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They Danced Until They Couldn't

While most normal people were on their ways to cup-cake parties or Kool-Aid blasts, twenty students obsessed with a burning desire to dance for thirty straight hours were taking part in the third annual Lambda Sigma Dance Marathon to benefit Muscular Dystrophy. They spent Friday and Saturday dancing and

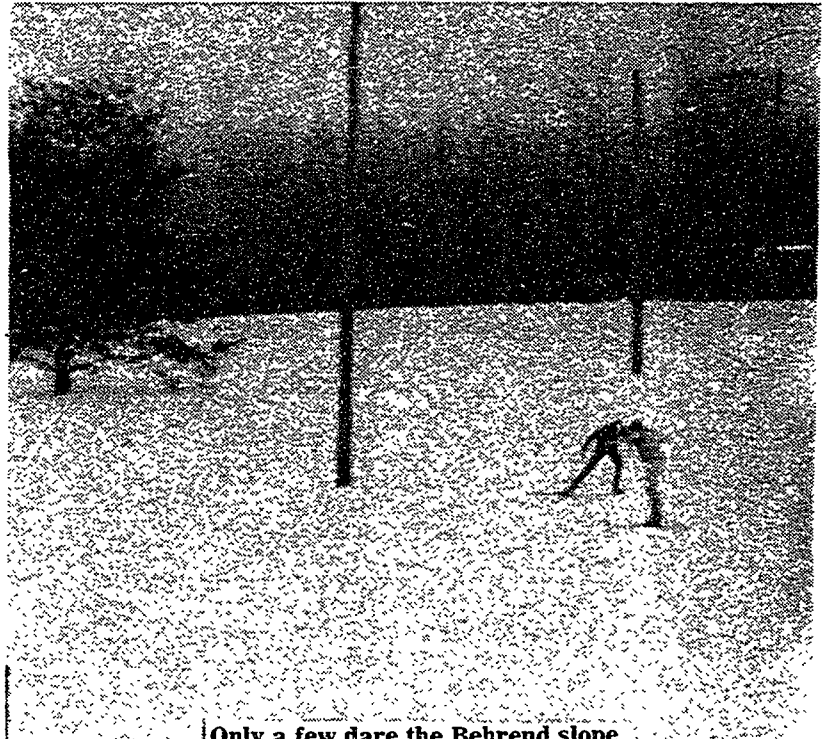
Janet Firth and Ivan (Doctor Disco, give me) Moore. The couple which won the television for having raised the most money was Joni Abel and Mike Mixon. Together they raised a little over \$700. The grand total raised for the Muscular Dystrophy Association was \$1,801. The Lambda Sigma Honor Society

Outing Club Plans Vermont Ski Trip

By Bill Hegman

The Behrend Outing Club is planning a ski trip to Smugglers' Notch Vermont over spring break. The trip will start from Behrend Saturday, February 23 and return Sunday, March 2. In all there will be five days of skiing. The outing club members will stay at Highlander Inn which is approximately two miles away from the ski slopes. Another area close where members may ski is Mt. Mansfield in Stowe Vermont.

Roughly 35 people plan to go and the estimated cost is \$160.00. This includes lodging, lifts, two meals per day, round trip transportation to Vermont, and transportation to and from the slopes. People who have signed up must make a deposit of \$25.00 by December 17, 1979. For those interested, please put the deposit in an envelope and place it in the Outing Club mail box at the R.U.B. desk. All other interested people please contact Bill Hegman at 899-8063 or Carl Heimel at 899-1972.



Only a few dare the Behrend slope



After 14 hours: Still going strong

playing other grown-up games such as: Three-Legged Race, Rope-Jumping, Toilet Paper Rolling Contest (also known as making a mummy out of your partner), Spotlight Disco Contest, and Pie Throwing Contest.

Because it was a disco, the winners of the Spotlight Disco Contest was none other than

would like to give special thanks to the following: Janis Pugh of the MDA, Sharon Pulte and Jill Conn for their parts in the organization and running of the marathon, WBCR and supporting D.J.'s, and the dancers. Also, congratulations to all of the dancers for having found a way to support a worthy cause.

Dance Marathon A Firsthand Look

Editors Note: This is a personal account of the grueling experience of participating in a dance marathon.

When I was asked to do this assignment, I was told to give the participant's point of view, of the Lambda Sigma Dance for Muscular Dystrophy. Since I had already signed up for the event, I figured my assignment would be an easy one. All I had to do was describe the pain and agony of suffering through thirty hours of dancing. But something very strange happened during the thirty hours. A strong bond of friendship was formed between twenty two people.

At first, as expected, everyone was wondering who would quit and if they could endure. The couples were hoping each other would drop out. Every couple put shows on for the spectators. But after the onlookers has left (sometime around 3 a.m.) it became apparent that everyone would have to rely on each other to make it an enjoyable occasion. This was done in numerous ways.

The first was called the "Go" chant. A circle was formed and everyone would place their hands in the middle, all chanting, "Go, Go, Go." To relax everyone, a train was formed and the contestants would massage the person's back in front of them. Then there were three fools who provided the laughter as they attempted to sing along with the songs. At the end of the night though the whole group was singing in perfect harmony.

If you witnessed these events Saturday night and figured them to be big put ons you were quite wrong. These events started around 4 p.m. Saturday night and climaxed at midnight with a group sing along of James Taylor's version of Carole King's "You've Got A Friend".

After the song there was not a dry eye in the entire circle. We all knew we had done more than dance for thirty hours for Muscular Dystrophy. We developed new friendships that'll last long after the pain and fatigue have disappeared.

Jim Pastorius

Best Wishes



Here's hoping your Christmas is trimmed with happiness!

Can You Walk On Water?

There are many who claim that the U.S. Army (and the ROTC) breeds water-walkers. On February 16, 1980 that saying may be somewhat correct; members of Behrend's ROTC department plan to cross Lake Erie, on foot, a distance of approximately 26 miles. To help prepare students for this arduous trek the ROTC will offer training weekends.

Three separate training programs have been sponsored prior to this expedition; two cross country skiing weekends and an overnight winter survival exercise at the Gem City Gun Club. The ROTC Department has decided that participation in these trips is mandatory before crossing the Lake. With this training, it is hoped that frostbite, cold weather, injuries and fatigue will be averted.

The expedition party will leave

Friday afternoon February 15, 1980, for the Canadian side of Lake Erie. There they will camp overnight and set out the morning of the 16 for Presque Isle. That night group members will sleep in Arctic tents on the Lake Erie ice. The expedition will hopefully reach Presque Isle by Sunday, February 17, 1980.

Master Sergeant General Donald King, who is in charge of the operation, spoke optimistically about this mission. He remarked that the trip was planned in accordance with the Coast Guard and that radios will be carried to keep in touch with the party on shore. An expedition was planned last year but failed to finish because the ice had not frozen adequately.

For those who are interested, the ROTC office has additional information on the upcoming weekends and the final expedition.

Dan Ferraro Performs At Coffeehouse

On Wednesday, December 5, Behrend College was privileged with the musical performance by Dan Ferraro. Dan is an incredibly talented guitarist on both folk and twelve string guitars. He played selections by: James Taylor, Jackson Browne, Jerry Jeff Walkerson, the Beatles, Stephen Foster and a few of his own compositions.

It was an enjoyable show for all of the four people in the audience. Bill Hegman described it as "good music to just sit and sip beer by."

The next Coffee House after Christmas will feature the notorious Elastic Waste Band.



Dan singing at last Coffeehouse

