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## THON stays up for the kids

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Penn State Behrend THON held their fourth annual "24 For A Cure" event on Saturday, Nov. 1, raising \$1,384.64 for children with cancer. 24 For A Cure is a 24-hour dance marathon to raise money for children being treated for pediatric cancer at Penn State Hershey's Medical Center.

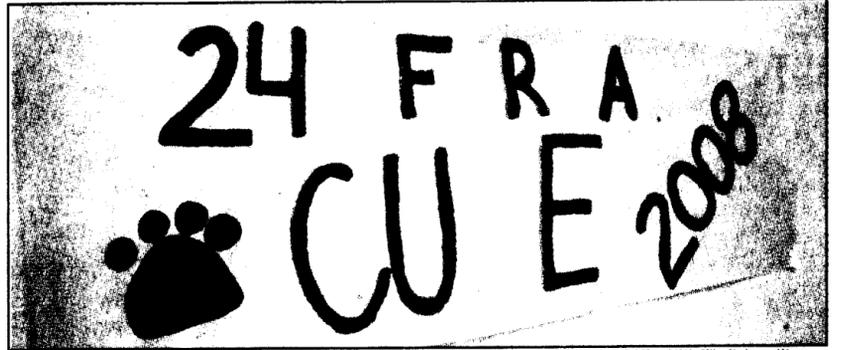
The event started at 3:00 p.m., at which point participants could no longer sit, not to mention sleep, until 2:00 p.m. the next day. Since 24 For A Cure was held over Daylight Saving Time, the official stop time was an hour earlier as clocks were set back

one hour.

To participate in the event, students had to first make a fifty dollar donation. Throughout the fundraiser, participants were entertained by a DJ, video games, volleyball, and a host of other activities.

One of the recurring activities of the fundraiser was a "line dance" in which all participants would gather together to sing and dance to a song written by THON participants.

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THON members raised over \$1,000 at 24 For A Cure.

## Students preview YPC at Northwest Songfest

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After months of recruiting, planning, auditioning, and fundraising, Dr. Jason Bishop finally saw his efforts begin to take some shape. Penn State Erie, the Behrend College, hosted the Northwest Songfest in the McGravey Commons throughout the day of Saturday, Nov. 1.

One hundred and forty elementary, middle, and high school students who are considering involvement in the Young People's Chorus of Erie spent the day with choir students from Behrend. Rehearsal for the students began at 9:00 a.m. and concluded at 7:00 p.m. with a multi-choir concert. The students took breaks throughout the day for lunch, dinner and a few activities.

"It's important for kids to have the opportunity to see what can be accomplished in a day if they work hard," said Bishop. The students received their music that morning, and had only the day to prepare before the performance later that night. Bishop acknowledged that it was a demanding event for those involved, but also rewarding.

"When you expect great things, kids will meet your expectations," said Bishop. "They want to be challenged."

The success of Bishop's event says a lot for his theory. Alexandra Bobo, a Behrend student involved in the choir, spoke highly of the results. "It was a great experience. I loved being around the kids," she said. "They pulled together in only one day. They had music they had never seen at all."

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## Students travel to vote



MARCUS YEAGLEY/TheBehrendBeacon

Students took a shuttle to Brookside Fire Station to vote on Tuesday.

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Students expressed their political voices in a variety of ways, from taking the SGA shuttle to the polls, watching CNN's election returns in Bruno's, and even driving great distances to their hometown polling sites Tuesday.

Before Pennsylvania's polls closed at 8 p.m., a higher than average amount of students participated in the election that eventually led to the selec-

tion of Senator Barack Obama (D-IL) as President of the United States, the first African-American to reach the highest of offices.

Over 100 students without cars or other forms of transportation took advantage of a shuttle, run by SGA and driven by a variety of college faculty, to the Brookside Fire Company.

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## Blood Drive draws record crowd



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The semesterly blood drive took place in McGarvey Commons on Thursday.

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## Behrend runners take AMCC title

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The men and women's cross country team raced their way to victory last weekend at the AMCC Championships held at Penn State Altoona.

The men's team repeated as champions as they claimed their second consecutive AMCC title.

"I am really pleased with how everyone ran," said junior Andy Iams. "We accomplished our goal which was to return as AMCC champs. Mentally and physically the guys were ready and they proved it."

Junior Kevin Gorny finished first for Behrend and second overall out of 71 runners. Iams followed closely behind as he came in second for the Lions and third overall.

Sophomore Matt Alto was also thrilled with the men's performance at the championship in which nine total teams competed.

"Our goal from the beginning was to win the AMCC," said Alto. "Going into it, we knew that we were the best team, so we really were not surprised. We are all glad as a team to win."

The AMCC Men's All-Conference team this year consists of junior Kevin Gorny, junior Andy Iams, junior Rob Shrawder, sophomore Bob Cizek, and freshman Carl Kallgren.

The women's team placed third out of the eight this year. Last season the women won the AMCC.

"Going into it [AMCC Championships], we had a lot of goals, but we fell short," said sophomore Jenna Fatica. "We gave it our all so that's all you can ask for."

Sophomore Emily Berry was first for the Lions and fifth overall out of the 73 runners. Fatica placed second for Behrend and eighth overall.

The AMCC Women's All-Conference team includes sophomore Emily Berry, sophomore Jenna Fatica, and sophomore Mallory Souleret.

"The men's team was expected to win and they did," said head coach Greg Cooper. "The women's team had probably one of the best races of the season. They performed the best they could and there is nothing more that we could have done."

Not including the AMCC Championships, Fatica and Iams have been the top finisher for the Behrend Lions in all five races this season.

"By working hard in practice and my teammates pushing me," said Fatica when asked how she has accomplished placing first. "I don't consider it an individual sport at all, it is a team sport. I've fortunately been able to lead the team."

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### Weekend Weather:

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Friday: Partly Cloudy in the AM. Showers/T-Storms in the PM. High 69 F. Winds S 5 to 10 mph.  
Saturday: Afternoon showers. High 52 F.  
Sunday: Rain/Snow Showers. High 45 F.

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