

Behrend students can go to Washington

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Registering for spring classes with a heavy focus in the capitol's will be commencing soon, and as history of development. When asked what students will you sit down to struggle through the classes and times, there is an gain from the trip. Dr. Speel had a interesting option open to you this lot of answers. Students will gain a upcoming semester. Not only will better understanding of how our you earn a credit in a fun, national government works, the interesting way, but you will now motivation of our political leaders, have a clue as to what to do on your and how the U.S. government has evolved through history. Students will be exposed to the rich cultural history of the U.S. through visits to the Smithsonian Institution Washington D.C., sponsored by the museums, the National Gallery of Political Science program at Art, and some of the many other Behrend. The theme will be cultural attractions of the national government works and getting a There is much planned for the feeling for the surroundings of the few days that the class will be in political scene of our government, the capitol. During the day, the

group will be setting out for places like the White House, the Pentagon, and the Department of the State. A stop in to see the viewing of the Congress is planned, as long as they are in session during that time, which will not be known until January, when the schedules will be announced. Also, although it is still tentative as of right now, the class will hopefully be meeting with some members of Congress such as Senators Arlen Specter and Rick Santorum, as well as Representative Phil English. One night will most likely be set aside for a visitation of the monuments and memorials, but all other

evenings it will be up to the students as to what they wish to do. The Virginian Suites in Arlington, Virginia will be the living quarters for the week, with two students sharing a suite, complete with full kitchen, furniture, and private bath space. The Washington Metro is within walking distance, so transportation to various shopping complexes and social scenes will not be a problem. During the trip, note taking or a simple journal will be the only requirements. After returning, students will probably be asked to write a paper on how and why the U.S. national capital has changed upon completion of a book that will have to be read on the design and

creation of Washington 200 years ago. No prerequisites for this course are required, but it is strongly suggested that some knowledge of U.S. politics be had. Dr. Speel feels this trip will help students gain a better understanding of how our national government works and to see more of what they have learned about in classes or read about in newspapers. It might give a better idea of the motivations of our political leaders and why our government works the way it does. If this trip sounds interesting, the department is planning on a maximum of 20 students, with junior and senior political science majors getting first priority. The course is hopefully becoming an

annual event, so opportunity will still be available in later years. The deadline for the \$100 dollar deposit is November 14, 1997 and if selected to go on the trip, notification will be by December 5, 1997. The registration forms can be picked up in Dr. Speel's office, Room 164 in the Academic building. Dr. Speel will be holding informational meetings on the trip on Friday, October 24 at 2 p.m. in Academic 43 and on Monday, October 27, at 6:30 pm. in Reed 114.

Penn State Alumni Association Student Membership Drive

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ELIGIBILITY: Application for the Smith scholarships is open to any current Penn State-Behrend English major who has selected or intends to select the creative writing option, and to students who have not yet declared the major, but agree to do so as soon as they are eligible. Applicants should be able to demonstrate academic excellence, and must agree, as a condition of the award, to maintain adequate progress toward the degree. Awards will be decided by the Penn State-Behrend Scholarship Committee, in consultation with creative writing faculty.

APPLICATION MATERIALS: Submissions should consist of:

- A letter of application that includes clarification of semester standing, and status of declaration of major, if applicable; if not a Penn State-Behrend student, indicate intent to apply for admission.
- A current transcript of grades (from the college or from your high school)
- A 7-10 page writing sample in fiction, poetry, or creative non-fiction; research papers, news stories, and journalism articles are not eligible for consideration. A mixture of eligible genres (i.e., several poems and a story or personal essay) is fine.

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