

New class in session

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To be seated in a French class and not need to know one word of French is something a bit different for students at Behrend. Never before has such a class been offered.

Dr. Katherine Wolfe, who currently teaches the language series courses in French, is prepared this summer to offer a class encompassing France and the French speaking world.

This course will be taught in English so no language ability is necessary. Wolfe intends to examine how identity is perceived by the French and people who speak French.

"This will be an attempt to constitute "Frenchness" which ultimately ends up being what constitutes being an American. If they define themselves in these sorts of ways where do we stand really?" Wolfe said.

This class will also take a look at aspects like geography, history and cultural heritage, mainly focusing on the past "because a lot of the ways in which the French think of themselves deals with their past," Wolfe explained.

"This is sometimes hard for Americans to realize because we are so present oriented. In part because our past doesn't go back that far," she added.

In addition to the cultural aspects, Wolfe intends to touch on some of the arts and literature. The reason for this is because, "the French define themselves so much through their literary construct."

One of the things she plans on doing is to read a poem in both English and French because so much can be lost through the translation.

This course will fall under the diversity focus and general humanities credits.

Wolfe, who is married to a dual-national, tries to visit France every other year and is interested in encouraging students to study abroad.

"So far we haven't gotten anyone to go to a French speaking country. Not for lack of interest but for lack of money. France is not a cheap country to go to," Wolfe said.

Registration for this summer French diversity class must be done by May 9.

PSU health care ideas

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An agreement has been made between Penn State University and Saint Vincent Health Center to start an AHEC (Area Health Education Committee) program here in Erie.

An Area Health Education Committee is a public or non-profit entity which has a cooperative agreement with one or more schools of medicine for the planning, development, and operation of the area's health education program in a designated region of the state.

This includes a 15 county participation in the AHEC area for northwestern Pennsylvania.

This division travels east to Parter County and south to Butler County.

"There will be medical

students from Hershey traveling and working within this division," said Dr. Dorothy Carlson, program leader of health, science, education, and research at Saint Vincent.

This program is designed to secure more allied health professionals in the area to go into primary care (family practice).

Representatives include delegates from Hamot Medical Center, Higher Education, Clarion and Edinboro Universities, and the Erie County Health Department.

"I think it is really exciting to serve the underserved and royal populations," said Carlson.

The facilities given by Behrend for the new AHEC office is in the Continuing Education office.

SGA Report

Petitions for SGA elections are due Friday, March 25 to the Office of Student Activities by 5:00p.m.. Positions are available for Student Senate and club presidencies. Student Government is an excellent way to make your voice heard and become more involved at Behrend.

The CCSG meeting was held last weekend. Behrend was represented by SGA President Joe Mycka and resident senator Hal Coffey. One of the issues brought up was the organization of an Intramural Olympics for the spring of 1995. If anyone is interested in helping organize this event contact Hal Coffey at x6721.

Jason DeMarte
Vice President SGA

A potential AIDS vaccine

Doctors at a Harvard Medical School research center have created a vaccine has protected monkeys from an AIDS-like disease.

Study needed on how vaccine works

■ Vaccines, which contain disease-causing organisms, protect a person against diseases like measles or polio by triggering the body's natural immune system.

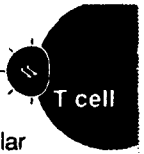
■ The monkey vaccine contains live SIV, the virus that causes an AIDS-like disease, from which a key gene was removed. The monkeys got immunity, but did not get sick.

■ Researchers do not know yet what the removed gene, know as "nef," does or why the vaccine worked.

SOURCES: New England Regional Primate Research Center, National Institutes of Health; Research by PAT CARR

How AIDS virus spreads

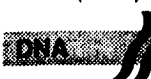
AIDS virus



1 AIDS virus (HIV) attacks a particular protein on T cell's surface and enters the cell



2 An enzyme converts the virus' genetic code (RNA) into DNA molecules



3 Virus DNA enters T cell's nucleus



4 Cell duplicates virus DNA along with own DNA



5 Under guidance of DNA and RNA made from it, cell produces new proteins; some are AIDS proteins



6 Proteins assemble into new AIDS virus, which escapes through cell membrane, out into body



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