

Opinions and Editorials

Editorial

Team players are In; Arrogance Out!

Two weeks ago, the Philadelphia area sounded off about Terrell Owens and his failure at being a team player. Now, T.O. is suspended indefinitely. His locker is gone and his options are slim. His arrogance hasn't really paid off. Hogging the spotlight can seem glamorous, and serve an individual's needs. Terrell Owens wanted the organization to recognize his 100th career touchdown, which led to a fight with another teammate and took verbal shots at Eagles Quarterback, Donovan McNabb. His actions definitely do not teamwork.

He must have believe in the old adage, if you want something done, do it yourself. In the end, he may become one of the country's greatest football players and he'll have his name in sports history books. But what about the "team?" T.O. let down the organization for which he was supposed to be working. The Eagles goal, like any other football team, is to go to the Super Bowl.

Most called T.O. a distraction. He's gone now and maybe the Eagles can come together. Not only do the Eagles need to come together as a team, but coming together is necessary in every organization through a series of complicated networks and goals.

Nothing would ever get done, if students, managers, employees didn't join forces and share ideas. With the Flyers now back on the ice, the teams are working together to excite fans for a fresh season. Maybe the Flyers will have a winning season, but if not, working with one another to gain shots sure makes the crowd cheer.

Such sports stories exemplify perfectly the pros and cons of working as a team and can be related to school and professional organizations. Now, many Eagles fans predict how the team will perform without a key player. The majority think they will play better, and focus on winning, without T.O as a distraction.

Not every team has a dead weed, but they are far from perfect.

The idea of teams is that they act as a problem solving entity. Through the process of pruning an organization, communication, delegating, and so on, teams can be very valuable. The Lion's Eye wouldn't go to print if all of the writers and editors didn't do their part. A "Head Chief" wouldn't be very productive; he or she could make wrong judgments and mix up facts. Stories would be unedited and photographers, MIA.

-S. Achilles

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People Poll

Staff writer Frank Friday asked:
What are you most thankful for?



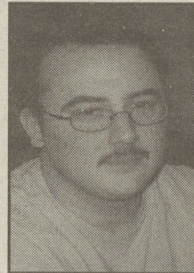
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Alumni Iraqi War Vet Shares Military Experience

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From 1995 to 1999, Sgt. Jacob Bevan was a member of the United States Marine Corps. After four years of doing nothing but training for counterintelligence missions, "Jake" decided to try something different - get a college degree.

A graduate of the Class of 2004, he majored in American Studies under the supervision of PSU Delco's Dr. Phyllis Cole. As he did after leaving high school, Bevan felt like he belonged somewhere else, the Corps. He signed up in the summer of 2004 for a one-year tour of duty in Iraq along with some of his buddies: "The whole time with friends, saving lives, and doing the job. That was what it was all about."

**"I look at my life and my values
in a different way"
-Sgt. Jacob Bevan**

On Nov. 1, Bevan came back to Penn State Delco for the first time since returning from Iraq in April. He accepted an invitation by the American Studies Club(ASC) President Gloria Boyd to come in and talk about his experiences during his tour of duty. The program was called "Democracy in Iraq," and it drew a crowd.

Bevan's main objective, as well as the ASC's, was to communicate a particular point in time when he was stationed at a polling station during the last Iraqi election in January. Bevan was fortunate enough to meet the first woman to ever vote in that district in over 50 years.

When asked what it was like sitting on the roof of the polling building watching for suspicious activity, Bevan said, "Boring! But being part of history was gratifying."

After the presentation, Bevan retired to the student lounge area in the main building where he was interviewed. He was asked whether democracy is taking shape in Iraq.

"There is a choice. There is an opportunity to have an

opportunity," he said, adding that by opportunity, he meant freedom.

Bevan was also asked about America's entry into the war.

"It really is irrelevant, Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMDs) or no WMDs, it doesn't matter. It was a lawful entry," he said.

Bevan's job in Iraq was to conduct counterintelligence missions throughout the country's capital, Baghdad, or as he called it "the triangle of death."

Specifically he and his squad would stroll around the city looking for insurgents with rocket launchers and roadside bombs. If he found any, his squad was charged with disarming those insurgents by any means necessary, even through the use of deadly force. He said that throughout his year of service he dealt with suspects of various ages and made several snap decisions some of which resulted in positive results and some negative.

He said that just serving his country and doing it with friends "he loved like brothers" made him feel proud to be an American.

He also said that driving during a time of war was fun, but also potentially deadly. So, when he was either driving or riding in a Humvee, he felt thrills as well as chills.

Bevan was asked if he felt changed by his service in Iraq.

"I look at my life and my values in a different way," Bevan said.



Alumni, Sgt. Jacob Bevan spoke to students and staff about Iraq at an ASC event.
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