Behrend students conduct survey about the Middle East

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He added that female respondents were more likely to favor negotiations than were males, with 64 percent of the women surveyed supporting such talks as opposed to only 55 percent of the men. The student pollsters also saw a split between political parties with 68 percent Democrats favoring negotiations as opposed to 56 percent of Republicans.

"Support for the Persian Gulf policy -- if it comes to something that will cost lives -was very thin," Gamble said. "Whether or not the President saw this trend happening across the country is unclear," he added, referring to recent developments that include sending Secretary of State James A. Baker III to Iraq as a final diplomatic effort to avoid war.

"What loss of Asked American lives is acceptable to liberate Kuwait?" 69 percent of those polled chose "none," 16 percent chose "fewer than 500," 10 percent said "between 500 and 5,000," and 5 percent agreed that more than 5,000 would be acceptable.

Penn State-Behrend students conducting the survey in Gamble's class were split into two groups. A second group

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questioned 700 Erie County adults by phone throughout November about the federal deficit. The margin of error for the second survey was 4 percent.

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wrong in its perception of where the federal government spends money," Dr. Gamble said.

Of those polled about where the government spends most of the national budget, 72 percent pinned defense spending, 13 percent cited social security and welfare programs, 9 percent thought most of the money was spent on education, and 7 percent mentioned other areas.

"We spend far and away the most for social security, health and welfare. . .close to double what we spend on defense,' Gamble said. "This presents a clear picture that we haven't done a good job of explaining to the public where federal monies are spent. It also shows the potential problems that could occur when basing budget decisions on public opinion."

When asked where to cut the deficit, 67 percent of those questioned targeted the defense budget, 11 percent looked to social security and welfare programs, 10 percent saw education as a place to cut, and 12 percent cited other possibilities.

Tau Kappa Epsilon raises money for area food bank

by Lea Gotch The Collegian

In an effort to help the needy families of Erie, Tau Kappa Epsilon held a 100 mile barrel roll on Saturday to raise money for the Erie County Food Bank.

"We hope to raise \$10,000 worth of food," said Jim Esplen, president of Tau Kappa Epsilon.

Seventeen dollars worth of food is supplied with every dollar donated," said Esplen. Tau Kappa Epsilon will raise at least the \$600 necessary to reach the goal of \$10,000 worth of food. Any donations above the \$600 will be for the benefit of the fraternity.

At the latest count, TKE has reached their \$600 mark in pledges.'

The members of Tau Kappa Epsilon collected sponsors for the event in the amount of a specific number of cents per mile. Therefore, a donation of one cent per mile equaled one dollar for the hundred mile run.

Behrend to Edinboro and back County.

again was divided into five sections. A group of six TKE members covered each section with one person running at a time and the others in cars, one in front of the barrel and one behind. The barrel itself had a handle attached to it so the runner could push it easily. On average, each person ran for one to two miles at a time.

"One person was constantly running at all times except for a stop every time we met another group," said Esplen.

The event began at 9 a.m. on Saturday morning, with the last group returning at 10:30 p.m., thirteen and a half hours later.

This was the third year in a row Tau Kappa Epsilon has held the event. Esplen said it will be an annual event.

"We all think it's fun and always have a good time," said Esplen.

All the money for food raised during the event will remain in the immediate area and distributed The hundred mile course from to the needy families of Erie

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