

The Behrend Beacon's

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Fall 2001 Senior Experience - Part 1

Introduction

These familiar faces are finishing up their academic studies and will soon join the real world. They will search for jobs, provide for themselves, and essentially, begin their lives. As another year is underway at Behrend College, seniors prepare for their final year. But behind every old face is a real person who carries fears, expectations, impressions, and so many credits. The Beacon has chosen to follow four seniors throughout their last year as they say goodbye to frat parties, ramen noodles, and the fun and trauma they've known as college.

Libbie Johnson

Age: 21
Height: 5'7"
Major: Communications
Credits: 18
Favorite Food: Mom's Lasagna
TV Show: Lifetime's Original Movies
Favorite Movie: "Save the Last Dance" and "The Cutting Edge"

Libbie is a native of Erie who graduated from high school in 1998. Now in her seventh semester at Behrend, Libbie hopes to

become a journalist. She has been happy overall with her educational experience at Behrend, despite her frustration with certain required classes and the high price of books. She remarks that she has had too many great professors to list. Even more important for her are the friendships she has made during her three years at college. A few of these friendships have developed through Reality Check, the community service organization at Behrend of which Libbie is an active member.

She has put work in her communication skills for that club. "Make the most of your college career by taking advantage of all the opportunities given to you," Libbie advises freshmen. "Check out different and organizations

get involved in many activities." Libbie has gathered many memories of Behrend over the years. One of her favorite experiences was making a video on the many uses of a tripod with her friend Nikki for her Commu 383 class. She also says she is fond of

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"utilizing the library to its fullest potential (like the time I locked my friend Jackie out of the study room)." Given this, her culminating piece of advice is not too surprising: "Most of all," Libbie says, "keep smiling and find humor in everything."



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Sarah Harshman

Age: 21
Height: 5'7"
Major: Psychology
Credits: 17
Favorite Food: Ice Cream
TV Show: "Undressed"
Favorite Movies: "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory"

Sarah is a graduate of Bellwood Antis High School, in Bellwood, Pa., where she played softball, track and field and volleyball.

She is currently a seventh semester student, expecting to graduate in Fall of 2002.

Sarah works at the American Eagle clothing store, which keeps her busy.

Pertaining to Behrend, Sarah comically states that she likes it here for its not like Altoona, Pennsylvania, and adds that she doesn't like the hills around campus.

Sarah concludes by advising students not to switch their major two and a half years into college, for it is a bad idea.

The Beacon will continue the senior series over the course of the semester.

John Williams

Age: 22
Height: 5'10"
Major: Computer Engineering
Credits: 17
Favorite Food: Cream Chicken and Biscuits
TV Show: "The Drew Carey Show"
Favorite Movies: "The Matrix" and "Notting Hill"

John is a graduate from Albert Gallatin High School in Mason Town, Pa., where he played football his freshman year and participated in the ski club.

He is currently an eighth semester student, and expects to

graduate in Spring of 2002. John is actively involved in the ski club, Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity, IEEE, is a Residence Assistant in the apartments and works as a teaching assistant in the computer science field, adding that his favorite Behrend professor is Dr. Coulston.

He likes the open atmosphere and small classes that Behrend offers, however, he adds that the parking situation is definitely something that he dislikes. Lastly, John advises undergrads to get involved with Behrend activities and for them to be themselves.



'It forced me to question why I'm in this major'

Erica is a graduate of Erie's Mercyhurst Prep. She has been at Behrend since the spring of

1997, and now that she is in her ninth semester, she wants to pursue a career in the arts. She is particularly interested in doing photography and incorporating what she has learned in her creative writing classes.

Those classes have been a very important part of Erica's college experience. She says

Erica Zilleruelo

Age: 23
Major: Creative Writing
Credits: 15
Favorite Food: Italian
Favorite TV Show: "Whose Line Is It Anyway?"
Favorite Movie: "Moulin Rouge"

that her favorite professor, "hands down," is George Looney, particularly his class on creative writing theory. "It forced me to question why I'm in this major," Erica says. In addition, Erica's favorite Behrend memory occurred in her poetry writing workshop. She met Art Zilleruelo, who is now her husband.

Hot Spots in Erie

'Calamari's'



PHOTO BY KELLY WALSH

Calamari's is located on 1317 State Street.

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When it comes to Erie, one thing is for sure, and that's that there are plenty of bars to go to.

However, many of the bars are cut off from the outside world, which results in sparse (if any) landscape and smoky rooms.

Wouldn't it be great if there was a bar that had a nice outdoor atmosphere that was located somewhere that was easily accessible to all area

college students? Calamari's, which is located on 1317 State Street, is just the place.

There are plenty of outdoor tables for individuals to sit at, which makes for a great atmosphere, for one can enjoy the great outside weather and watch State Street as people walk by. Bad weather? No problem! Calamari's also has plenty of room on the inside, including a fully stocked bar and plenty of tables.

Whether inside or out, one can enjoy not only the drinks, but also the

food. Calamari's food menu is vast and delicious, having everything from appetizers and finger foods to fine foods.

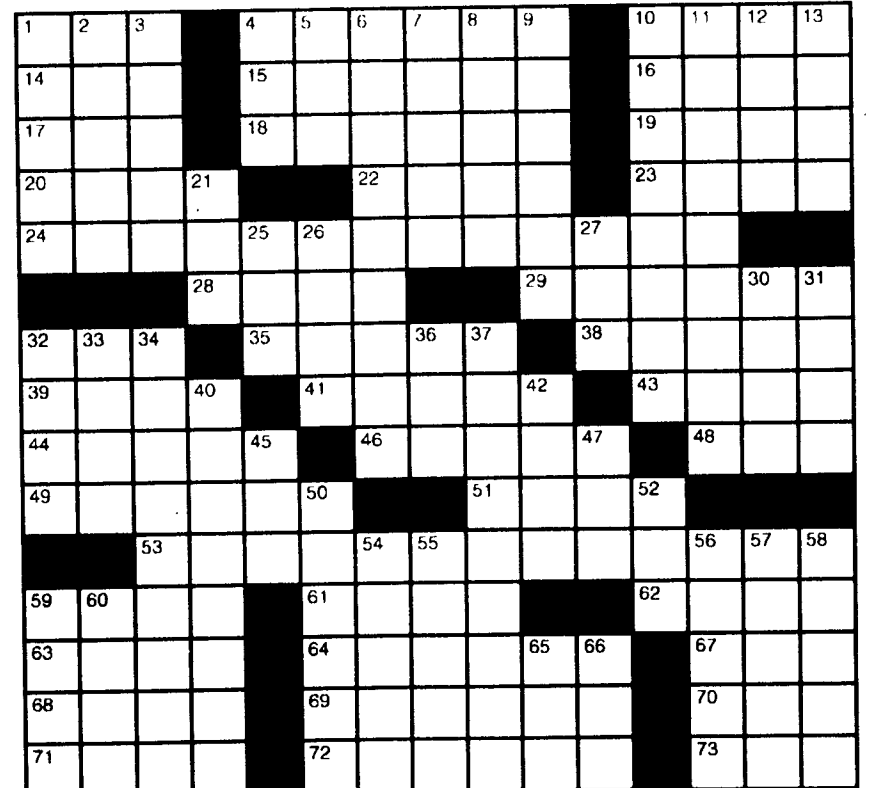
Perhaps their most well known menu item is their squid, which has been an Erie favorite for years.

For more information, please call Calamari's at 459-4276.

The outdoors are a great thing, and when one combines them with good food and cold drinks, a fun time is sure to follow, making Calamari's a definite Hot Spot in Erie.

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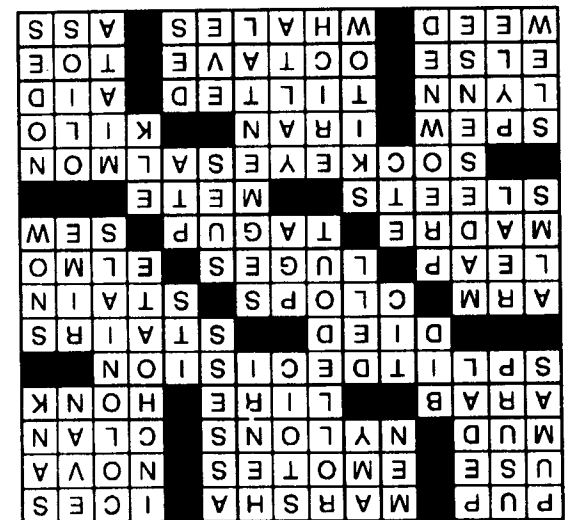
- ACROSS
- 1 Baby seal
 - 4 Actress Mason
 - 10 Clinches
 - 14 Function
 - 15 Hams it up
 - 16 Stellar blast
 - 17 Defamatory remarks
 - 18 Stockings
 - 19 Highland group
 - 20 Part of U.A.E.
 - 22 Cash in Como
 - 23 Goose call
 - 24 Not a unanimous vote
 - 28 Bit the dust
 - 29 Steps
 - 32 Branch
 - 35 Hoof beats on pavement
 - 38 Blot
 - 39 Bound upward
 - 41 Olympic sleds
 - 43 Pollster Roper
 - 44 Juan's mother
 - 46 Prepare to run after the catch
 - 48 Stitch
 - 49 Ice falls
 - 51 Allot
 - 53 Pacific coast catch
 - 59 Pour out
 - 61 Persia, today
 - 62 Metric meas.
 - 63 Redgrave of "Gods and Monsters"
 - 64 Askew
 - 67 Assistance
 - 68 Otherwise
 - 69 Musical stretch
 - 70 Stocking end
 - 71 Garden invader
 - 72 Thrashes
 - 73 Blockhead
- DOWN
- 1 Mountain lions
 - 2 Overthrow
 - 3 Foot control
 - 4 Guys
 - 5 Singer Grant
 - 6 Flattened like dough
 - 7 Follower of Zeno
 - 8 Painter Rousseau
 - 9 Evaluate
 - 10 In an early stage of development
 - 11 Early American houses
 - 12 Writer Hunter
 - 13 Submerged
 - 21 Bridge opening
 - 25 Twitch
 - 26 Gateway competition
 - 27 Part of TGIF
 - 30 "The ___ of the Ancient Mariner"
 - 31 Singer Phoebe
 - 32 Charity for the poor
 - 33 Genuine
 - 34 Seemed logical
 - 36 Woods' org.
 - 37 Divided into sequential parts
 - 40 Used
 - 42 Takes to court
 - 45 & so forth
 - 47 School grp.
 - 50 T-bar



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Solutions



- 52 Fraternal lodge member
- 54 Writer Segal
- 55 Conference site of 1945
- 56 Mazda model
- 57 Potpourris
- 58 Centering points
- 59 Murdered
- 60 Gomer of Mayberry
- 65 "The Three Faces of ___"
- 66 ___ Plains, IL