

OUR VOICE

Majority opinion of the Behrend Beacon editorial board

A thanks to Health and Wellness

With Behrend receiving 2,500 doses of the H1N1 vaccine on Tuesday, the Health and Wellness Center needs to be recognized for their effort and success in pursuing the vaccinations. Specifically, Patty Pasky McMahon, Director of the Health and Wellness Center deserves recognition as well. She has been extremely persistent and the main driving force not only behind Behrend obtaining the vaccine, but has worked

with the Beacon closely on details of its arrival at the college. The Health and Wellness Center went through a specific process in order to be approved for the vaccinations. McMahon never procrastinated and wasted absolutely no time throughout the entire process. Her constant determination was a significant reason Behrend will be administering vaccines on Wednesday and

Thursday. Sept. 1 was the first day that the state put out the H1N1 influenza vaccine application. McMahon applied that day through the PA immunization center. On Oct. 8, McMahon was approved to order the vaccines. Once again, she responded that day. McMahon also called and continued to call the Erie County Department of Health in attempt to keep them aware of how impor-

tant getting the vaccine to Behrend was. McMahon also called the Beacon on Thursday morning in hopes of still being able to publish a story for this week to get the word out. She has been a major force for us in helping to get information about the vaccine, and dispelling rumors.

Christine Newby for the Behrend Beacon editorial staff.

MY VOICE

Love & hate at PSB

BRANDON BOYD Staff writer

As an opinion writer, you're supposed to have a plethora of topics to write full length articles on with passionate opinions. I'm a horrible, horrible person. I'm not going to B.S. my way through an article on one topic, so I'm going to take the easy way out. I'm going to write about the things I love and hate here at Penn State Erie.

Love: The class sizes. The biggest class I have had so far here at Penn State Erie is 140. That's not bad. At University Park, some of the more popular classes can have over 300 people. That class has more people in it than Hell. (Hell, Michigan, has an unofficial population of 266 people.)

Hate: Costs. I've talked about the parking passes here; we don't need to go down that road again. However, other costs that I complain about come with all collegiate experiences - books, supplies, etc. College is proving to be expensive. I think I have over 4,000 people that can confirm that with me.

Love: The atmosphere. Is a mini-Penn State University Park. The scenery here is beautiful, the buildings are nice, and the teachers are kind. There is not much to say other than that Penn State Behrend is a solid school.

Hate: The events. Penn State Main offers a Jay-Z concert and a packed house for a football game in one weekend. Penn State Behrend? A reading at the Smith Chapel? No offense to the reader, but color

me unimpressed. I realize that Erie isn't exactly a calling for big name stars, but c'mon. What is MC Hammer doing these days? We can do better! Love: Communications degree. I have to take a moment to say why I love the Communications degree offered at Penn State Behrend. At Penn State Main, you have to choose something specific under the branch of Communications (print Journalism, advertising, public relations, etc). Here at Behrend, you get a little bit of everything in your degree. It's a broader degree, and can lead towards a variety of ways to go in a career.

Hate: Phrases that teachers use. I have had several teachers here at Behrend tell me that something is interesting. Not that they thought it was interesting; they stated it like it was a fact. The topics these two teachers were talking about? Soil and communicational styles. Please. I find just about anything more interesting than soil. Don't tell me something is interesting; just say that you think it's interesting. If not, I'll probably end up losing interest in what you're discussing.

Love: The people. There are a lot of friendly people here at Penn State Behrend. The teachers are kind and willing to help, and they legitimately care about students. Plus, as an added bonus, there are plenty of pretty ladies around campus.

Hate: That these pretty ladies aren't after me. Hey, my list of positives reads like a grocery list. I'm kind, funny, loyal, mellow, good-looking, and, of course, humble. Very, very humble.



MY VOICE

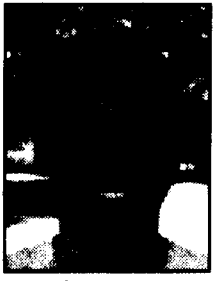
The fall of the Red Wings' dynasty

The dynasty that the Red Wings established from 1996-2008 seems to be crumbling away, and a new team may be waiting for them to fall and take their place. From '96-'08 the Red Wings won four Stanley Cups and eight division championships, setting themselves on a throne above the rest of the NHL. A loss to the Pittsburgh Penguins in the 2009 Stanley Cup Final may have just been the beginning of the end for the mighty Red Wings. The Wings had won the Cup over a young, inexperienced Penguins team in 2008, and with game seven in their home (Joe Louis Arena) it seemed they would repeat as champions. The Pens had other plans, and brought down the Red Wings in a thrilling fashion, earning their place on Lord Stanley's cup. Even so, they're the Detroit Red Wings. It was a long series and they just as easily could

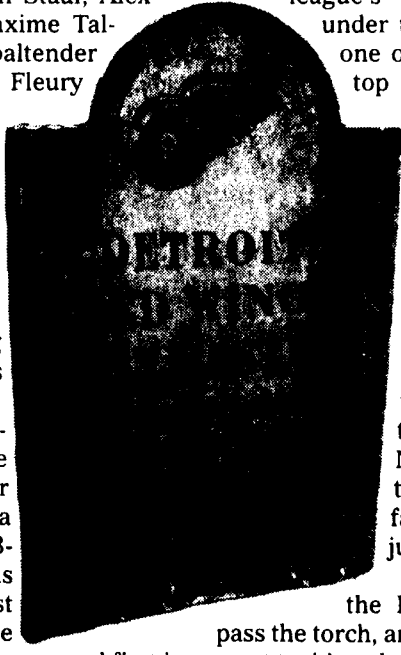
have won it. There's no way that Wings are in the midst of a downfall, right? Well, I've pieced some things together that may be evidence to the take down of the Wing dynasty. In a league where young talent are in the spotlight, the Red Wings have an average age of 30, with six players over the age of 35. The Penguins average team age is 28, with only two players over the age of 35. You might be thinking that a two year age difference isn't that much. So if that isn't enough for you, let's take a look at each team's star players. Pavel Datsyuk, the Red Wings leading scorer with 97 points during the 08-09 season, is 31-years-old. Evgeni Malkin, the Penguins leading scorer with 113 points during the 08-09 season, is 23-years-old. The Penguins' captain and leader Sidney Crosby, the youngest captain to ever win a

Stanley Cup, is 22-years-old and is only getting better as his career progresses. The Red Wings' captain and leader Nicklas Lidstrom is 39-years-old and certainly at the end of his career. Malkin and Crosby aren't the only young talent that the Pens have to offer. Up and coming players Jordan Staal, Alex Goligoski, Maxime Talbot and goaltender Marc-Andre Fleury are 25 or under. The start of the 09-10 season is another sign that the Penguins may be in the midst of replacing the Red Wings at the top. The Penguins have started their season with a record of 12-3-0, which is good for first place in the eastern conference, and first in the NHL overall. The Red Wings have started

their season with a record of 6-4-3, which places them at tenth place in the western conference. Now, I know the season is young, and sports dynasties don't just come to an abrupt end, but it seems like the Wings are at the end of their road. The Penguins have two of the league's best players under the age of 25, one of the league's top goaltenders (also under the age of 25) and plenty of depth to back them up. The Wings' top players are definitely being pushed to the back of the line by the NHL's young talent. Let's face it, they're just getting old. It's time for the Red Wings to pass the torch, and if they don't want to, it's only a short matter of time until the Penguins simply take it away.



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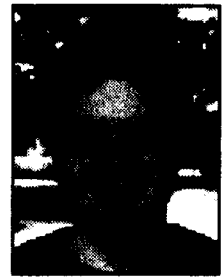
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MY VOICE

Sick of Favre

Being a Green Bay Packers fan in Erie has never been easy. Don't get me wrong, living here does occasionally feel like Wisconsin, but it used to be tolerable because I could be proud of being a Brett Favre fan. As the two other Packers fans on campus know, Brett Favre meant more to the fans and people of Green Bay than any other sports figure ever meant to a city. I was crushed when he "retired" for the first time. My girlfriend at the time nearly cried. But we both took solace that he had chosen such a classy, heartfelt way to end a legendary career in the NFL. Then it happened. He decided that he wasn't done playing football. I was crushed all over again, but this time I was angry too. How could he decide that he wanted to play football for any other city besides the one that stuck with him through bad seasons, plentiful interceptions, and even pain

pill addiction? I watched in disbelief as he put on a jersey that was the wrong color green and stared in awe at the same jersey displayed in local sports stores. My only consolation was that Favre played pretty awfully as a New York Jet. He played so bad, in fact, that I thought this unfortunate saga could finally be over, and things could go back to normal. Then it happened. The treason that would put Judas and Benedict Arnold to shame. Brett Favre signed with the Minnesota Vikings. I could feel the entire state of Wisconsin gnash their teeth in a universal state of cheese fueled rage. Favre and the Vikings beat the Packers twice this season, including once at home. I feel the familiar feeling of wanting Brett to come back one more year, but this time so the Packers can get one more chance to kick his geriatric ass.



MIKE O. WEHRER news editor

Have Your Say:

Are you prepared for Erie weather?



Sam Wilkinson Biology

"Yes. I'm getting waterproof boots and a snowmobile."



Maggie Kloecker English

"Yeah, I just got snow tires put on my Trialblazer."



Kelly Stachewicz Accounting

"No. I've lived in Erie my whole life and I hate the snow."



Danielle Murry Anthropology

"No. Erie weather is too unpredictable."

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