We know what Behrend students did last summer

by Jackson [illegible]

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The student[illegible] Behrend [illegible] Jackson Connor, [illegible] Misty Holt, Amanda [illegible], Daria Kavel [illegible] McGee, [illegible] Owens, Jennifer Price, Todd Pierce, Adrian Psaty, Nicole Spisso, Jonathan Sufer, Charles Testrake and Brad Wal[illegible] also accompanied by Mr. [illegible] Baldwin and her husband Dr. [illegible]

Look, Ma's Big Bro

Dr. Baldwin [illegible] with Dr. Simon B[illegible] a British Literature Sur[illegible] and Jacobean [illegible] other courses offe[illegible] Biology, Plays [illegible] Creative Dramatics, [illegible] and Ecology. [illegible] relating to [illegible] or the West [illegible]

The expedition began July 4 and ended August 13 with the one-week field trip in the middle.

Nene College supplied the students with a room of one's own, free books for the courses, field trips and free souvenirs. Food, drinks, tattoos and souvenirs were the expenses of the students.

We saw some sights, too. I'm not much of a city person. However, the people in our group that do enjoy cities tended to agree that London is magnificent. The home of Lord Byron was interesting (and hopefully eye opening to all English majors), especially the part where one of the crazy youths in our group ran around the pond with a flock of geese. We went to Stratford Upon Avon and watched "Volpone," a play by Ben Johnson, at the Swan Theatre. It was one of the most intriguing performances I have ever seen. On another day, part of the group went to see Shakespeare's "A Midsummer's Night Dream," another excellent classic. The stage was out of doors and pretty, the costumes were lavish and exciting and the actors were deft and convincing.

Other prescheduled fieldtrips included Hampton Court, Blenheim Palace and Oxford, Pitsford Reservoir, Sulgrave Manor, Lamport Hall, Warwick Castle, Wicken Fen, Northamptonshire County Council, Newstead Abbey, Welford House Children's Home, Lichfield, Tolethorpe hall, Cannock Chase, Kettering and Stoke Bruerne.

The sights in and of themselves were well worth the money spent to travel to Europe. What made them even better was sharing reactions with students from other parts of the globe such as Poland, Russia, Turkey, Pakistan, France, Holland, Brazil, Florida and Bulgaria. "This trip was a great opportunity to meet people from different parts of the world," said Kevin Mink. Talking with these other students was fascinating. We shared our cultural background and pasta. The interacting diversity of students and staff is an irreplaceable experience for anybody like myself who has never been exposed to other cultures. I have to admit that it was quite intimidating meeting these other students. Most of them, along with their native language, spoke English more good than I do and spoke two or three other languages as well.

Behrend students and others visit the Northampton campus

COURTESY OF DEAN BALDWIN

The general response from the group was positive. I have yet to speak with any of the students from any of the countries who regretted going. Amanda Horner says, "It was the best decision I ever made. I had a great time and started some friendships that will hopefully last forever." Thanks, Amanda, I agree. I personally have already received e-mail from England, Holland and Detroit. Several of the students at Behrend are anticipating a visit over Christmas break from some of the students from Poland.

In addition to the classes and fieldtrips already mentioned, Nene is expanding the options to include a larger variety of classes and a weeklong trip to Italy. The plans for the program for the upcoming summer prove to be at least as exciting, educational and interesting as our trip, if not more so. Ben Swacha, first year Biology major, says, "Gee, I sure wish I could have gone."

If any student is interested in looking into the program for next summer talk to your advisor and contact Dr. Dean Baldwin (dxb11@psu.edu).

Summer's stepping out

Erie's Cafes heat things up

by Katie Przepoczny

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But there [illegible] than sip [illegible] while you [illegible] sandwich [illegible]

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On [illegible] nights [illegible] While [illegible] ways [illegible] and chai[illegible] to some [illegible] Oh, and [illegible] you are [illegible] After all, [illegible] up to that [illegible] fee once [illegible]

[illegible] community [illegible] Aromas isn't exactly your style, take a stroll around Perry Square instead. At 18th North Park Row, sits another Erie cafe, by the name of Cup-A-Ceino's.

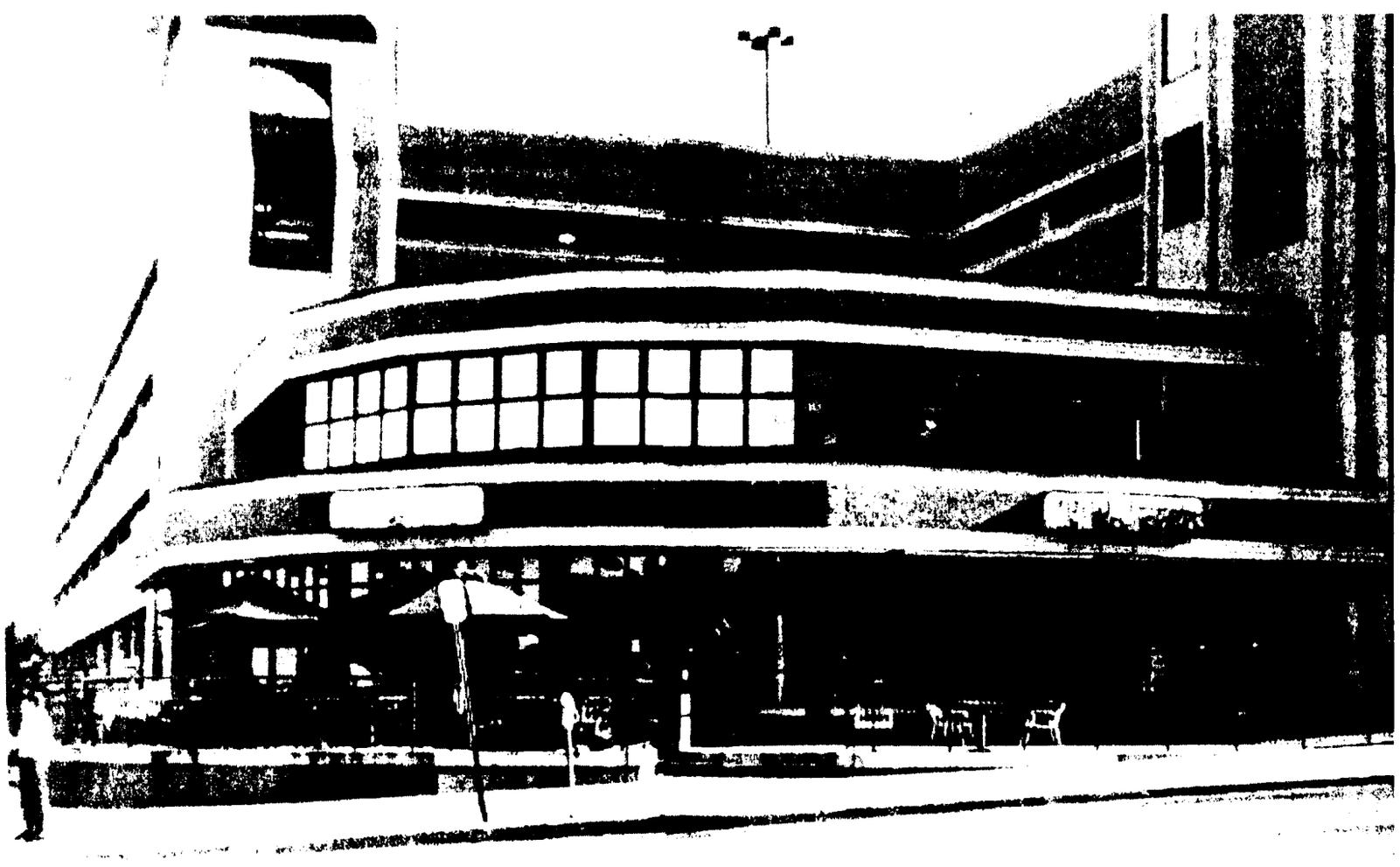
In addition to specialty entrees including vegetarian salads, pastries, cookies and muffins, Cup-A-Ceino's offers live music every Friday and [illegible] But let's not set any [illegible] musicians and others from the surrounding cities of Buffalo, Cleveland, and Pittsburgh show off their talents in styles ranging from folk, acoustic, rock, and electronica tunes.

And coming this fall, another prime time to check out this full service coffee shop is during their college student happy hour. Show your Behrend ID and get discounts Monday through Friday from 3p.m. to 5 p.m.

If you haven't gotten enough yet, dare to move east precisely to 1000 French. There you'll find more weekend listening entertainment to liven up your mocha-sipping moments. 1000 French features all ages of aspiring blues, jazz, and Irish folk musicians on Friday and Saturday evenings. This fall, keep watch for a special comedy troupe to visit their stage.

And always, mark your calendar with "Eggs, Toast, and Jam," which takes place every other Saturday. On these evenings local musicians bring their instruments and take the stage to do their thing. But if being an active listener doesn't cut it for you, the invitation stands for you to join them in a jam session.

So remember, when you're looking for somewhere to hang this fall, Erie's cafes have it covered. You just have to decide what you like best: board games and coffee clubs, famous old happy hours, or "Eggs, Toast, and Jam."



ABOVE: Outside of 1000 French Restaurant & Grill & Cafe. 1000 French is located near Jerry Uht Park in downtown Erie. RIGHT: The atmosphere inside 1000 French provides a variety of music and fun.

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Top 40 music finally hits the web

by Douglas Smith
staff writer

Musicmaker.com and Zomba, an independent music company, have reached an agreement that will finally allow songs from the top of the charts to be available through on-line compilations. In the past, music sites have relied on 30-year old hits, obscure artists, and unknown bands. In October, however, computer surfers can custom create CDs featuring such acts as Britney Spears, the Backstreet Boys and R. Kelly.

Often on a group or artist's homepage, pieces of songs are available for listening. Sometimes the full song may be available with the aid of a Real Player or Liquid Audio. However, Musicmaker.com, a Reston, Virginia company, allows computer users to select songs from a catalog of more than 200,000 mostly-older tunes. These tunes can then be "burned" onto a CD and the customized discs are mailed to the specific user. Prices range from $9.95 to $24.95 depending on the number of songs selected.

Using Real Player or Liquid Audio would not allow the song to always be at the user's disposal and often times the websites would change the songs available for listening. This means no real competition to the traditional music store as the actual album is released for purchase. As you can probably see, this was the major concern in releasing current hits to sites such as Musicmaker.com that can market the songs on their site.

This is basically a trial run of this notion of selling current hits on "burnt" CDs. If this benefits Zomba, other labels may give in to allowing their hot artists' songs to be available to Musicmaker.com.

The trial period is the next five years, the length of the licensing agreement.

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