

Website of the week

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I despise having to use the computer center to do anything. Given a choice each of us would like to have their own computer, but the expense of buying one can be out of reach for a college student on a fixed budget. However, if someone were giving them away I'd be the first in line. Well now someone is giving them away, and that someone is Free-PC.com.

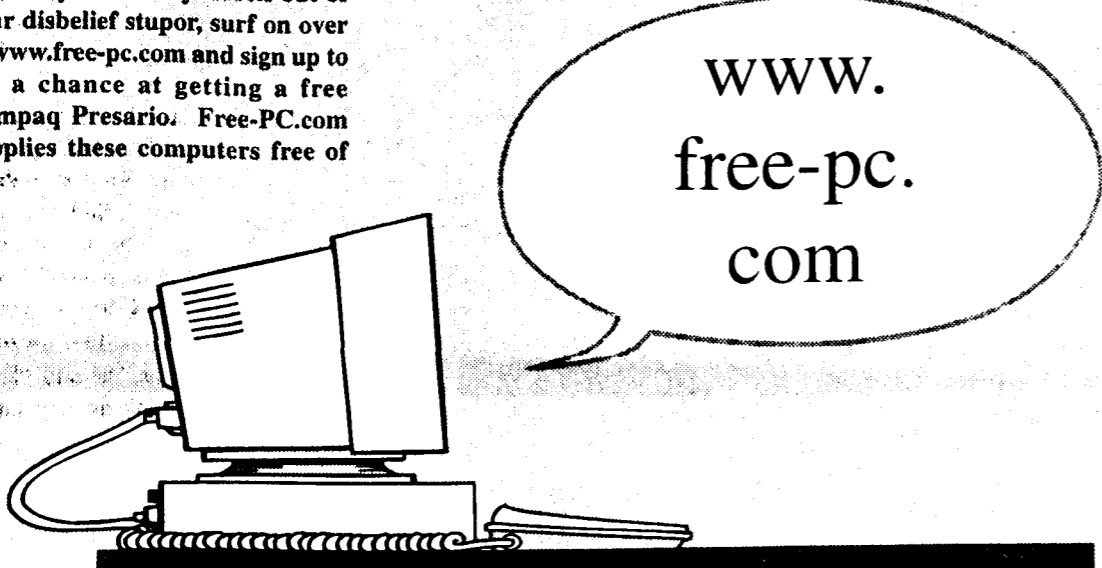
Once you shake yourself out of your disbelief stupor, surf on over to www.free-pc.com and sign up to get a chance at getting a free Compaq Presario. Free-PC.com supplies these computers free of

charge to people who otherwise would not have steady access to one. Free-PC is trying to latch on to the spread of e-commerce by giving people free computers and encouraging them to use them to purchase products from advertisers. Granted, if you are chosen to receive a system you will have to put up with advertisements every time you log-on, but that is a small price to pay for a free well equipped Presario. And for all of you skep-

tics out there, this is a well-powered system with a 333Mhz processor, 32MB of RAM, and a 4 GB hard drive.

So if you'd like to get your own Free-PC surf on over and fill out the their quick and easy form, so you can be on your way to a computer of your own.

The Beacon will feature a different website each week



- ACROSS**
- 1 Actor Sharif
 - 5 Moistened periodically
 - 10 Faultless
 - 14 Knight's weapon
 - 15 Rocker John
 - 16 Lincoln and Fortas
 - 17 Eisenhower and others
 - 18 Defamatory
 - 20 Declaration under oath
 - 22 Tenant's contract
 - 23 Opera songs
 - 24 Squanders
 - 25 Gait between a trot and a gallop
 - 28 Go on a tirade
 - 29 Sheriff Taylor's kid
 - 30 Traction providers
 - 33 Greek letter
 - 36 Combination of cards
 - 37 Undue speed
 - 38 Liability
 - 39 Lyric poem
 - 40 Jack the ___
 - 41 Fashion magazine
 - 42 Blue and Cross
 - 43 Low tracts
 - 45 Brave
 - 48 Jabbed
 - 50 Slacken
 - 51 Yankees No. 8
 - 55 "Orfeo" composer
 - 57 "Hud" co-star Patricia
 - 58 Advantage
 - 59 Swallowed
 - 60 Writer O'Brien
 - 61 Crystal gazer
 - 62 Sandal strap
 - 63 Going to the ___

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- DOWN**
- 1 Leave out
 - 2 Manufacture
 - 3 Hot pair in poker
 - 4 Said again
 - 5 Sully

- 6 Aluminum company
- 7 Laurel and Musial
- 8 Theatrical award
- 9 Terminate
- 10 Least colorful
- 11 German sub
- 12 Practice recycling
- 13 Curvy letters
- 19 Shepard and King
- 21 Dander
- 24 Cypress Gardens display
- 25 Italian resort lake
- 26 Mimicked
- 27 Aswan's river
- 28 Appraise
- 31 Track circuits
- 32 Psychic's power
- 33 Archer of note
- 34 Competent
- 35 Western tribe
- 38 Muffled
- 40 Actress Adoree

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- 45 Titled ladies
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- 49 "Cruise of the Aardvark" poet Nash
- 51 Slangy okay
- 52 Makeover
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- 54 Unfortunately
- 56 Fido's doc

A chat with Dr. Irwin

by Michael Coursey
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Recently I had a chance to talk with Dr. Zachary Irwin, Associate Professor of Political Science at Penn State-Erie. We went over some of his personal history and different influences in his life.

Q: Dr. Irwin, tell me a little about your early years.

A: I was born in Port Jervis, New York, near Northern New Jersey. It was a rural area that wasn't near anyone. I took Dingman's Ferry to school across the Delaware River. Later my family moved past the Pocono Mountains near Stroudsburg, PA. My family owned a large roadside menagerie there, where I would take visitors around. My father passed away in 1970.

Q: Where did you go to college?

A: I went to Hamilton College, in upstate New York, where I received a B.A. in History.

Q: What were your major influences?

A: John Kennedy was a major influence; I could relate to the photo with President Clinton taken with JFK. I could also identify with Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Q: Where did you continue your education?

A: I received a fellowship to Edinburgh, Scotland, to the George Watson College in the summer of 1967. I did volunteer work in Spain in the Aragon region, where I met my wife Monica, from Sweden. I wanted to perfect my Spanish, plus this made me want to travel more.

Q: What was the mood in colleges and universities in the late 1960s?

A: There was a sense of defiance towards Lyndon B. Johnson, towards the War Machine. I couldn't identify with the mass culture, rock music or the drug life. I was raised in the Episcopal Church, which formed my attitudes.

Q: How serious a threat was the so-called Sixties Revolution?

A: My main view was that the protests were divided by attitudes and values, but they tried to make the U.S. a better place to live. However, they couldn't change society or Nixon's policies in Vietnam.

Q: Going on, Dr. Irwin, in your academic and personal life, what did you do next?

A: I went to the Johns Hopkins School for Advanced International Studies in Bologna, Italy. There I studied under Pierre Hassam during the Hot Autumn of 1968, where the Italian Carabinieri Militia squelched civil disturbances. This is where I fell in love with political theory and the

work of Hannah Arendt. Graduate school was like heaven. The happiest time in my life was at the Johns Hopkins University Center.

Q: What was the year you and your wife were married?

A: I married Monica Johansson Irwin in 1968, who studied at the University of Lund. Dr. Monica Irwin also studied at Cambridge and in Germany.

Q: What area of study is your expertise?

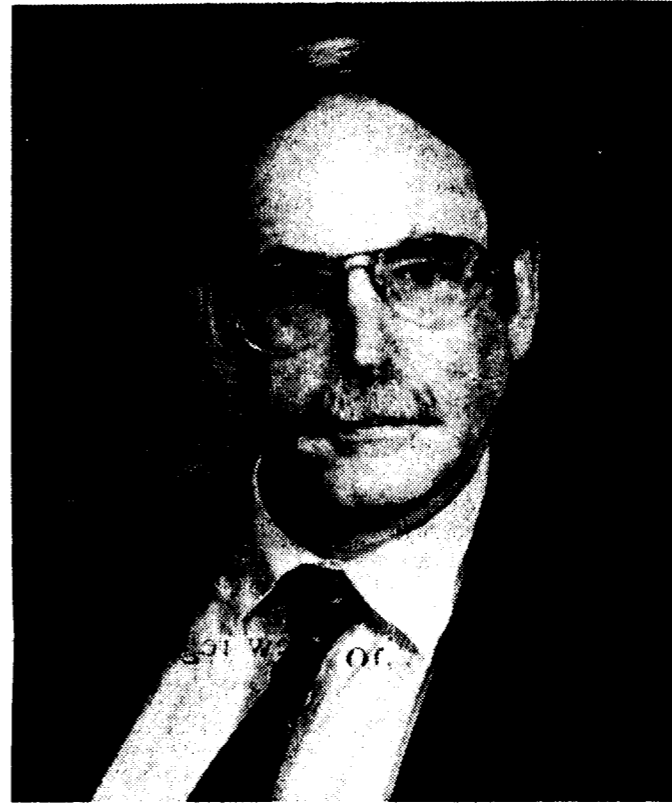
A: The former Yugoslavia, where I have been many times. I was there on a Fulbright Grant. I dabble in several languages, but I am fluent in Serbo-Croatian.

Q: What is the major differences between the college students in the 1960s and the 1990s?

A: The students today are maybe more materialistic, but less cynical; it's a hard thing to say. In the sixties we dreamed of changing the world. Plus, the advent of computers has had a tremendous effect on today's student.

Dr. Z. Irwin teaches Political Science at Behrend, and can be seen roaming the campus here in his Armani suits (tweed jacket and elbow patches.)

This is the first in a series of faculty profiles that will appear in the Beacon.



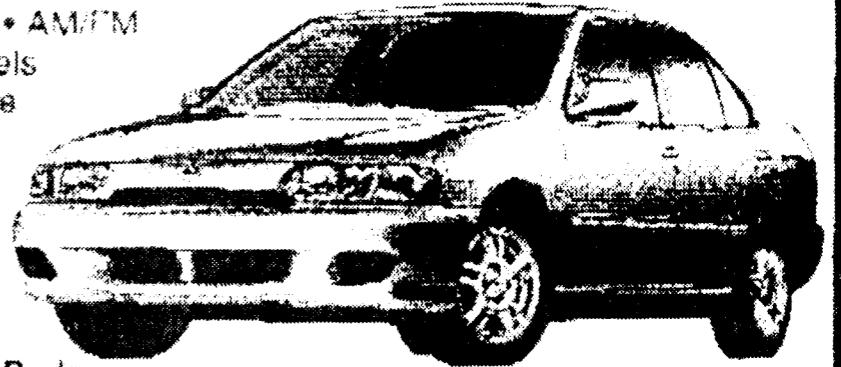
Dr. Zachary Irwin, an associate Political Science professor at Behrend.

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