

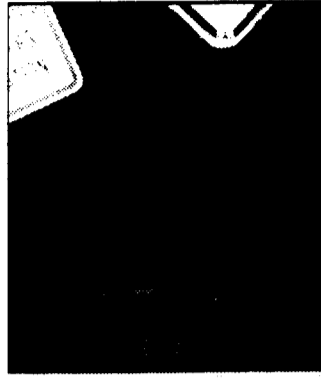
Question of the Week

by Jen Henderson,
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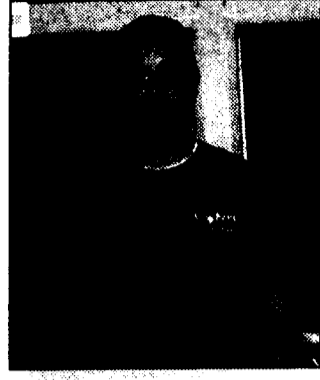
"What is your summer dream job?"



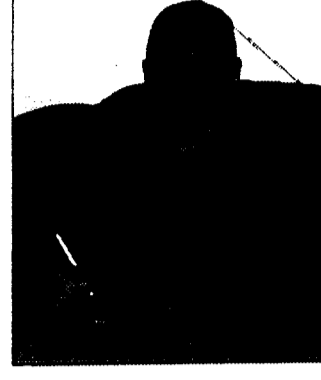
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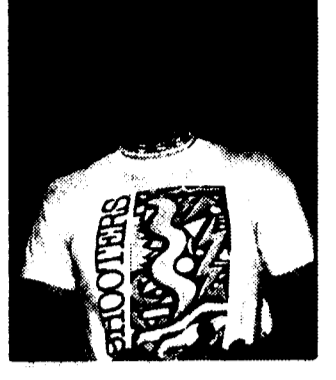
"Testing out tanning products on the beach."
Jamie Earls
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"A Nascar driver or the Cookie Monster."
Justin Rosenberger
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"Working for a fishing guide service."
Nick Carlisle
Marketing, 08



"Being a bartender at the beach."
Robby Schreck
Finance & Econ., 06

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TEAMS

eliminating a sport entirely. "When you cut an entire sport, you're losing a lot of athletes," said Streeter. "If they leave the university, then what is the university really gaining? If you've got budget problems, obviously an easy place to look at to save money is athletics. But you have to think of what value athletics hold. Why cut sports when sports provide students additional education, strengthens bonds and promote leadership, and provide entertainment to those students who choose not to participate in athletics." Behrend currently has 240 student athletes, with an additional 60 athletes playing a second sport. Of those athletes, more than 40 percent annually achieve a grade point average of 3.0 or better. In the 2001-2002 seasons, 66 athletes posted a grade point average of 3.2 or better and captured Academic All-Conference honors. "To the university, it may not be a big deal to cut programs because they figure it's only 30 or so kids," said head tennis coach Jeff Barger. Barger, who is good friends with the Edinboro tennis coach, sat down with his kids on the day Edinboro announced the

cuts. Barger reiterated to his athletes Streeter's message that no sports at Behrend will be eliminated. Barger now faces scheduling problems because of Edinboro's elimination, along with opponent Buffalo State's decision to drop women's tennis. Tennis is one of the cheapest sports to fund, yet it continues to get the axe from many collegiate programs. From 1992-2002, 145 tennis programs have been eliminated. Fifteen of those were Division III. The cuts haven't just been made to small, unheard-of schools. Large, popular Division I universities such as Kansas, Kansas State, UMass, Seton Hall, Bowling Green, and Pittsburgh have all slashed tennis programs in recent years. "One of the saddest things about the state of tennis is that non-tennis coaches are being asked to double up on coaching jobs and coach tennis as a second sport. They just don't have the time to put in the effort to make a team competitive," said Barger. "Along with golf, we're probably one of the cheapest sports, yet with tennis it is one of the first sports cut."

Student reservists go to war

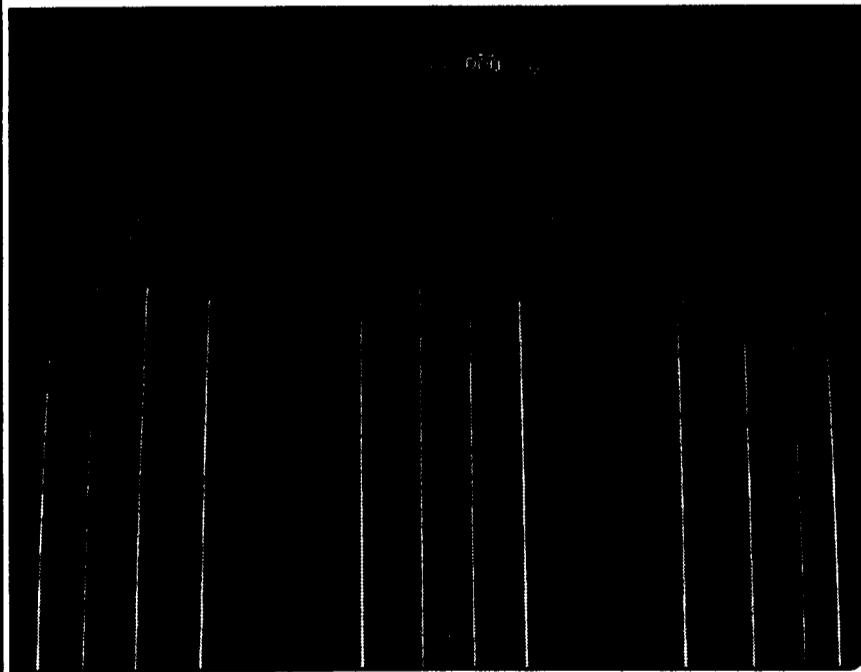
by Kristen Schrum
staff writer

The official number of Behrend students who have been sent off to war since the beginning of spring semester is now 18. These students, including two women and 16 men, are members of the military reserves who left Behrend are being called to serve the country. Penn State has specific policies to accommodate students who are in the military while enrolled in school. When students are called to active duty in the middle of the semester, they can contact the Registrar and take what is called a military withdrawal where their GPA will not be affected. Students who process a military withdrawal will not be charged tuition for the semester the withdrawal was processed. Those who reside on campus will only be charged for room and board expenses prior to their withdrawal. When these students return to school, they are eligible for re-enrollment. "If they live on campus, we try to make sure they have housing available for them (when they return)," said Ken Miller, Director of Student Affairs. The other option available for these students is called deferred grades. This is when a student has been called to duty late enough that they can finish classes when they get back. This must be an agreement specifically between students and their professors. Heather Wright, a sophomore, shared her thoughts on the students who have been deployed. "It is frightening that so many of our fellow students are actively

involved in this war. We should all try to make ourselves as aware of their conditions as possible and be as supportive as we can," said Wright. Others on campus have actually reached out to show their support. A bulletin board has been put up outside the Office of Student Affairs in the Reed Union Building entitled "Support Our Troops." This board has the names of students who have been called to duty and some pictures, as well. "We had hoped people would see the bulletin board and realize that some of their classmates have been called up. I think it's important to support folks that are there. Regardless of your political standpoint on the war, it is important to realize these students who put their lives on hold," said Miller. Marge Dimperio, staff assistant in the Humanities and Social Sciences office, organized a care package for one of the students. Warren Roberts is

now serving the front lines in Baghdad. Dimperio knew Roberts when she worked at the Mercyhurst Police Academy and he was a police cadet there. Included in the care package were snacks, toiletries, items with the Penn State logo, and crossword puzzles. "We were just thinking about him and wanted to lift his spirits," said Dimperio. Some people may recognize a student in the list and want to send a letter, card or care package. Office of Student Affairs has organized the military mailing addresses of the students so that the Behrend community can reach out to them. "I think it would mean a lot to the students who went to war, their families, and the campus if we would recognize that we know they are taking time to serve our country," said Scott Dzemyan, senior.

Students can win big at Jeopardy Challenge



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Contestants in December's edition of Jeopardy compete for prizes (above) while hosts Alek Strebek (Dr. James Kurre) and Lucey Leatherbottom (Gail Kurre) (right) ham it up. Jeopardy Challenge returns for a second edition today at 9 p.m. in the McGarvey Commons. During this edition, organizers will give away \$1,400 worth of prizes, to be distributed among many students. These prizes include a \$50 gift card to Circuit City; a table for four at Jr's Last Laugh; a \$25 gift card to Petsmart; tickets to the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra; and many more. Students who would like an opportunity to get called onto stage should drop their names into the basket at the entrance to the Commons. More than 20 students will get a chance to compete on stage, while an additional 20 will get one shot at Jeopardy fame by answering a one-question pop quiz.



Behrend students called to war

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Michael Fallecker
Christopher Felege
Steven Greer
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