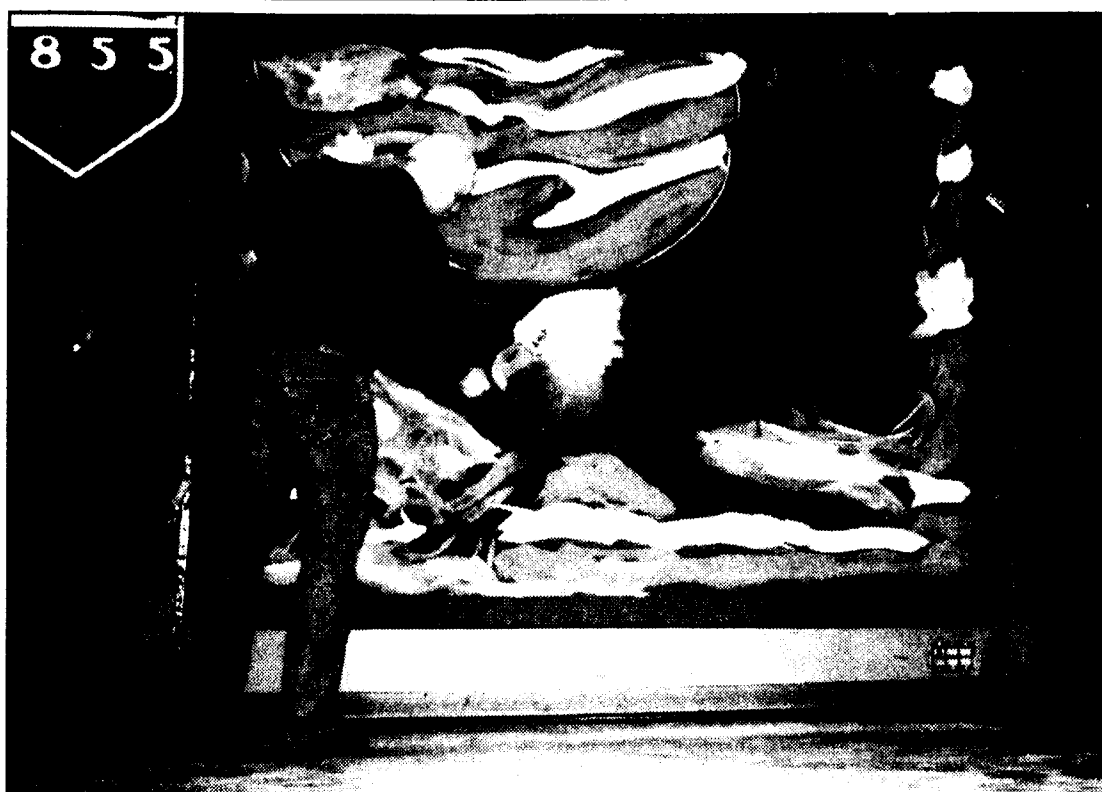


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FOCAL POINTS



Jennifer Haight/THE BEHREND BEACON

Richard Hight makes a living by creating 8-foot high works of art while gathering inspiration from various forms of music. He chooses music according to the audience he performs in front of, and each picture he creates is unique. Hight says not all the music he chooses suits his personality, but he admits it's not about him, it's about the audience and the art.

His passion for larger-than-life murals started in elementary school with a chalkboard. He enhanced his skills in college where he learned about painting, drawing and sculpting.

Real 8-foot canvases would cost around \$200 - \$300, so Hight says he uses bed sheets instead. "You wouldn't be able to afford me, and I would-

n't be able to work if I used real canvases," said Hight.

He has traveled around the world with sketchpad and canvas in tote. He has drawn and painted many pieces in places like Italy and Moscow.

"Once in Moscow, I used a sketchpad and pencil to order a hamburger in a McDonald's," said Hight.

The pictures Hight created Thursday consisted of a river landscape, portraits of Corretta Scott King and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., as well as a giant American Eagle wrapped in the American flag. He has donated all art pieces to Behrend and says he would love to return to this campus in the future.



Mike Sharkey/THE BEHREND BEACON

The winter weather returned to the Behrend after a mild December and January. Behrend is no stranger to snow, seeing upwards of 20 inches per day in previous years.

Temperatures last Friday ranged from a tepid 44 degrees down to a brisk 35 degrees. Between last Friday and today, temperatures fell 12 degrees. Last Saturday was a lukewarm 48 degrees. All this temperature change is bound to bring about some nasty colds, so don't forget to bundle up during these coming weeks. Be careful of the ice and wear good shoes to stave off frostbite.

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Checking up on Reality Check

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If students and faculty at Behrend were asked what the student organization called Reality Check is, the vast majority would be clueless. It seems that Reality Check is one of the more obscure organizations on campus, albeit one of the most active. Reality Check is a community service organization open to every student. What is unique about Reality Check is that unlike other service-based organizations on campus, Reality Check has no entry requirements.

Reality Check was founded at Behrend during 1995-96 academic school year. A group of Behrend students organized and partook in an alternative spring break in Baltimore, Maryland. The students had found the experience so inspirational that they decided to launch a community service organization at Behrend. Reality Check was hence founded and became the first service organization unique to Behrend. Kelly Shroud, the Coordinator of Community Service and the Smith Chapel, is Reality Check's advisor.

The charitable events hosted by Reality Check annually are numerous. Some of these events include the Diehl Adopt-a-School tutoring program and the Angel gifts program, in which 75 presents were collected by students and donated to St. Martin's Church for Christmas. Perhaps the most classic Reality Check program is alternative winter/spring break. Reality Check members, along with Kelly Shroud, have traveled to New York City, Florida and Alabama. Each break is unique in that a different form of community service is performed. In New York City, for example, students focused on helping those who were HIV positive and the homeless. In Auburn, Alabama, students

created community gardens. The alternative break to Florida saw Reality Check students refurbishing a community center as part of a disaster relief effort. These trips are well organized and relatively inexpensive. According to Shroud, the 6 day, 5 night trip to New York City costs each student \$160, and includes food and housing. A typical one week spring break trip to Cancun usually costs about \$800 per person, and that is if the person travels with several friends and is willing to share a room with up to four other people.

Many students are involved with service organizations during high school but stop once they commence their collegiate careers. It is service organizations like Reality Check that provide students interested in continuing to serve their community with the opportunities and support to do so. "The difference with Reality Check," says Shroud, "is that it is open to everyone; there are no dues, and anyone can come to the meetings." Shroud is interested in taking up to three or four trips each year with Reality Check. She hopes that Reality Check will have a chance to visit an Indian Reservation and even go international by visiting a Dominican orphanage.

It seems it is not only Reality Check that has kept alive and active the spirit of helping one's fellow man. According to Shroud, there have also been 78 community service reports or projects successfully completed from April 1, 2005 to January, 2006 by many of Behrend's student organizations. Behrend students have completed 4,800 hours of community service during that same period alone. They have raised more than \$10,000 in charity and collected 600 lb of food. From the Greeks to Thon to Reality Check, it seems Behrend students possess a strong spirit of giving.

Police and Safety

2/4/2006
Complainant reported that her Toyota Corolla was struck by a Chrysler Lebaron as it sat in F Lot this evening. A non reportable accident report was filed.

2/5/2006
Coordinator reported that a student had not been seen for two days. See information report.

2/6/2006
Reported one of the plows had struck a parked car in the Reed Lot. See non-reportable accident report of this number.

2/7/2006
Report of a traffic accident in Erie Hall Lot. See report.

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