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### RESERVES

aren't as likely to be deployed overseas as active duty military personnel are, Zangus said.

"It depends on their MO," Zangus explained. "Reserves are used more for combat support, not necessarily combat." While there is always a possibility of being deployed, the military is more likely to utilize these support forces at home. Areas of specialization for combat support include communications, engineering mechanics, refueling, cargo carriers, and logistical support.

Students in different branches of the military have been told varying messages regarding deployment and mobilization. Some students are preparing to leave on short notice, while others are doubtful they will be called.

Josh Crawford, a third-semester mechanical engineer, said he is not worried even though he received a call from the Army Reserves, making sure he is ready for deployment. Jason Ward, a seventh-semester mechanical engineer, checks in with his chain of command in the Marine Reserves every 12 hours and has to be ready to leave within 72 hours.

Student Chet Skinner, also an on-call Marine reservist, thinks his service will be required. "We will have to go in order to get the job done. We have to get the ground troops in to get [the terrorists] out of their holes." And if there is a ground war, there is no doubt in his mind he will be sent.

Some students are not sure if they should be worried or not. Jake Wisniewski, a

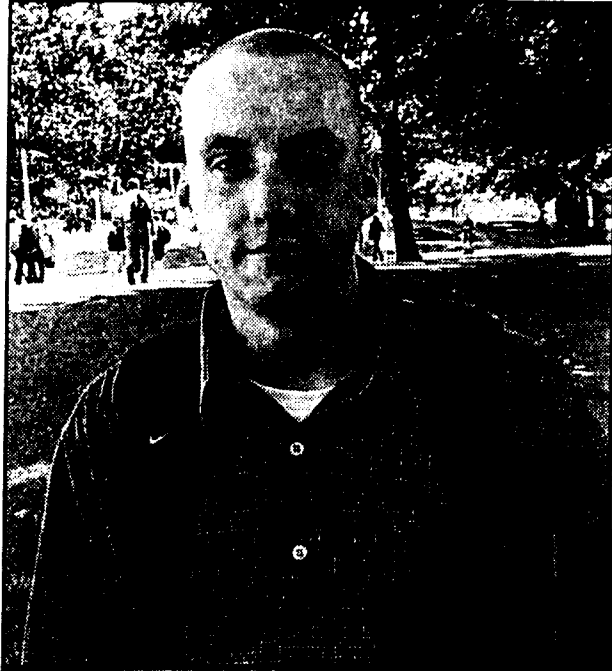
sixth-semester marketing student, is a member of the National Guard. He said he thinks the United States will go to war, but is not sure if he will be called to duty.

Others think they are safe at this point. Nathan Latimer, a second-semester student, doesn't think his National Guard unit will be called because it is very small. If they are mobilized, however, he thinks they will most likely remain in the United States.

Dave Swahn, a third-semester political science major, is a member of the Army Reserves who returned from Bosnia in April 2000. He doesn't think his unit is deployable because there are not many members left in the country. He said he didn't think America would "commit to ground war, but maybe bomb them or send in the Special Forces." He believes the American people will demand some action be taken.

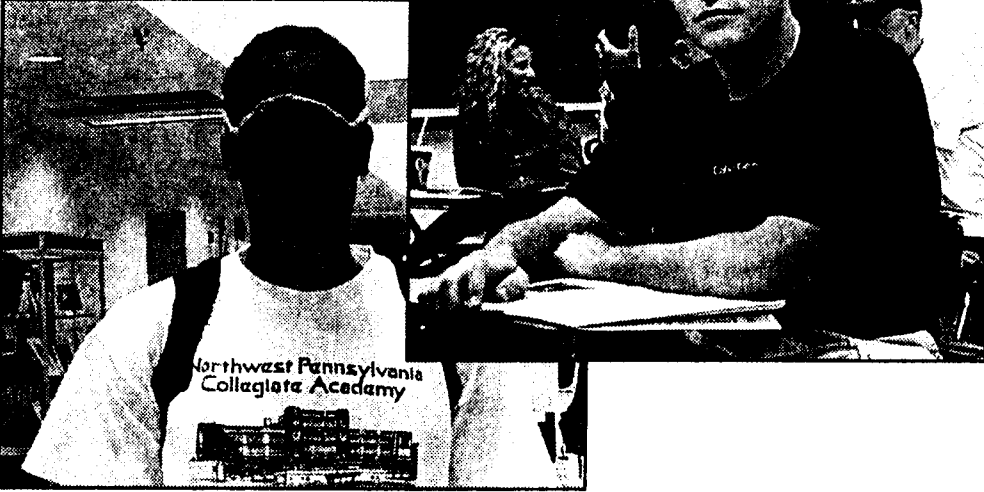
According to Zangus, students who have committed themselves to a branch of the military can be mobilized or deployed, regardless of their status as students. The Registrar withdraws students from their classes and reimburses their tuition. Also, a partial refund is granted for room and board funds not yet utilized at the time of withdrawal.

Not all students in the ROTC program are committed to military service, Zangus said. Anyone can take the 100-level ROTC as an elective. However, by junior and senior year, most students involved in ROTC have been commissioned by the military.



Several Behrend reservists are playing a waiting game with the military, wondering whether or not they will be called to duty. Among them are Chet Skinner (left), Dave Swahn (bottom right), and Jake Wisniewski.

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## Engineering student wins University-wide award

by Sarah Orr  
health page editor

Senior electrical engineering student Ryan Brewer was the recipient of the 2001 James M. Slick Cooperative Education Student of the Year Award, named for the man who founded the Cooperative Education program at Penn State. Ryan received a \$1000 scholarship and a commemorative plaque for the achievement.

Brewer completed three rotations at Lockheed Martin in Manassas, Va. Ken Schulz, the senior engineer for the advanced electronics development department at Lockheed, nominated him for the award. Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering Dr. Ralph Ford was also influential in the nomination process.

"It's great that Lockheed appreciated me enough to take the time to nominate me for this award," Brewer said.

A luncheon was held Sept. 14 at the Nittany Lion Inn in University Park for all of the Cooperative Education Award nominees. For

the 2000-01 academic year, more than 600 engineering students were involved with the Co-op Education program. Brewer was among 40 nominees who completed rotations with various companies.

Anita Todd, the director of the engineering co-op program, presented Brewer with the award. He was the first full-time student at a branch campus to receive the honor.

When asked about the program Brewer responded, "The co-op program is an excellent tool for exploring the career opportunities available within the engineering curriculum, and more students should take advantage of the program."

He was automatically nominated for the National Co-op Student of the Year Award sponsored by the Cooperative Education Division of the American Society of Engineering Educators. The winner of the award will travel to Sarasota, Fla., to receive a \$1000 scholarship. Brewer is also eligible for a statewide award.



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Ryan Brewer received a commemorative plaque in addition to a \$1,000 scholarship when he won the James M. Slick Cooperative Education Student of the Year Award. Also in the photo are Anita Todd, director of the engineering co-op program, and Ken Schulz, senior engineer for advanced electronics development at Lockheed Martin.



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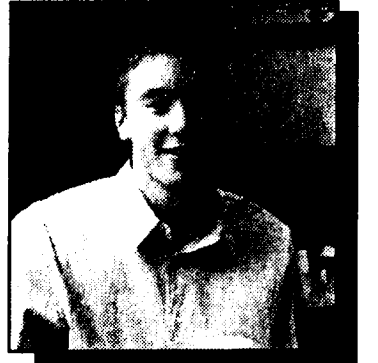
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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

*How much do you think our government knew about the terrorist attacks?*

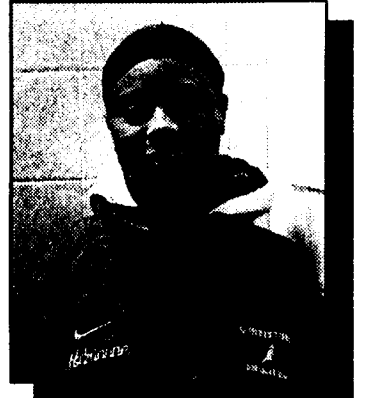


"I don't think they knew anything."  
**Nick Kenyon**  
Mechanical Engineering, 05



"The threat of terrorism has always been present, so if our government was warned they took it lightly."

**Colleen Veith**  
Business, 01



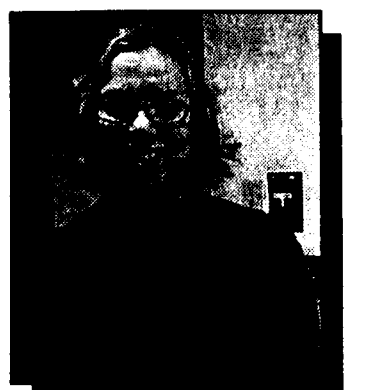
"I think some people knew about it."

**Adrienne Abney**  
Political Science, 03



"I don't think they knew anything. Preston Schumpert is my hero"

**Todd Burchalowski**  
Math, 07



"We heard from other governments something was coming but didn't take it into consideration."

**Emily Linendoll**  
Public Relations, 03