



Waiting for the decision: Kris Rajecki, 1st runner-up Barbara Turner, 2nd runner-up Darla Finch, Leigh Stanesic, and the new Miss Penn State-Eric Liane Roberts anticipate the announcement of the content winner on Monday syching.

Public opinion against war

Survey shows an overwhelming majority of Erie residents are against military action in Middle East

A recent survey compiled by Behrend students shows that over half of Erie Countians believe that American policy in the Gulf is wrong and that the deaths of U.S. soldiers in the effort to free Kuwait would be met with disapproval.

Students in the Public Opinion 404 class, headed by Dr. John Gamble, professor of political science at Behrend, spent much of November conducting random-sample telephone interviews of Erie Countians, measuring opinion on Saudi Arabia as well as the federal deficit. Of the 300 respondents interviewed in late November about their opinions on the Middle East crisis, 61 percent said that the loss of even one American life to liberate Kuwait is not acceptable. The survey's margin of error was 6 percent.

Gamble said he assumed that the percentage of people favoring negotiation with Hussein would have been lower.

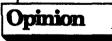
"This is a pretty conservative part of the country and I would have suspected that people around here would have wanted to hang tougher," Gamble said.

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Lion Ambassadors dedicate Peace Tree Yellow ribbons honor service men and women in Middle East

by Lea Gotch The Collegian

The holiday season traditionally brings out calls for peace from world leaders and organizations, more noticed this year with the constantly-changing situation in Saudi Arabia.

Behrend's Lion Ambassadors have joined the call with yesterday's dedication of the Peace Tree outside the west end of the

"This year we have yellow bows in honor of advisor to the Lion Ambassadors. "It gives a chance for students and staff to show their caring about world peace by placing a ribbon on the tree."

In a speech in front of the tree yesterday, Melissa Pavlok, president of the Lion Ambassadors, said the yellow ribbons are a new addition this year to the annual event.

"In past years we have asked for people to place red bows in honor of the holidays. This year we have yellow bows in honor of those who are trying to keep peace in the middle east," said Pavlok.

She added that if world peace is to become reality, nations of (continued on page 2)



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> - Melissa Pavlok Lion Ambassador President

Reed Union Building. Yellow and red ribbons were hung on the tree to to symbolize hopes for world peace and an end to hostilities in the Gulf, according to Lynn Weber, associate director of University Relations and an