

# STUDENT LIFE

## Behrend offers many outdoor activities



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Sand volleyball provides spring entertainment for college students.

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As Behrend's spring semester comes quickly to a close, so does the long Erie winter. Earlier this week, the symptoms of spring-like weather began to show and the students have embraced it by spending more time outdoors. Behrend offers many different activities throughout its expansive 725-acre campus for students to enjoy during the nicer months of the school year.

The gorge is one of the most popular and beautiful outdoor portions of the campus. It is a vast wooded area with many trails that provide a great nature hiking experience for students that are not afraid to get a little muddy on occasion.

There are also the Behrend Fields, where the soccer, lacrosse and rugby teams play. They are only a short walk from the main portion of campus and are pretty well-kept. These fields provide a place to play frisbee, football, soccer, or pretty much any outdoor sport and they are usually open during the spring season.

There are also outdoor tennis courts that are open for student use almost any time during the day when the tennis teams are not practicing or hosting a match. There are five courts altogether, and a singles or doubles tennis match is a great way to get a good cardiovascular workout in while also enjoying the crisp springtime weather.

The sand volleyball courts are located just a

short walk from the on-campus apartments and they provide students with an opportunity to take their game outside while providing the feel of a beach setting.

If you're not in a physically active mood, there are still plenty of other ways to get outside and enjoy the fresh air. The gazebo at Dobbin's has a number of outdoor eating accommodations set in areas with splendid views where even Lake Erie can be seen.

The courtyard between Reed Union Building and Perry Hall is good for a great number of moderately active pastimes such as tossing the football or

baseball or kicking around a soccer ball. This area was also the host to a number of sunbathers earlier in the week who ventured outside in an attempt to catch some of the season's earliest rays. "Tanning is a great thing to do," said freshman Mark Ferguson. "It's good for your health, and sometimes it even attracts the female species."

Along with the independent outdoor activity options for students are the various games and sports that the Intramural sports department offers. They have an outdoor soccer tournament, a team relay race and track meet coming up very soon. Information about these and other events can be found on the Intramural section of Behrend's website.

After a long winter cooped up inside of apartments and dorm rooms, it is important for students to take advantage of all of the outdoor recreational activities and opportunities that they are granted, especially at a campus as beautiful as Behrend's. So head outside as soon and as often as possible, and soak up as much Vitamin D as you can.

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**-Mark Ferguson**

## "Top Five Greatest Female Musicians"

By Chris LaFuria

5. Carole King
4. Joan Baez
3. Joanna Newsom
2. Imogen Heap
1. Joni Mitchell

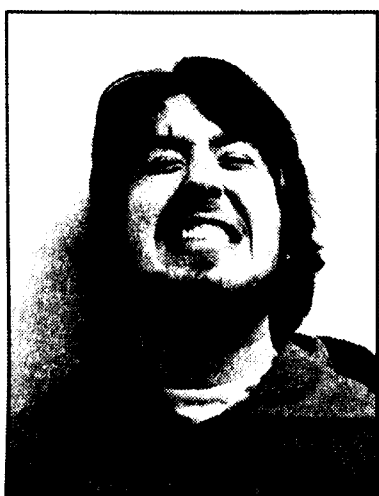
\*Honorable Mention: Norah Jones



## "Top Five Music Videos"

By Andrew McLachlan

5. Foo Fighters- "Everlong"
4. A Ha- "Take On Me"
3. Smashing Pumpkins- "Tonight Tonight"
2. Michael Jackson- "Billie Jean"
1. Pearl Jam- "Oceans"



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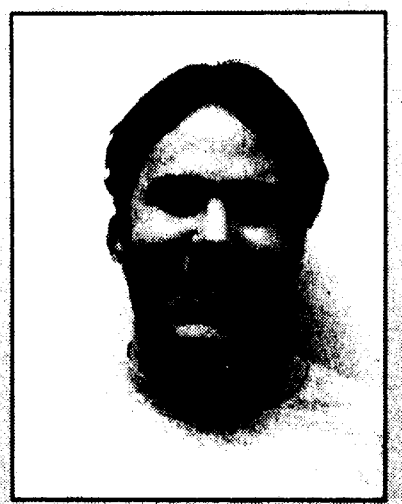
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## "Top Five Reasons Sanjaya Shouldn't Win"

By Lenny Smith

5. It would ruin American Idol.
4. He's off key every week.
3. His sister was better (and sexier)
2. His hairstyle is ridiculous.
1. He can't sing.



## Women's film festival deals with modern problems

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Throughout the end of March and the beginning of April, the Humanities and Social Sciences department will be hosting a Women's Film Festival. This festival began earlier this week and will continue through April 10.

Each of the movies' themes deal with a specific problem that many women have to deal with in modern times. "This is a great time to get students together to recognize the real life situations of women," said Communication professor Ursula Davis.

The first film of the series was shown on March 27. It was a movie filmed in Spanish called "Take My Eyes" that dealt with the issue of domestic violence, while also including a touch of humor.

The second film, which will be shown on

Tuesday is called "Sequins," and it is a French movie that deals with teenage pregnancy. She flees her childhood home to keep her parents from discovering her secret and gets a job with a woman who is grieving over the loss of her son. The two come together and form a very strong bond.

The final film will be shown on Tuesday, April 10 and it is an Italian film titled "Respiro." This movie was filmed on an island to the south of Sicily and is about a woman that is considered insane by the other members of her community. She flees the town to live in a cave and the community must decide how to handle the issue.

The movies are all shown with English subtitles and will be playing at 7:00 pm in the Reed Union Building Lecture Hall.