

## Greek life active in Behrend, Erie communities



Above, Behrend Greeks showed solidarity during Greek Week. They showed their competitive sides while displaying their prowess at pudding wrestling (left) and truck pulling (below).

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## Students pulled into military action in Afghanistan & Iraq

'Anti-war,' 'anti-anti war' protests abound in Behrend, Erie

The idea for anti-anti war was started by a group of Behrend students; mainly Tom Gatesman, Jim Wascak and Dan LaBorde. The popularity of anti-anti war quickly spread to other Behrend students, and they also have found support at West Point, Baldwin Wallace and Penn State University Park.

The idea of anti-anti war came about because they believe that Americans do not have enough information to make an intelligent decision on whether to be pro or anti-war.



Calls for peace were heard in downtown Erie on Monday, Oct. 7, 2002. About 400 people gathered in Perry Square to protest the possible United States invasion of Iraq. The rally was organized by local college students and religious groups.



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Behrend student Jeff Miller stands guard in Afghanistan, where he has been stationed since September.



'Peace is always an option. We don't see the need for this war,' said Chris Strayer (above left), English 02.

## Behrend students called to war in Iraq

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| Jennifer Baker     | Michael Porter   |
| Brian Bitner       | Giovanny Reimer  |
| Bradley Bush       | Warren Roberts   |
| John Cherry        | Joshua Rosenbaum |
| Michael Fallecker  | Nathan Russel    |
| Christopher Felege | Jason Saeger     |
| Steven Greer       | Thomas Voltz     |
| Chad Lindell       | Schelly Wansor   |
| Kevin Otteni       | Chad Weber       |

Eighteen Behrend students were sent to war in Iraq. These students, including two women and 16 men, are members of the military reserves who left Behrend after 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.

## Diverse themes and tunes spice up 'Music at Noon' series



The Music at Noon series continued Feb. 18, 2003, with a performance by the world-renowned Moscow Chamber Orchestra, a large ensemble with musicians from around the world. The group's culturally diverse ideology has helped it break musical barriers, such as being the first Russian orchestra to tour South Africa.

The Gryphon Trio, known as one of Canada's greatest chamber music groups, consists of Jamie Parker on the piano, Annelee Patipatanakoon on the violin, and Roman Borys on the cello. Their name derives from the mythical half-lion, half-eagle which is a symbol of the connection between psychic energy and cosmic force.

Gryphon Trio has recorded three albums and is working on a fourth, which will contain contemporary Canadian music.



The Turtle Island String Quartet closed out the Music at Noon series for the year. Since it first formed in 1986, TISQ has been a powerful force in creating daring new trends in chamber music for strings. The ensemble fuses classical quartet artistry with modern popular styles. The group has explored such genres as folk, bluegrass, swing, jazz, be-bop, classical Indian forms, rhythm and blues, new age, hip-hop, and bossa nova.



Silk Road Music is a Chinese touring group that includes five talented musicians who have been playing for at least 30 years. It appreciates the potential for music in intercultural communication.

Qiu Xia He plays the pipa, a traditional Chinese four-stringed lute. Zhi Min Yu plays the ruan, a traditional Chinese instrument that sounds similar to a mandolin. Feng Jun Wang is a vocalist. Willy Miles sings and plays bass guitar. Andre Thibault plays the acoustic guitar, percussion, and the oud, which is an instrument of the lute family used in southwest Asia and northern Africa.

The ensemble performs at least 100 concerts a year. It performed 10 songs at Behrend.