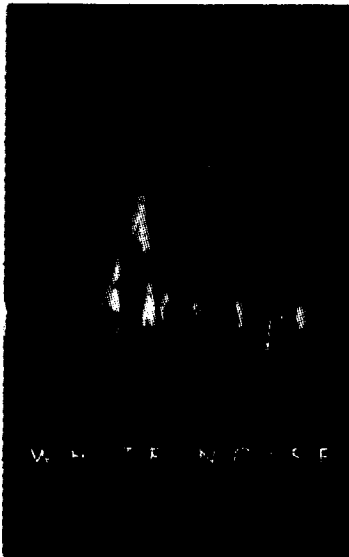
Dr. Richard Aquila hopes that this forum will supplement classes in helping students deal intellectually with King's message.

One change to the annual events has been made to the Campus Family Breakfast; it is now the Campus Family Brunch. The committee found that there was a very low attendance for the old 7 a.m. breakfast. In order to reach more people, they decided unanimously to move the breakfast to 11 a.m.

King's infamous "I Have a Dream" speech will be played continually in Bruno's from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Herrera feels that this speech is especially relevant to Behrend during the "Let Freedom Ring" segment where King says, "Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania!"

Other events throughout the week include a jazz performance by Mary Alice Brown, a civil rights quiz and a Multicultural Council service project at the Child Care Center.

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Tsunami devastation in Turkey. Seven Behrend students are inhabitants of countries in southeast Asia, the area affected by the tsunami.

Tsunami affects Behrend

By Nick LoGalbo
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The level nine earthquake that struck the Indian Ocean on Dec. 26 created massive tsunamis which devastated 13 countries in Southeast Asia. The disaster left in the tsunami's wake created a global humanitarian effort with countries from every corner of the globe sending relief to the distressed areas. The number of deaths caused by the tsunamis is approximately 156,000. The effects were felt even here at Behrend as three students from southeast Asia give their account of what happened.

Tae Predevith, MRKT 08 an international student from Bangkok, Thailand was not expecting to wake up on Dec. 27 to news of a disaster.

"My mom told me four cities in southern Thailand were hit by a Tsunami. I was really surprised. We never had anything like this happen before."

Phuket Island, the hub for tourism in Southeast Asia, was all but destroyed by the massive waves. As a result, the thriving tourism industry in all of Southeast Asia was grinded to a halt.

The unexpectedness of the tsunamis is largely to blame for the high death counts. Sources at wikipedia.com said, "Despite a lag of up to several hours between the earthquake and the impact of the tsunamis, nearly all of the victims were taken completely by surprise."

Kumudu Kaluarachchi, MIS 03 gives an account of this: "The sea recessed was

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