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## **Soldier with insight continues mapping career in Wooster**

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WOOSTER - Brian Pelfrey has a special connection to his work at Techni Graphic Systems Inc.

Pelfrey graduated from Chippewa High School in 1999. He immediately joined the Marines and served in Kuwait and Iraq, before returning home in August 2003.

"I did the same sort of work," Pelfrey said. "I worked with maps and geo-spatial information systems."

Pelfrey said he spent his days in a computer-filled tent, analyzing information.

Techni Graphic, a digital-mapping software company, supplies the U.S. Department of Defense with mapping information.

Pelfrey said his experience has taught him the importance of accurate information.

“It gives me better insight on what information we’re giving the government. It makes me a little more conscientious about the information, because I’ve been on the receiving end of bad information,” Pelfrey said.

Techni Graphic Vice President Mary Vaidya said a visit from Pelfrey’s father helped launch his career with the company.

“His father showed up one day and said he’d seen an article about us, and he had a son in Iraq who would be coming home and worked with imaging,” Vaidya said.

Pelfrey and Vaidya began to correspond via e-mail and upon his return, Pelfrey started work.

“Right when we brought Brian on we had received the Homeland Security Infostructure Program; he was very instrumental in that,” Vaidya said.

Vaidya said Pelfrey’s presence highlights the importance of what Techni Graphic does.

“Brian (Pelfrey) helps remind us what we do for the Department of Defense. We see it on television and in the paper, but he has actually lived it,” Vaidya said.