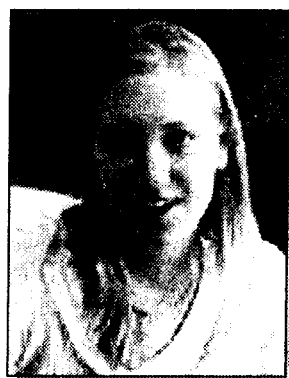


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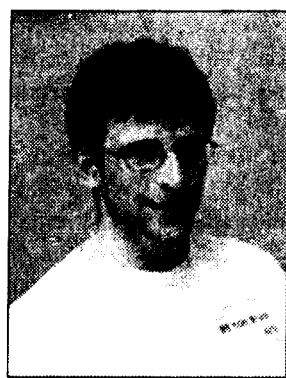
What is your reaction to the death of Terri Schiavo?



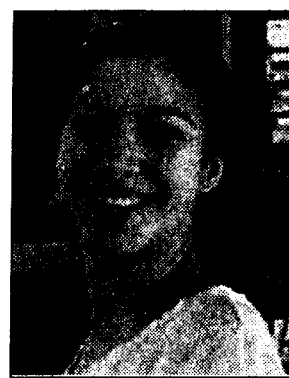
"She has been on life support for 15 years; it was selfish to let her stay in that state."
Ivan Lopez
E SC 04



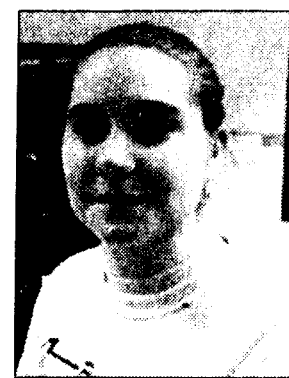
"I think her husband should have let her parents decide her fate."
Nicole Hein,
E SC 04



"I think it's a shame. There are no winners in a situation like that."
Pat Carver
MTHBD 06



"I think they should have left her feeding tube in."
Sarah Jordan
PSHBD 02



"She should not have suffered like that for that long."
Stephaine Renwick
PSHBD 02

Suggestions for question of the week? E-mail ideas to brs191@psu.edu

Senior class chooses benches, tables

By Annie Sevin
staff writer

Seniors had two choices for their class gift. They voted between helping to fund the Wayfinding and Signage Master Plan, campus banners for pedestrian walkways and providing outdoor benches and tables in front of Senat Hall.

The class has chosen to give Behrend students some extra outside seating. This project will cost between \$5,000 and \$7,000 depending on which arrangement can be funded.

This year's gift will be Behrend's third. "The first gift [from 2002] was the flagpole that was to commemorate...the Behrend graduate who died in 9-11...and then in 2003-2004 it was the Nittany Lion," said Tina Ianni, a member of the graduating class.

The Senior Class Gift Committee says the reason for donating a

gift to the campus is to improve the campus facilities as well as provide an opportunity for undergraduates to leave behind somewhat of a legacy. It's a way to commemorate the students' time spent at Behrend.

Donations are needed for the Senior Class Gift this coming week. Seniors can make donations during Senior Salute days in the Wintergarden on April 4, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and April 5, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Seniors can use the money from their student security deposit that they paid when they first entered college. Also, prizes will be awarded to seniors who make a contribution during Senior Salute days.

Aside from taking donations, the Senior Class Gift Committee will have additional information and details about the gift available at the Senior Salute days. Seniors will also have the opportunity to purchase caps and gowns, order class rings and announcements and pick up tickets for the commencement ceremony.

Women's studies enriches career paths

By Laura Spencer
contributing writer

Students looking for a timely and unusual minor that complements any major, the Women's Studies/Gender Studies Minor at Behrend satisfies such a desire.

A student wanting to minor in Women's Studies doesn't have to be a woman. The courses focus on more than women's issues. The courses come from a variety of academic fields.

"The program is so appealing because it's multidisciplinary and relevant to all majors and all students," said Dr. Colleen Kelley, director of Women's Studies/Gender Studies.

Courses in gender studies examine issues of women, men, gay and lesbian, bisexual people and transgendered people. Courses in women's studies examine feminist issues, minority issues, ethnicity and race.

Courses often focus on current cultural phenomenon, so students have the chance to draw on their personal experiences and voice their opinions in classroom discussions.

Behrend's program is a member of the National Women's Studies Association (NWSA). The NWSA has 400 institutional members and 1500 individual members and holds an annual national conference highlighting feminist scholars, a writer's series and several publications such as the NWSA Journal.

The Women's Studies Minor is versatile enough to enrich many different career paths. Many alumni are currently enrolled in professional, law or graduate schools.

For additional women's studies information visit <http://www.pseric.psu.edu/academic/hss/degrees/ws>; or contact Kelly at 898-6392 or cck2@psu.edu.

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Three's Company

Despite dropping out of the race, Mentz isn't going to leave SGA behind. The former candidate said he "felt responsible to the students who supported him" and would remain on SGA in a volunteer capacity to make sure those students still had

someone working for them.

Mentz's dedication is only one example of an SGA member that has in recent years seen much student support.

According to Miller, the 2005 campaign was the first three-way race since he became SGA adviser. In previous years, presidential candidates have run unopposed, including current president Soltis and his predecessor Brandi Hovis. Soltis and Hovis, both two-term presidents, did face opponents at least once, with Soltis' 2004 reelection bid being contested.

Though the paperwork deadline for a senate run had to be extended, 13 students ended up running for 11 seats. Miller attributes this increased interest in SGA to a more politically oriented student body.

National interest in politics is on the rise. The 2004 presidential election saw a 9.3 percent increase in youth voter turnout compared to the previous presidential election.

Soltis goes further saying, "All of the candidates care deeply about SGA and their fellow students and that is why we have such a good election this year."

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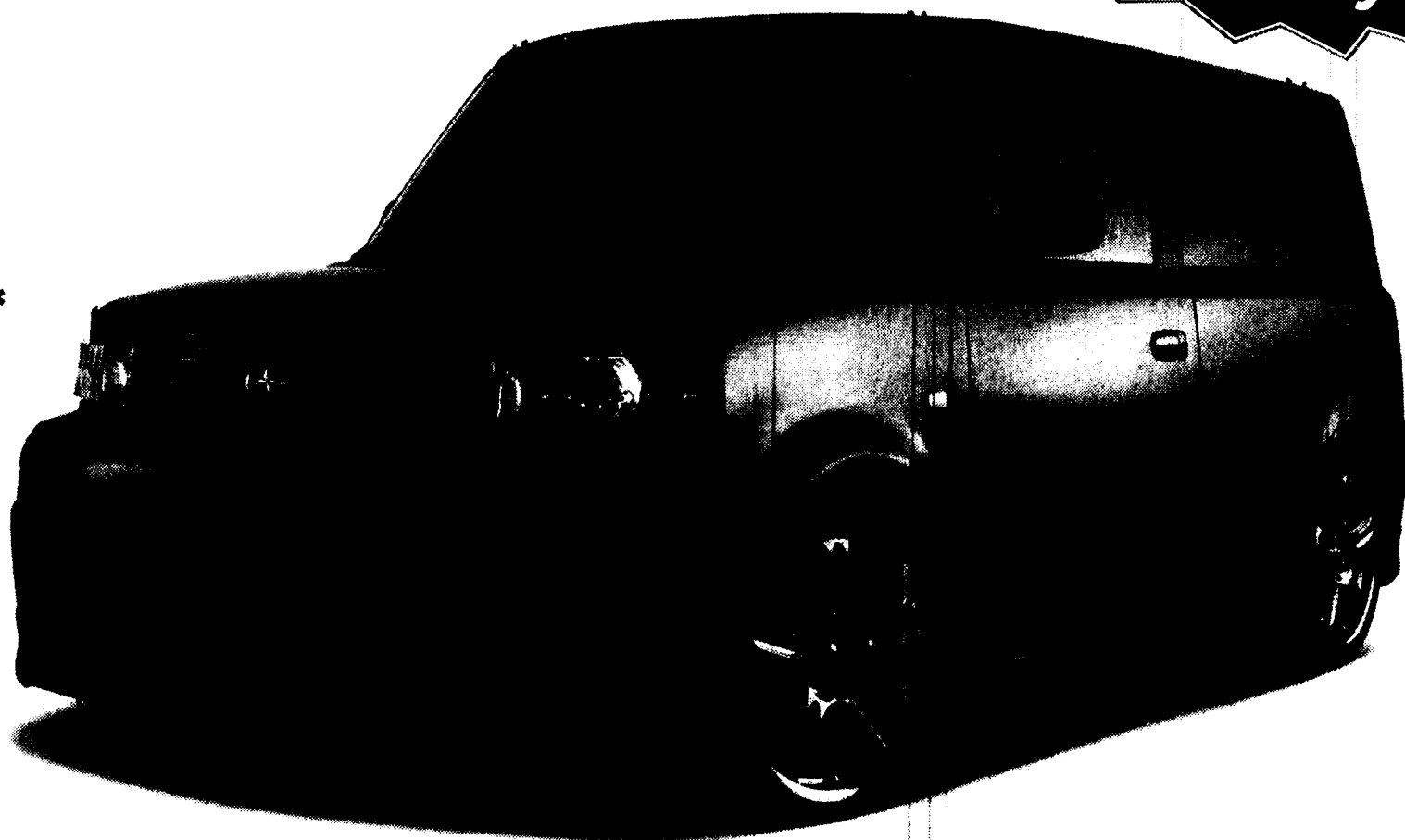
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