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Rejects scheduled for Junker

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and the year before them, "ska" band Less Than Jake performed. As of press time, The All-American Rejects' newest single "Gives You Hell" is peaking at number six on the Billboard Hot 100 music chart. The last time Third Eye Blind made the chart was when their 2003 single "Blinded" peaked at number 17 on the Billboard Hot Adult Top 40 chart, which ranks songs that are comparatively less mainstream than the Billboard Hot 100.

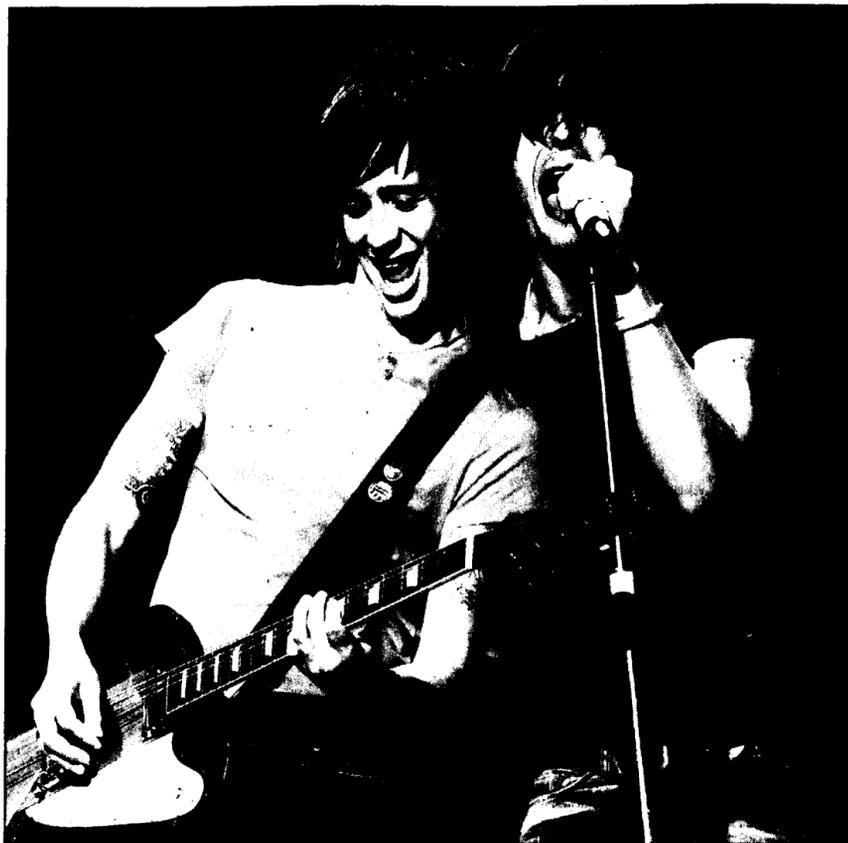
"The All-American Rejects are a pretty big name as it stands right now," says Rogers. "Third Eye Blind wasn't as popular right now as The All-American Rejects are."

The more popular performance means the LEB is expecting more students to be interested in the event, resulting in extra organization from the entertainment board when compared to past years. Despite being a lesser-known artist, "Third Eye Blind" sold out last year's concert, so the LEB is expecting just as many attendees this year.

"This is a big step for the LEB," says Kovalcik. "We've come from doing a band like Less Than Jake two years ago, to doing Third Eye Blind last year, who is definitely a bigger name than Less Than Jake but isn't necessarily a huge deal."

Students who spoke to *The Behrend Beacon* were generally enthusiastic about this year's concert.

"I like them, I'm excited for them," said Kyle Zaspel, a soph-



The All-American Rejects lead vocalist Tyson Ritter with guitarist Nick Wheeler.

omore elementary education major. "I don't really know that much of their music, but I heard their new single and I like it."

Some students even admitted that they will attend the concert even though they aren't fans of the group.

"I don't really like The All-American Rejects, but I'm super excited to see them in the spring," said Phil Heidenreich, a junior history and political sci-

ence major. "I'm definitely going, no doubt about that one."

Just as in previous year's concerts, an opening act will be preceding the main performance. For this year, it will be Shiny Toy Guns from Los Angeles, California, who are opening for The All-American Rejects throughout their east-coast tour.

Also remaining the same as in previous years is the concert's venue, the gymnasium in the

Junker Center.

Tickets will go on sale beginning March 20 and will be available at the Reed Union Building's information desk.

Next week, fliers advertising the performance will be posted around campus. The advertisements will provide more information on the performance, as well as the URL of a website from which students can order their tickets. Also, e-mails will be sent to all Behrend students with concert information.

"The LEB has always been an amazing organization," says Kovalcik. "I'm really proud of them. I've been involved with them since my freshman year and I've seen the ins and outs of the organization, and I think we're performing better than we ever have. Everyone who's been involved with the entertainment board this year has done fantastic. We've been working with a bigger budget than we ever have before. Not just with this concert, but with everything. Everyone's been doing a great job this semester, and this year."

The All-American Rejects formed in Stillwater, Oklahoma in 2001 and have released three albums. Their self-titled debut album was released in 2002 and has since gone on to sell over two million copies, receiving a double-platinum certification from the Recording Industry Association of America.

Low on salt, but high on hope

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This winter has been a testament to exactly how unrelenting the lake effect snow storms can be. With every inch of snow that falls, Erie has salt trucks to fight Mother Nature and make roads drivable. And this winter, Erie is running dangerously low on salt reserves. To make matters worse, the city is already in the hole as far as spending goes. Plus, the winter is showing no signs of loosening its grip on poor Erie.

With even more snow on the way, the city faces a serious problem: how to keep the roads drivable while trying to use salt sparingly?

Most nearby townships have started dropping a 3:1 ratio of sand to salt. While the sand won't help to melt ice or snow, it does act as an antiskid material.

The problems, however, won't end with the season. Millcreek Township, for instance, has bought and used 4,013 tons of road salt already this year, and has budgeted for 5,500. The additional 1,500 are projected to be gone by mid-March.

The real problem is that those 5,500 need to last until next November and December. Otherwise they will be forced to go over budget again.

Essentially, Erie's bank accounts as well as salt reserves have run dry almost a year in advance. Almost adding insult

to injury, the cost of road salt from American Road Salt in New York City has doubled since the 2007-2008 season, from \$38.87 a ton to \$75.10.

It might seem cheap, but at \$75 a ton, those 5,500 tons cost Millcreek Township \$412,500. For a small city like Erie, every expense adds up.

Behrend is a relatively small campus, and with a small campus comes a lot of commuters. And this winter, the commuters have it rough.

"The snow this year has been awful," says Andy Hovan, a sophomore who lives off-campus. "Through mid-January I had trouble getting to campus on a daily basis and I didn't even try to make it up Jordan Road."

Hovan's '96 Geo could be seen stuck or out of control throughout the campus and the city as a whole.

"I'm lucky enough to have a pickup truck," says Jack Licata, also a sophomore. "I can't tell you how many times I got calls from friends who got stuck and needed to be towed out."

Licata, who lives in Buffalo, said this winter has been rough even for the people who are prepared for this amount of snow. Living in Buffalo, he was prepared.

The snow this season has surely affected everyone, and it's still not over. With more on the way, the salt shortage could not have come at a worse time.

And with Punxsutawney Phil seeing his shadow on February 2, we're in for another six weeks of the white stuff.



Shiny Toy Guns will be opening for The All-American Rejects on April 17.

Cancer benefit raises money for John Kanzius Foundation

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"This unique and special competition illustrates the importance of sportsmanship and participation in events that will help others. The dance and cheer competition will put us one step closer to finding the cure for all types of cancer."

This year the competition fea-

tured over 50 teams from all around Pennsylvania and New York. "Teams come from down the road to as far as four hours away," said Pondo. "There is a registration fee, and we also get money from clothing sales, concessions, and we also have a 50/50." Pondo estimated attendance to be around 2000 people, including parents, fans and par-

ticipants.

Behrend's students also got involved, both the cheer team and cheer squad opened each set of competitions. Dance team members like sophomores Leanne Watson, a telecommunications major, and Ashley Rodrigo, a communications major, worked at the event to help it run smoothly. "We do

things like tally up the scores and announce the winners for each category," said Watson. "Our team requires us to be here, but it's fun and it's for a good cause."

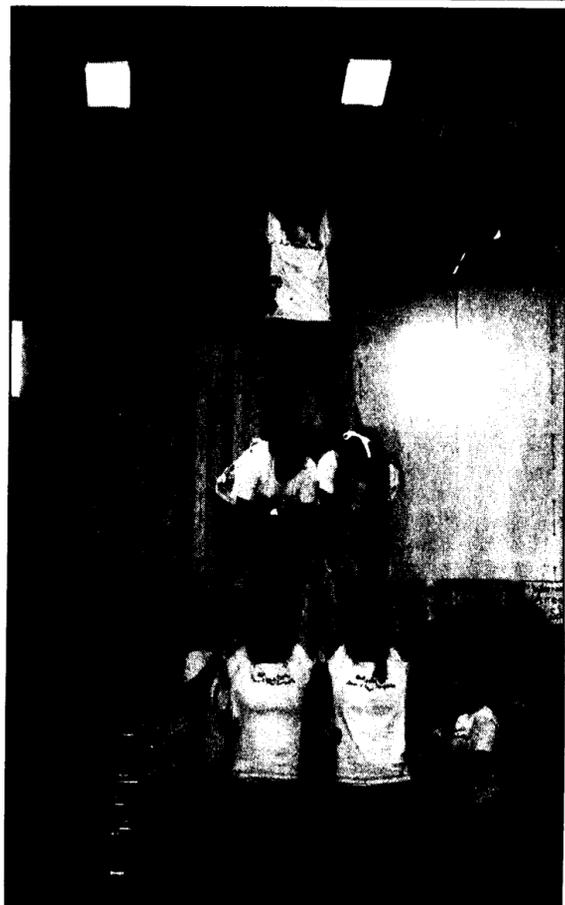
The Flyers All Star Stormz, from Faulkner, NY, came to represent their gymnastics school and raise money for a good cause. Coach Linda Nelson said that this was their first year in the competition as a gymnastics school. "We have 44 students across three age divisions" continued Nelson. "our school has students from ages four-18."

The event wrapped up at 4 p.m. With exhibition performances by Behrend's dance and cheer team and an awards ceremony.

In a related and tragic event, John Kanzius, of the John Kanzius Foundation, died Wednesday at the age of 64 at a hospital in Florida, according to an AP report. Kanzius invented a device that kills cancer cells while leaving other cells unharmed despite having no medical training.



The Behrend dance team performed a routine to raise money.



The Behrend cheerleading team cheered at the event.