

Question of the Week

by Jen Henderson, associate editor

"Do you think the recent shootings were random acts of violence or terrorist attacks?"



"I don't think they were terrorist attacks because they weren't directed towards the government or a specific group."

Alex Marroquin
Psychology, 09



"Random acts of violence because it was a wide variety of people."

Dana Vaccaro
Communications, 05



"Random acts of violence."

Dave Daquelente
Agricultural Engineering, 03



"Terroristic attacks."

Erika Lesniak, Biology
Stacy Mosier, Biology
Brooke Dodds, El. Ed.



"Random acts. I think an American citizen isn't satisfied with how our government is currently being run."

Joe Pistone
DUS, 01

CAREER FAIR

Walsh also feels that the Virtual Job Fair is a great way for people to find employment.

"We are promoting this career/internship fair to let college students know about the plethora of jobs and internships that are right here in beautiful Pennsylvania," Walsh said. "We also refer people to the Stay Invent website to find out more about living, working and playing in Pennsylvania."

"Val and I are having a lot of fun promoting something we really believe in," said Walsh. "Pennsylvania has a very low cost of living, great outdoors and many young professionals who want to make Pa even more exciting. There couldn't be a better internship."

For more information or to post your resume for free, go to <http://www.StayInventPA.com> and click on the Fairy Job Mother.

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PHOTO BY KEVIN FALLON / BEHREND BEACON
Student Kelly Walsh poses with water bottles bearing her company's name during Tuesday's Career Fair.

PEACE RALLY



PHOTO BY KEVIN FALLON / BEACON
Behrend student Jon Edwards was one of the many college students who attended the war protest.

Church, spoke at the rally saying, "Give peace a chance."

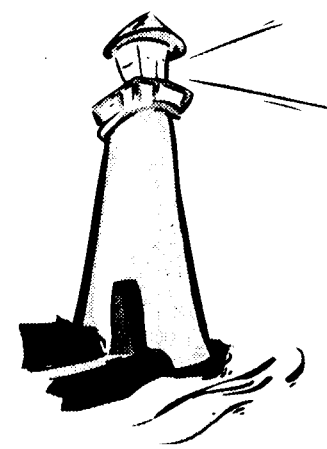
"The echoing voice of dissent say give diplomacy a chance," said Mock. "This is not the time for war. We must declare war on all forms of violence. Time has not run out for Eriteites to...take a stand."

Organizers and supporters of the rally said that even though they may not have been as effective as they wanted in persuading Congress, the rally was a success because their opinion was heard. U.S. Rep. Phil English has said he will vote in favor of a resolution allowing the U.S. to go to war with Iraq.

"I think that it was successful in that so

many people showed up and that the people that were there were very concerned and intelligent," said Kons. "They were all very vibrant and willing to show support. I think it was successful in that it showed Congress that we are here and we will not rest until this isn't an issue any more."

"I think as far as getting our opinions and voices out in the open, it was very successful," said Edwards. "Students need to get more involved in issues like this, because things that happen today are going to affect us and our families in the future. It's up to us to make the difference."



The Behrend Beacon and the Office of Student Affairs will be accepting applications for the position of Editor-in-Chief for the remainder of the Fall semester and Spring semester 2003. Interested individuals should submit a letter of intent and resume to Ken Miller, Director of Student Affairs; Reed Union Bldg. Application deadline is October 25, 2002.

Chemistry professor Amicangelo shares his passion with students

by Alyssa Peconi
staff writer

The chemistry department at Penn State Behrend is experimenting with a new addition to its staff, hoping there will not be too many explosions.

Amicangelo teaches two sections of Physical Chemistry (CHEMBD441 & 442), and a freshmen honors chemistry course (CHEMBD12H).

A graduate from the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth, Amicangelo brings not only intelligence, but also experience to the chemistry department at Behrend. He also attended graduate school at the University of Vermont for two years.

Amicangelo accomplished three years of post-doctoral research at the University of Utah. Though this is his first major teaching position, he student-taught throughout his years at the University of Vermont.

In comparison to his teaching experiences at Vermont, Amicangelo says, "The classes are much smaller here, which is a very good thing, because it allows for more student-teacher interaction." He also notes that the entire Penn State Behrend community, including the faculty and all the students, is "small but very helpful and friendly."

Amicangelo had not always had his career path lined up for chemistry. At first, he went to school to become an electrical engineer.

However, he thoroughly enjoyed his chemistry course during his freshman year, even receiving the highest grade in the class. In addition, Amicangelo always had an interest in science. He even admits that he owned a chemistry set as a child.

It was not until graduate school that Amicangelo decided to focus himself on the teaching profession. While instructing chemistry laboratories and teaching material during his years at Vermont, he developed an interest in teaching and decided to devote the rest of his career to teaching chemistry.

A native of Boston, Amicangelo is new to this area. He just moved to Erie from Utah in August, after he and his wife bought a house.

The 33-year-old professor enjoys a variety of activities, such as camping and skiing. However, he has to admit he misses the mountainous regions of Vermont, where he spent a good deal of time hiking and rock climbing, as well as doing many other outdoor activities. On the other hand, Amicangelo occasionally occupies his time brewing beer in his own home and watching the Buffalo Bills games on television.

This new professor is optimistic, planning to "bring an area of expertise that was never here before." He also hopes to introduce a new chemistry course into the curriculum for upper-level chemistry majors next year.

Amicangelo plans on staying at Penn State

Behrend for the duration of his career, "as long as it works out."

As far as advice goes, he encourages his

students to "work hard, study, and most of all, be passionate about your interests."



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Dr. Jay Amicangelo has joined the science department as assistant professor of chemistry. He encourages students to have passion for their interests.