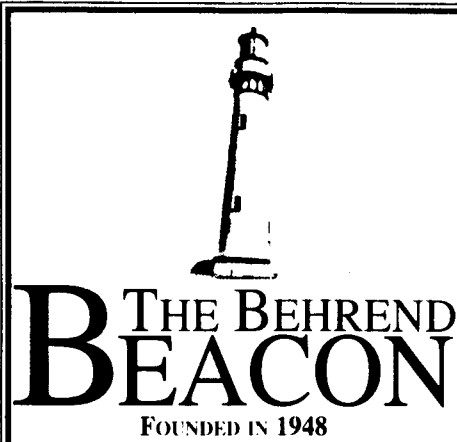


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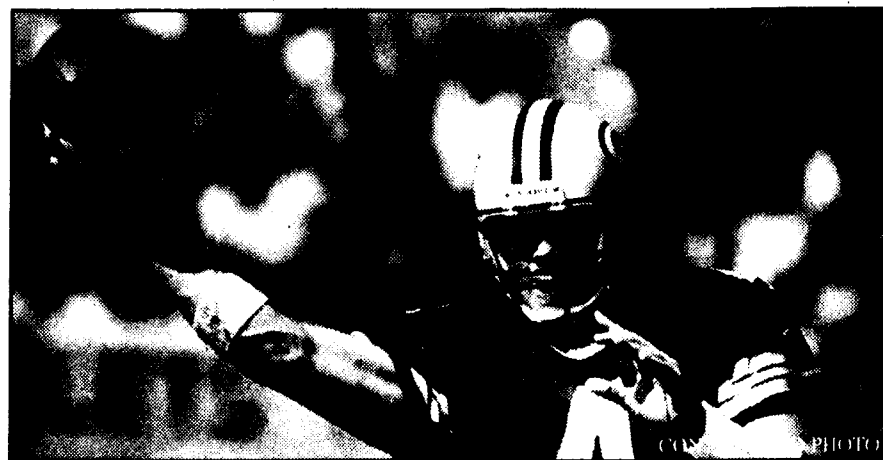
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Letter to the Editor

Dear Beacon Staff and Editors,
 I have been a loyal Beacon reader and occasional contributor since I started my career at Behrend. While I believe everyone and everything has a natural ebb and flow to it, rising and falling on occasion. I have noticed a certain trend in the Beacon lately. This trend has been downward in nature leading me to believe that you as journalists don't seem to care enough about your paper. This worries me, as a citizen and as a student, that those who are so motivated to do the work are not motivated enough to do it right.
 Finding the motivation to do something and do it right the first time is a problem that every student will encounter. Not only at college but in the world outside the walls of this school. I can speak from experience from being in a "real world" environment where things must be done right and you are held accountable, when mistakes are made you will end up only having yourself to blame.
 That is why each and every one of you, who have taken a step forward and decided to search for the answers must work harder. You must strive for more than what is expected, do not settle for the canned responses, you must seek out the news, find what was hidden and show it to the world, but most of all reveal the truth.

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Letter from the Editor

One of the great things about *The Behrend Beacon* is that students control all aspects of the paper, including funding, writing, editing, production, advertising and distribution. The staff here works hard to try and represent and search for the stories that are relevant for the student population, but we can't do it all.
 This is just as much our paper as it is yours. All students are welcome to attend *the Beacon* staff's meetings on Thursdays at 7:30 in the *Beacon* office. If you see news happening, or ideas for news articles feel free to reach *the Beacon* staff through phone at 898-6488 or e-mail csl5005@psu.edu
 We are proud of the work we do and I think our dedication shows. We don't always get it right, but we try our hardest. If you think you can do a better job then feel free to try your hand at writing some articles and prove it.

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Behrend Football: A chance to unite the student body

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It's one thing to watch a game of football on television; but nothing compares to the vigorous environment a live college football game brings to any campus across the nation. The cooling weather that arrives with football season always reminds me that tailgates full of hot food and the cheapest of all beers are only a few scrimmages away.
 However, we, as students of Penn State Behrend, are robbed of the chance to cheer our team on come game day, unless you make the three and half hour drive to University Park. Most people do not do this.
 So instead of our student body coming together on weekends to support our fellow classmates and get the opportunity for greater social interaction, many venture elsewhere.
 Through my years as a student at Behrend, I have heard complaint after complaint concerning the lack of activities and social get-togethers on the campus itself. Student life has, without a doubt, improved since my freshman year. However, it still seems to me that students simply do not show a significant interest for the sport teams at Behrend the way they do at University Park.
 Some may disagree, but there is more energy at a college football game than any other sporting event. You can yell as loud as you want, and you get to watch people get hit hard. Real hard. I realize that it sounds a tad immature and that you're probably imagining me as the stereotypical American male. Well, I don't know what truth lies in that statement, but you'd have to try real hard to convince me you don't find a

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 Please keep complaints as specific as possible.
 Email submissions to cmb5313@psu.edu or drop them off at the Beacon office.

Quote of the Week

"We just want Jews to be perfected."

Ann Coulter referencing her view of a Christian America on Donny Deutsch's "The Big Show"

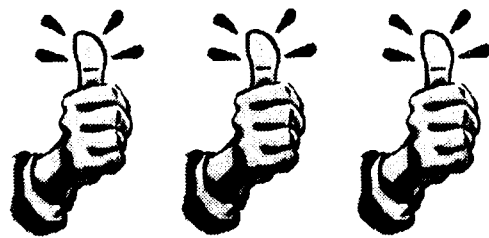
Brett Favre - the answer to America's troubles

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On a Sunday two weeks ago I witnessed history. I was sitting on the couch with my roommates watching the Packers game, a game in which Brett Favre broke the record previously held by Dan Marino for the most touchdown passes thrown by a quarterback in the history of the NFL.
 This, to some people, is very significant. To me, though, it is just a record, but it did get me thinking about other issues, like politics.
 A new president will be elected a little less than 13 months from now, and George Bush will leave the office with his tail between his legs and having been deemed by some the worst president to ever run our country. I won't say that he was the worst, but I can definitely see that there is room for improvement.
 But who? As of now there are so many candidates, it's hard to have a definitive idea of whom I should vote for. It's going to be a unique race, at least compared to the other elections I have been alive for, in that there is such a diverse selection of candidates.
 It's very plausible that the next leader of our country could be the first woman (Hillary Rodham Clinton), Mormon (Mitt Romney), or black (Barak Obama) president. There's even a chance that our next Commander-In-Chief could be the first actor since Reagan (Fred Thompson).
 Since there are so many potential firsts in the upcoming race, I started to wonder why not the first former professional quarterback president?

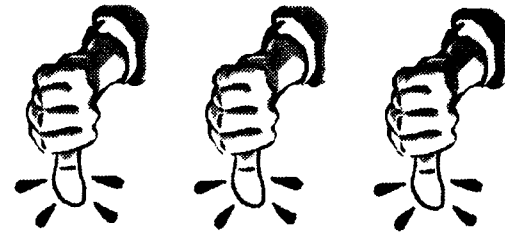
Gerald Ford played college football for the University of Michigan, and as far as I know he did a decent job during his presidential term.
 I truly believe that Brett Favre would make a good Commander in Chief, for a number of reasons that I feel I should describe, because if you're to this point in the article, you probably think that I'm just a kid trying to be funny, but I assure you my reasoning is sensible.
 Firstly, Favre is arguably the greatest leader to run a football team in the last two decades, and to be a president you obviously must have above average leadership skills. I don't want to compare what happens on a football field to the catastrophes and responsibilities that presidents continuously have to deal with, because know they are extremely different, but there are certain parallels. He is also considered to be a great leader off of the field as well, and he is a very articulate speaker during interviews, which is something that can't—by no fault of his own—be said about President Bush.
 To go along with his leadership skills, he's been noted to consider his teammates very highly in the decisions that he makes. When he was considering retiring after last season, he consulted with his coaches and teammates to get their input, and he's been repeatedly rumored to consult his receivers on areas that he could improve. It seems as though he's always putting others before himself, a trait that could help the condition in Iraq and the war on terror, probably the most argued issue in current American politics. If president, Favre would undoubtedly consult with the soldiers, governments, and countries involved, without worrying about his own agenda.
 A big black mark on the Bush Administration's legacy is how he supposedly dealt with the New Orleans area in the time immediately following Hurricane Katrina. I don't feel that this would be a problem with Favre. I believe that he would respond to natural disasters quickly and efficiently, and as a matter of fact, he already has. In the days following Katrina's destruction of the south, Favre formed the Brett Favre Fourward Foundation, a charity organization designed to give aid to those who were negatively affected by the hurricane.
 If you watch a Favre interview, or if you've seen him in a public setting, it's not difficult to figure out that he is not pretentious when it comes to public image. Not only will he say exactly what he's feeling, but he also seems not to be worried about people judging his mode of dress. In the press conference following his record breaking game, he showed up in a black pocket t-shirt, khaki cargo shorts and a pair of hiking boots.
 I know it's impossible for Favre to become the president in 2008, because it is too late now to declare to run, but I'm holding onto hope for 2012. I've seen Favre throw countless touchdown passes, and his celebration is always the same. He sprints to the endzone, and picks up the receiver that caught the pass. He runs around carrying them on his back, mimicking how he carries his team on his back.
 And that's exactly what he could do for this country.

Beacon Thumbs Up



- Powerthirst!!!!!!!!!!
- Fall scenery
- Tossing the ol' pignskin
- Semester half over

Beacon Thumbs Down



- October weather
- Bruno's closing grill early
- Cars disregarding crosswalks
- Midterms



Chris Brown

President Bush vetoes a children's health insurance bill. Children forced to get socialized healthcare like the rest of America...by joining the military