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Farrell: Deserving Schreyer Scholar

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Penn State Behrend is a hub of activity with many talented individuals not only in sports, but also in academics.

Theresa Farrell is a senior finance major and also a Schreyer Scholar of Behrend.

Her current plans are to graduate in the spring. She is currently working on her senior project with the addition of an honors thesis required of all Schreyer Scholars to graduate.

Through her driving desire to succeed, she shows the characteristics needed to be included in the five percent of students who call themselves a Schreyer Scholar.

"I have a 10 to 10 schedule including class time; probably about five hours of homework a day," she said.

Last year she was nominated and ended up receiving a financial scholarship that is reserved for the top student in her field of study.

Farrell's commitment to her studies not only landed her a scholarship but the opportunity to undertake two separate internships one at GE Transportation and one at Nicotra Catrabone Catrabone.

The latter of the two is a local financial advising business where she was given the opportunity to sit in on meetings within the company and update files as well.

At GE, she helped with organizing the payroll.

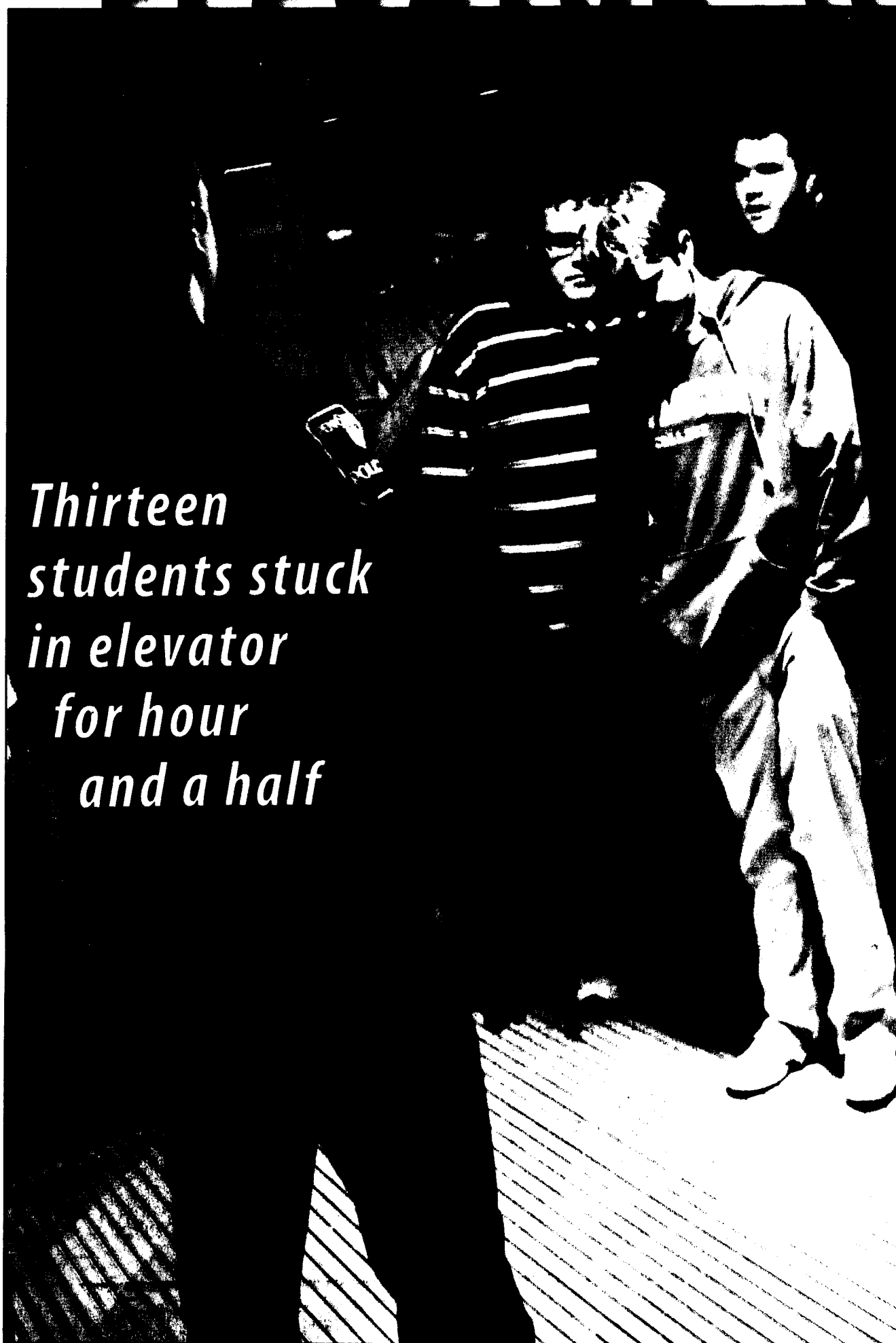
"It was stressful dealing with payroll, having to handle layoffs, correction problems and accuracy was huge," she said, "but it gave good experience and hopefully will help in getting hired."

Through serving two internships, she believes she has the extensive experience in the field to place her in a successful career in finances.

Every week, the Beacon features the story of one student in the Schreyer's Honors College.

ELEVATOR SCARE

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Thirteen students stuck in elevator for hour and a half

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After the circuits were reset in the elevator, the thirteen trapped students exited to the welcome of Penn State Behrend police.

Thirteen Behrend students became trapped in the outdoor elevator on the way to Senat Hall after eating at Dobbins.

According to Ted Sopher, a second semester chemical engineering student, the elevator became stuck around 7 p.m.

"At first, we thought it was pretty funny. We weren't really sure what to do," said Sopher. "After five to 10 minutes, we realized it could be a while."

Vince Tarquino, a second semester student, said that he "wasn't too worried" about being stuck in the elevator. He said they were one person over the

12 person limit on the elevator and about 300 lbs. over the 2,100 limit.

Tarquino said that he believed being over the weight limit caused the elevator to stop.

"It was a weird psychological thing, because we talked for a long time," Sopher said. "Eventually, people got really sick of it. It started to smell really bad in there. Vince just seemed really aggravated. He was really fed up and wanted to be down really fast."

"It was kind of surreal, we used the call box in the elevator eventually," Sopher said.

Behrend Police Officer McCaslin said that Police and Safety received the call about the trapped students around 7 p.m., at which point they called the elevator company to free the students.

Mike Murphy, a technician for the Otis Elevator Company, arrived at the scene shortly before 8 p.m. to fix the elevator.

When the students were freed at 8:21 p.m., after nearly an hour and a half in the elevator, they were briefly interviewed by Officer McCaslin. According to the students, McCaslin checked their Penn State IDs and took down their names.

After recording their information, McCaslin questioned the students briefly, making sure that no one was injured. He also asked if the students had done anything that would have caused it to stop. The students denied jumping in the elevator, claiming that it had slowed down on its own before coming to a complete stop.

"It stopped because it's a piece of junk," said Adam Tamilia, a second semester mechanical engineering student.

Tamilia went on to say that he did not recall anyone jumping in the elevator.

"It wasn't scary at all," said Brian Gwyn, a freshman. "It was funny at first."

"We bounced, and then the elevator bounced."

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BRIAN GWYN
Freshman

New coach Mudd getting his hands dirty

Behrend's new interim women's head soccer coach came to the United States for opportunity

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When Daniel Mudd lived in Hull, England, it took several years of convincing, and mom threatening to throw him out to bring him across the Atlantic Ocean.

Mudd, also known as Muddy to the Behrend soccer teams, has recently been announced the new Interim Head Coach of the Behrend Women's Soccer program for the 2010 season, but he didn't think he'd find himself where he is today.

At a young age, he began

playing soccer and it has always been his first love. "That was the big one. It was all I ever played really," Mudd said.

In England, there isn't a big focus on high school/collegiate sports, largely due to the abundance of outside sources.

At a young age, players begin playing at a very high level for a semi-professional club all year round.

At the youth soccer level Mudd represented the current EPL team: Hull City A.F.C. an equivalent to the Pittsburgh Baby Penguins.

Mudd said, "From the age of eight you can be in the books of Manchester United or Chelsea. You're playing at high level on a weekend, basically like high school and college."

He attended college to get into the universities, which is quite common in England, but all he was worried about was representing his country in soccer, not his schooling.

His first year: He was on the third reserve team. During the 2001-02 season, his second year: He was starting every game.

At the time his mom wasn't seeing it the same. "I then starting working a job, a dead end job for a year, after three years I was still doing it and my mom was saying I needed to start doing something or she was going to kick me out," Mudd said.



Around this time he then received an e-mail from a friend for the second time recom-

mending Mercyhurst College, once more.

"He e-mailed me again, I didn't fancy the idea the first time, and he said the keeper was graduating this year.

The coach had a lot of money to spend on recruits," Mudd said. "[The] coach came over and actually watched me play, and I played really well."

The Mercyhurst coach offered Mudd scholarships and opportunities that he could not turn down. At home in England, this type of option wasn't available.

Despite leaving his family behind and all he knew Mudd believed this was the chance to show he could go out on his own and live successfully in a different country which was what he needed.

While at Mercyhurst, Mudd displayed his abilities earning four-year starters spot, captain position and earning an average of two-three awards per season. These awards ranged from MVP to All-Region/Conference awards.



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Coach Dan Perritano (right) encouraged Mudd to become a coach.

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