

Question of the Week

by Jen Henderson,
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"I think we should attack Iraq in order to prevent a tragedy before it happens. We may not know if Saddam has weapons of mass destruction until those weapons start landing in other countries."
Dominic Gaetano
Meteorology, 04



"My opinion is still the same: a war with Iraq won't solve the problem and will only cause other problems. When it's over, Iraq will end up just like Afghanistan: ruled by a weak president and warlords because the U.S. pulled money and support as soon as our interests were served."
Erin Troster Psychology 04



"I agree that something needs to be done. I just wish it wouldn't go as far as this. War is unnecessary. I have a lot of friends over there that I worry about."
Jenny Rabbitt
Marketing, 04



"I wish this war didn't have to happen, but if it is necessary for World Peace for it to happen then let it be."
Luis Marte
Liberal Arts, 04



"Not really. I still think there is a better way to handle it. We're still not completely sure who we are fighting."
Lacy Buzard
Comm, 04

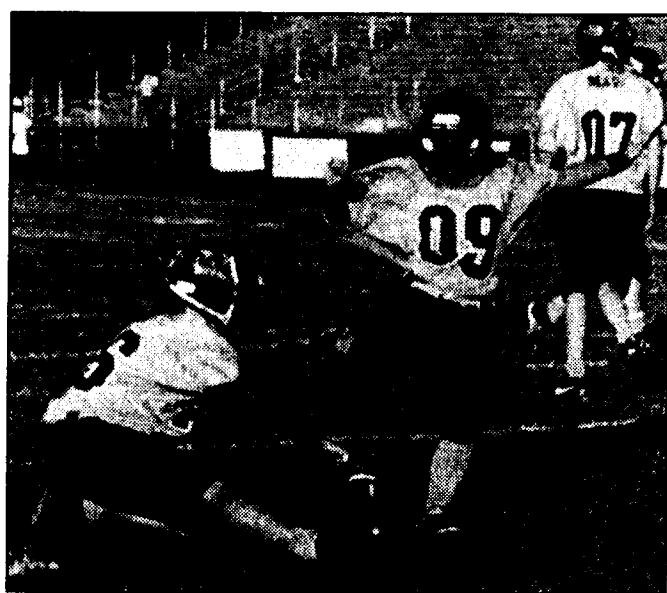
FROM FRONT PAGE

FOOTBALL

The team. They practically maxed out their credit cards to get through the first season. Expenses included travel for games and uniforms. But money has not stopped determined women around the country to live out their dream of playing brute-force football. The players also hold full-time jobs and have to make time for practice. The ages of the women in the league range from 19 to 47 and the average size of the players is 5-foot-6 and 181 pounds.

Most of them grew up playing football with the guys in the backyard, or playing on their varsity high school team. When they dreamed of playing pro football, they were patted on the head and sent to the sidelines. Now they wear helmets on their heads and make touchdowns. Gilbert and Markell will tell their story of how

women playing football became a reality.



Members of Syracuse's women's football team show off their athletic prowess during a game. Team names members Gilbert and Markell will visit Behrend and discuss their experience.

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Why Join the Outdoors Club?

The Outdoors Club is an opportunity to meet many people and experience different outdoor activities. If you are interested in hiking, camping, backpacking, canoeing, kayaking, and skiing, the Outdoors Club is definitely for you.

In the beginning of the school year, we went backpacking through The Allegany National Forest. On a bright October morning, we packed everything and started on a wonderful adventure. We hiked the whole morning and a little into the afternoon until we reached our destination. When we reached our destination, we set up our tents, started a campfire, and had lunch.

After lunch, some rested while others explored Allegany. Floyd Mattie, on the other hand, decided to take a jog throughout the forest. He definitely had a good workout. After dark we gathered around the campfire, which got to be about six feet tall, and talked. Most people talked about previous camping and backpacking events. Most of us fell asleep around two or three in the morning. At the crack of dawn, we woke up and had breakfast. After breakfast, we cleaned up the campsite and finished our hike. We finished around four or five the next day; it was a blast.

The week after finals, we are planning to go to the Laurel Highlands for hiking and caving. If you are interested, come to our meetings on Monday at 6 p.m. in the Winter-Green Commons by the RUB desk. I look forward to seeing anyone who decides to join.

Dancers battle Capital and cancer



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Behrend Dance Team members, from left: (front row) Laine McCullen, Erin DeLora (captain), Jenelle Johnson (captain), Megan Zuschlag, Jessica Grimes; (second row) Shaunna Vanhonk, Amanda Samko, Jill Fullerton, Tara Pavan, Katie Helmuth; (third row) Meryl Sustarsic, Chrissy O'Rourke, Jami Pearson, Emily Szewczyowski.

by Tara Pavan
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When going to the gym to workout or to catch a game of pickup you might notice the trophies in the glass case at the end of the hall. Whose are they? If you look a little closer you will notice they are Behrend Dance Team championship trophies. These outstanding 14 girls not only brought home two first-place trophies from two regional competitions but also went on to win National Championships the nations capitol.

This summer the dancers began their journey with 10 talented girls at UDA's Dance Camp at Rutgers University. At the beginning of this fall semester, they held try-outs and added four more talented girls to complete the squad of 14.

But the dancing had not begun there. The dance team program began in Fall 1999 after Becca Sheaffer approached Brian Streeter about the idea. Streeter agreed and the dance team started

dancing at basketball games with 16 girls on the team. Four years later, the team had a new look and was ready to not only dance at the boys' and girls' basketball games but also compete with the support of the Behrend Athletic Department and coach Melinda Juratovic.

They first prepared themselves for a regional competition at Shaler High School for a bid to the C.O.A Nationals. Their hard work paid off as they brought home their first first-place trophy and a bid the C.O.A Nationals. Their next challenge came after Christmas at Robert Morris University for A.C.D.C.'s regional competition, where they also brought home a first place trophy and a bid to nationals. After much thought they decided they would attend one national competition, A.C.D.C.'s Battle at the Capital held in Washington, D.C. from Feb. 28 to March 1.

Five dancers also joined the small group portion of the competition. Just as the team brought home a first place

trophy and title of A.C.D.C.'s National Champions in the Open College Division, the small group also brought home a first place from its division.

During the season the dance team and cheerleaders also hosted their own competition, the fourth annual Spirit Against Cancer in the Junker Center. More than \$2500 was raised for the American Cancer Society donated, in memory of Behrend's first dance team coach Rebecca Hubler-Decker.

The Behrend Dance Team has definitely kept itself busy this season but each member wouldn't have it any other way. The girls' hard work and commitment definitely paid off and they are looking forward to not only supporting the Behrend Lions at basketball games but to also compete each year. Don't be surprised if you see the Behrend Dance Team competing on ESPN in the near future. These girls definitely have what it takes.

Soup for the Soul speaker Kuntz relates her life to the four seasons

by Courtney Straub
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Once again Soup for the Soul is holding its weekly sessions. This semester the topic is Personal Stories of Christ in Our Daily Lives.

Soup for the Soul is held every Thursday from noon to 12:50 p.m. in the Smith Chapel living room. For the next four weeks, someone from Penn State Behrend will speak about Christ in their daily life.

"People enjoy sharing and listening to their peers. This is a way for the Christian community to connect," said Lynn McNeil, coordinator of the Protestant Campus Ministry.

To start the series, student Jen Kuntz discussed how finding God related to the four seasons. For a long time Kuntz felt that her life was in the fall. She was doing well in school, her family

was fine, and her life seemed comfortable. Then one day she realized her spirituality was a little rocky.

"I wasn't happy or content at all," said Kuntz.

Then, just a leaf drops when the weather turns to winter, her life dropped. Everything that was happening in her life went wrong. Slowly, Kuntz began struggling through the winter.

During the winter, God brought many things to her attention, she said. Kuntz began realizing that while she was getting along with her family and friends, she was not making an effort to meet new people. Although it is taking time, she said God is helping her change her heart to love everyone.

"I had to change my lofty attitudes and motives to find the grounded truth of God," said Kuntz.

She said God also brought to her at-

tention that she was lacking in the faith and trust department. Looking back on her life, Kuntz realized that all her struggles and trials had been a wake-up call to show more faith in God. She feels that through the struggles and trials, God was telling her he missed her.

Then her pastor told her something she will never forget. She wanted Kuntz to let God create the faith inside.

"I thought could it be possible that God could create trust in me when I didn't trust him," said Kuntz.

After seven months, spring is now beginning to appear in her life. Kuntz still questions and challenges God but, her faith is getting stronger everyday. Throughout the long winter, Kuntz feels that God's grace was with her and he was waiting for the right time to show her the spring.

"God patiently pursued me," said Kuntz.



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Student Jen Kuntz speaks of her faith at the season's first Soup for the Soul.