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LEB schedules The All-American Rejects for spring concert

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Platinum-selling rockers The All-American Rejects have been scheduled to perform at the Lion Entertainment Board's spring 2009 concert.

The concert, which has been scheduled for April 17, is the biggest event the LEB has ever organized.

"This is a big change for the LEB and for Behrend," says LEB chair Brad Kovalcik. "In the past we haven't had a lot of really big-name acts, and we have the SAF (Student Activity Fee) committee to thank for the bigger group."

In previous years, the LEB only had a pool of about \$50,000 to pull from to organize concerts. This year, the SAF committee allotted the LEB \$75,000 to work with for the spring concert.

"A \$25,000 boost is huge," says Kovalcik. "It gets us into a whole new bracket of bands that we can book from."

The entire amount of money the SAF allotted the LEB will go toward the group's booking price. On top of that, the organization also has to pay for hospitality, event staff, printing tickets, fliers, t-shirts, and a finder's fee that goes to the booking agency. These expenses will be covered by ticket sales, which have been priced at \$20



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The All-American Rejects are scheduled to perform in the Junker Center on April 17. Tickets will cost \$20 with a limit of two tickets per student.

per ticket, with a maximum of two tickets per student. When those expenses are covered, any extra money will go back to the SAF committee.

The process of booking the All-American Rejects stemmed from personal consensus within the LEB.

"We started with some suggestions from a booking agency we've been in contact with," says Caleb Rogers, concert chair for the LEB. "Then we got a general consensus from the members of the LEB and other clubs and organizations on campus, and they all agreed that they would really like to see the All-American Rejects come. They

were our first choice. We put in a bid about a week ago, and they accepted on Wednesday night (Feb 19)."

In previous years, the LEB had to go through multiple bidding processes until they found an act that agreed to perform. For this year's concert, no other acts were bid on besides The All-

American rejects.

"It's always a toss-up [when it comes to booking] these bands, because so much of it goes into lobbying and who has already booked them and whether they are going to be coming through the area," says Kovalcik. "If anyone puts in a higher-priced bid than you on the day you want

them, they don't move you around their schedule, they just say no."

Compared to previous spring concerts organized by the LEB, this year's features a much more mainstream group. At last year's concert, 90s alt-rockers "Third Eye Blind" were the main act

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Behrend community discusses Fortunes of Gender

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GENDER ISSUES

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The School of Humanities and Social Sciences at Penn State Erie, the Behrend College hosted the Second Annual Conference on Gender in Smith Chapel last Friday.

"Fortunes of Gender" attracted many important figures from the area, including Behrend faculty and staff.

According to an article discussing this conference on Behrend's homepage, the purpose

of the gender conference was to "encourage attendees to really take a bite out of the questions, 'What does the future hold for men and women?'"

All 31 speakers and moderators brought different perspectives on the answer to this complex question. If anything, the speakers and moderators left room for further interpretation and questioning for all persons who attended the Gender Conference.

Keynote speakers at the Gender Conference from Behrend included Syed Andaleeb, Dean Baldwin, Dawn Blasko, Robert Roecklein, Joshua Shaw, Tom Rawls, Craig Warren, and Sarah Whitney.

Other colleges represented at the conference were Edinboro University, Gannon University, Mercyhurst College, West Virginia University, and Hendrix College. Representatives from SafeNet Erie, the Ophelia Project, Erie DAWN, and the Mercy Center for Women were also present at this all day ordeal.

One particular seminar/lecture that stood out was Dawn Blasco's, titled "Why Aren't There More Women in Science?" Blasco discussed the present misconceptions towards women in math and science careers.

She brought two student volunteers along with her to share their personal struggles and accomplishments dealing with this gender issue. One girl's personal account detailed the negative pressure received during her earlier years of grade school for excelling in the math and science subjects.

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Professor Craig Warren was one of many presenters at the Fortunes of Gender event.

SGA releases Student Facility Fee survey results

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The results are in.

SGA has finished tabulating the information gathered from a survey sent to all Behrend students. The organization wanted input on how to spend the money pulled in from the new Student Facilities Fee, a \$100 per student charge.

And according to the compiled figures, Behrend students both on and off campus wish to see two major improvements.

First, for the Reed building, a convenience store is appetizing for students. 87 percent of students surveyed said that it is the most important improvement desired.

In addition to a convenience

store, 84 percent of students say they wish to see improvements to Reed 117, the large lecture hall.

"We could renovate [Reed] 117 but not because of academics," said Erin Kennedy, the president of SGA, in an interview with the Beacon. "The fee can not go to academic basics."

Other projects sounded good to

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Cheerleaders dance for John Kanzius Foundation

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On Valentine's Day, teams from as far away as Warren, Franklin, and Mayville, NY came to Behrend's Junker Center to dance and cheer in the "Spirit Against Cancer" annual event.

The benefit, in its eighth year, has raised over \$45,000 and will

donate all proceeds to the John Kanzius Foundation in memory of Behrend coach Becky Hubler Decker, according to organizer and Assistant to the Director of Athletics Stacy Pondo.

According to a "Spirit Against Cancer" press release, Becky was the dance coach at Behrend from 1999 to 2001, when she passed from melanoma cancer. Becky also coached at Edinboro Univer-

sity and danced on both the Erie Invaders dance team and on the Buffalo Bills dance team.

"It is very unfortunate that cancer has touched a majority of our lives, that is why it is important to support the John Kanzius Foundation's mission of finding cures to fight all different types of cancer," said Pondo in a press release.

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Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High: 24°F Low: 16°F Snow and wind.	High: 30°F Low: 19°F Snow and warmer.	High: 25°F Low: 17°F Cloudy with a chance of snow.
Forecast courtesy of student meteorologist Matt Alto		Forecast continued on page 2.

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