

Eye On Campus

Hometown Hero

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Name: Michael Edward Mancuso

Age: 22

Hometown: Yeadon, PA.

Branch: United States Marine Corps

Rank: Corporal (Cpl.)

Boot Camp: Parris Island, NC



Cpl. Mike Mancuso (photo courtesy of Michael Mancuso)

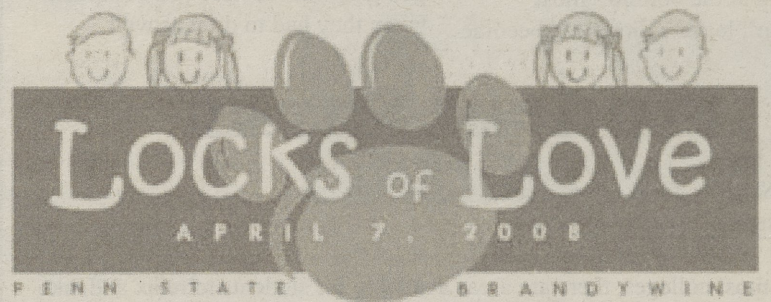
This is a very special hometown hero, because this information comes straight from Iraq. Mike is on his second tour in Iraq and will be there until September. He sent this information to The Lion's Eye via the internet and we are honored to be able to give him the recognition he deserves. Mancuso tried to put as much information as possible, but he didn't get to finish because he does not have much time to use the computer in between fighting for our country and trying to survive.

"Well here's some knowledge of what I do, what I can do, and what I am doing out here in Iraq. My job is a Scout Observer, and I also specialize in indirect fire support. I am a member of the infantry and request artillery, naval gunfire, and mortars. I also mark targets for air support, such as fighter jets and helicopters, with lasers, smoke, infrared strobes, or a high explosive artillery round called a dirty mark. It's a very demanding and responsible key position on the battlefield. Not only am I trained as a Scout Observer, I also excel in advanced infantry tactics, Counter IED tactics, and Marine Corps Martial arts all the way to a green belt."

After his tour ends, Mancuso wants to return to college, get a degree, and became a leader in the Marines. He loves his job and has no regrets.

Do you know a hometown hero?

If you would like your service member to be featured in The Lion's Eye send an email with all the necessary information to eck137@psu.edu



Special to The Lion's Eye

Penn State Brandywine participated in a Locks of Love event on campus from noon to 2 p.m. on April 7. Locks of Love is a nonprofit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children suffering from long-term medical hair loss, creates hairpieces using donations of 10 inches or more of hair. Those with shorter hair also can contribute, though it will be used for other purposes.

Several faculty and staff and students donated their hair to the cause this year as part of the 40 Acts of Kindness service project to compliment Brandywine's 40th Anniversary this year.

Gun Control and the Presidential Candidates

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It is time to get to know the 2008 presidential candidates and what they are saying about gun control. We are living in a scary world full of guns and people who are using them against innocent people.

The Virginia Tech shooting was a big eye opener to the importance of gun control laws. According to the website ontheissues.org, 57 percent of Americans think that there should be major restrictions or a ban on guns. Here are the front-runners in the race and their views on gun control.

Hillary Clinton (D):

- *Get assault weapons and guns off the streets
- *Against illegal guns
- *Limit access to weapons and look for warning signs in potential gun users
- *Thinks that there should be zero tolerance for weapons
- *Voted no on prohibiting lawsuits against gun manufacturers

John McCain (R):

- *Opposes restrictions on assault weapons
- *Punish criminals who abuse

- second amendment right
- *Voted no on prohibiting lawsuits against gun manufacturers
- *Voted no on loosening license & background checks at gun shows

Barack Obama (D):

- *Provide common-sense enforcement on gun licensing
- *Cosponsored bill to limit purchases to 1 gun per month
- *Ban semi-automatics, and have more possession restrictions
- *Stop gun dealers from dumping guns onto the streets.

Gun control is not the only issue on the political platform. You can find all the issues and where each candidate stands on them at the website www.ontheissues.org. Being an educated voter is important.

While McCain has already sealed the Republican bid, the Pennsylvania Primary on April 22 is crucial to the Democratic nomination. Make sure to school

yourself on the issues before you vote.

(D) indicates Democrat and (R) indicates Republican.

Presidential candidates (L-R)

Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama and John McCain. All three candidates have varying viewpoints on the issue of gun control. (photo courtesy of Reuters)

