

# Students earn credits outdoors

DENVER, CO - Often students find themselves wondering how to fill needed credits with exciting classes. Those students who are hungry for something exciting have been heading to the Colorado Outward Bound School (COBS) in increasing numbers, marking a trend in student preferences for nontraditional learning.

"There are increasing numbers of students who want to complete their college requirements but not in the traditional classroom setting," says Bruce Fitch, Executive Director of the Colorado Outward Bound School. "At Outward Bound, students can undertake wilderness challenges that develop leadership, teamwork, self reliance and at the same time fulfill college requirements."

Wilderness Leadership Courses are the primary vehicles used by college students for credit.

On the 78- and 81-day courses, students develop skills in winter mountaineering, rock climbing, whitewater rafting, desert canyoneering and sea kayaking. They also practice the teaching, environmental and communication skills necessary to become an outdoor leader.

The 78-day semester course takes place on the Sea of Cortez in Baja, Mexico; the 81-day semester course runs in the Collegiate Range of Colorado, through Canyonlands National Park in Utah and at the Joshua Tree National Park in California or Mt. Lemmon, Ariz.

Fitch pointed out that requests for Independent Study Guides -

**"Students can undertake wilderness challenges."**

--Bruce Fitch

which students use to help them obtain credit at the "home" school -- and applications for college credit at schools working directly with Outward Bound have increased 15 percent during the past three years.

The trend toward non-traditional learning is seen as the primary cause, college credit offered by the University of Colorado at Denver has become another important factor for students.

Students can earn two semester hours for a 10- or 14-day course, three semester hours for an 18- or 23-day course, four semester hours for a 30-day course and ten semester hours for a 78- or 81-day course.

Another draw for students is the \$600,000 in student financial aid that is available for COBS courses.

"We understand that more and more people attending college rely on financial aid. We want to offer them a similar opportunity based on their financial need,"



Photo courtesy the Outward Bound School

**TAKING THE CLASSROOM OUTSIDE:** The Colorado Outward Bound School makes it possible for students to take their studies outside and complete college requirements in a more exciting atmosphere.

said Fitch.

According to Fitch, most financial aid awards cover 30 to 50 percent of course tuition, except on semester-long courses where aid is limited to \$1,500.

Winter and spring courses coming up at Outward Bound include:

81-day Wilderness Leadership Semester in Colorado, Utah and Arizona (Jan. 24)

78-day Wilderness Leadership Semester in Baja, Arizona and New Mexico (Jan. 30)

23-day Winter Multi-Skill Intensive in the Colorado

Rockies (Dec. 28, Feb. 15 and March 1)

21-day Baja Sea Kayaking (Jan. 3 and March 10)

14-day Grand Canyon Backpacking (March 9 and March 30)

10-day Arizona Desert Backpacking (Dec. 28 and Jan. 10)

10-day Baja Sea Kayaking (Dec. 28 and March 14)

For course, college credit and financial aid information, and a complete catalog, contact the Colorado Outward Bound School at (800) 477-2627.

# Spring class additions

by Kevin Schoolcraft  
Collegian Staff

Spring '96 ushers in the unprecedented arrivals of three new courses at Behrend. Political Science 132, Psychology 120 and African-American Studies 146 are new editions to next semester's course line-up.

**Political Science 132** concerns the growth of ethnic and racial exclusivism in the last decade. A central feature of this course is its multidisciplinary approach to the subject.

It assumes intolerance in any context is the outcome of psychological, economic, historic and usually, political considerations.

The course objective is to compare varieties of intolerance to better understand their origins and consequences.

PoliSci 132 will be taught by Professor Zachary Irwin on MWF from 1-1:50 p.m. in Turnbull 207.

**African-American Studies 146** takes an in depth look at the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The course objective is to probe King's life historically, personally and philosophically.

The course will be instructed by Professor Fowler at 2:00 p.m. MWF in Academic 42. This course satisfies general diversity requirements.

**Psychology 120** provides a comprehensive overview of cross-cultural research in a

## NEW ARRIVALS

### Political Science 132

MWF 1-1:50 p.m.

Zachary Irwin

Objective: To compare varieties of intolerance to better understand their origins and consequences.

### African-American Studies 146

MWF 2-2:50 p.m.

Greg Fowler

Objective: Probe Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s life historically, personally and philosophically.

### Psychology 120

MWF 1-1:50 p.m.

Dr. Dawn Blasko

Objective: To help students become more aware of the diversity of the international community and develop an increased understanding and tolerance of attitude and viewpoints different from their own.

broad range of areas including human development, perception, emotion and motivation; social behavior/personality, cognition and normal behavior.

One major goal of the course is to develop critical thinking skills that will allow students to assess scientific claims objectively. By studying psychology from a cross cultural perspective, student should become more aware of the diversity of the international community and develop and increased understanding and tolerance of

attitude and viewpoints different from their own.

Psychology 002 (Introductory Psychology) is the only prerequisite.

Psychology 120 will be instructed by Professor Dawn Blasko MWF 1:00-1:50 in Turnbull 204, it satisfies both general education diversity and Social and Behavioral Science requirements.

All three courses promise to be compelling and provocative in their own way, and are a welcomed addition to the Behrend curriculum.

## We need help!

The Collegian is looking for students who are good with grammar. If you fit the bill (or piked out the mistakes in this add) give us a call at 898-6488! And no, we didn't mess up the number!

Oh by the way, this is a paid position!

**TRIGON: The lesbian, gay, and bisexual coalition for Behrend is proud to sponsor Eric's premier "18 And Over Party" at Lizzy Bordon's!**

When? Monday, Nov. 18

What Time? 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

Where? Lizzy Bordon's, 3412 W. 12 St.

Cost? FREE!! (Except for beverages)

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Contest? There will be first- and second-place prizes for two categories:

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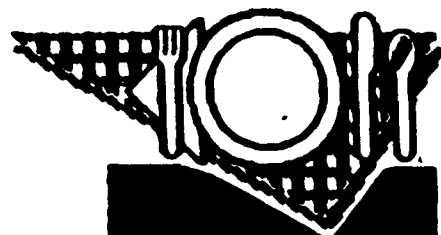
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