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Mercyhurst offers courses for Behrend students

Behrend to welcome first international scholar to live on campus

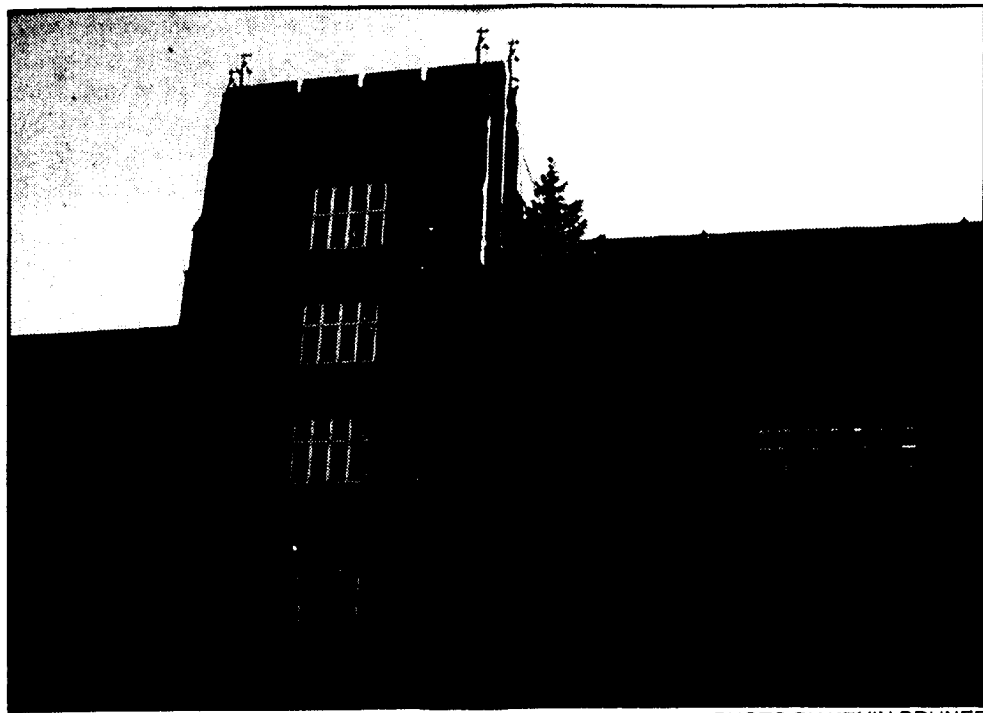
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Behrend and Mercyhurst College have developed a program that allows Behrend students to register at Mercyhurst and take advanced visual and performing arts courses, all while still being enrolled at Behrend. The Behrend-Mercyhurst Cross-Registration Program was formed to expand opportunities for Behrend students.

The program only covers advanced courses in visual and performing arts. "The Behrend/Mercyhurst agreement will allow students to take advanced instrumental and voice studio instruction. These types of courses are not available at Behrend," said Clare Porac, Director of Humanities and Social Sciences. Enrollment is on a "space-available basis," and students must meet eligibility requirements.

In order to be eligible, one must be a full-time Behrend student pursuing a baccalaureate degree, and must have a minimum grade point average of 2.0. A participating student can only take 2 to 4 credits at Mercyhurst during any one term, and cannot take more than 9 credits during a 4-year program.

Students planning to move to University Park to pursue a major in the College of Arts are not eligible to participate, as those students will be able



The Old Main Building at Mercyhurst College. Behrend students have the opportunity to take courses at the local College. The Old Main Building is the focal point of the Mercyhurst College campus.

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to take similar classes at UP while Behrend students will only have the opportunity to take these enrichment classes at Mercyhurst.

An eligible Behrend student would not pay tuition to Mercyhurst, but would pay any special course fees not included in tuition, as well as parking fees. Students are responsible for their own transportation.

Mercyhurst College may use auditions or other assessment techniques to determine proper placement into

the desired courses. Mercyhurst will provide grades for all coursework completed by the student. The student will receive a course grade from Mercyhurst after enrolling in the appropriate Penn State course.

Although the Mercyhurst academic calendar is based on three terms instead of two, Penn State students would only be allowed to participate in the Fall and Spring programs, and would be prohibited from taking part in the Winter term program. Students

must also be aware that these 10-week courses are more intense than the normal 15-week schedule to which Behrend students have grown accustomed.

Students interested in participating in the Behrend-Mercyhurst Cross-Registration Program can get a schedule of available courses in the Registrar's Office. The Behrend Registrar's number is 898-6104, and the Mercyhurst College Registrar can be reached at 824-2250.

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Dr. Pavel Zemic will soon become Behrend's first international scholar to reside on-campus. Zemic is currently

a faculty member in the Department of Science and Engineering at Technical University in Brno, Czech Republic. At Behrend, he will teach computer engineering during the spring semester.

Zemic also plans to work with students and faculty in research.

Some of his research interests include human machine communication, real-time imaging, and video. "He has excellent research and teaching credentials," said Ralph Ford, Assistant Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering. Dr. Zemic has also worked at universities in the United Kingdom and Finland.

"Dr. Zemic is a great programmer and will bring vast experience in this

area to the programming course that he is teaching - CMPSC 201. In addition, he will be teaching a senior level elective, EE BD 473 - Digital Signal Processing, which is currently an area of interest in industry and academic research," said Ford.

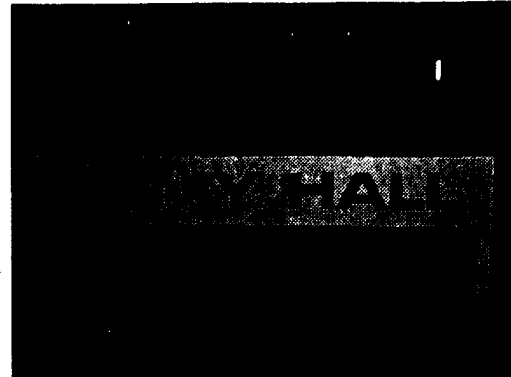


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Almy Hall will be the residence of Behrend's first International Scholar to live on campus.

Computer Engineering is not the only subject with which Dr. Zemic is familiar. For the Division of Humanities and Social Sciences, he may also informally lecture on Eastern European politics.

Arrangements have been made so that Zemic, his wife, and their two sons will reside on-campus in an apartment in Almy Hall, Behrend's residence hall for Schreyer Scholars and Honors students.

Behrend hopes to host a scholar each semester for its International Scholar in Residence program. The plan is to rotate the position between schools to expand opportunities to students in all divisions of study at Penn State Behrend.

Vegging out at Behrend: Vegans show concern for lack of vegetarian food choices

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How would you like to eat an ordinary, everyday salad, some rice and some french-fries every night for dinner? Well, if you are a vegan with a meal plan, this is about all that's offered.

A vegan is defined as one who refrains from eating any products that are animal derived. This includes meat of all kinds as well as milk, cheese and eggs.

Vegetarians have it slightly easier than vegans when it comes to the din-

ing hall. They are able to eat items like macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes and cereal. Dobbins offers a variety of meatless items, but this doesn't guarantee that they will be vegan-friendly. Though many of the soups offered are meatless, there are only a few that do not contain a dairy product of some sort.

Dining at Bruno's is somewhat easier for vegans. The majority of the food offered has options that are compatible with a vegan diet. For example, veggie subs, salads, baked potatoes and soft pretzels allow the vegan population to have some variety.

"The only place I can seem to find

any variety is at Bruno's. At least there I can choose between a salad or a sub, where at Dobbins I hardly ever have a choice. Bruno's has an exceptional selection of vegetables which makes meal time a little more exciting," stated vegan Erin Nemenz, 01 English.

An issue brought up by the vegetarians at Behrend is the larger selection offered at main campus. Granted they have to cater to more people, they have a much wider selection and even offer a separate vegetarian entrée at every meal. Also, tofu scrambled eggs are offered during brunch on the weekends.

In addition to this, main campus has

a Vegetarian Advisory Board that meets periodically to plan and help coordinate meals to suit their needs. With a group specifically dedicated to vegetarian cuisine, much more time and effort is put into providing food for these students.

Nemenz commented, "I'm not looking to be completely catered to because it's understandable that not everyone would enjoy the foods that are available for vegans, but all I'm asking for is an option."

The vegetarian population at Behrend isn't asking for much. If a little more effort was put into accommodating for their needs, it would al-

low the animal lovers to have a little variety in their meals. Even small steps, like adding soy milk in Dobbins, would help. So, the next time you complain about your mundane lunch, multiply that by ten and walk in the shoes of an on-campus vegetarian for a day.



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WHERE'S THE VEGGIES? Burgers at Bruno's are an everyday choice. Vegans argue vegetarian choices are limited.

Five-week summer trip gives you more for your money

by Rebecca Weindorf
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It's that time again: another study abroad program that offers credit courses overseas is now being offered at Penn State Behrend.

The Study Abroad Program is offering another trip to the University College of Northampton in England, this year with even more classes to choose from. All classes are accredited and can be applied to a major at Behrend.

The cost of the trip will bring more than bargained for: students get their own dorm room, a class or two during the day and afternoon, and evenings and weekends free to tour local sites, London, and all the small hiding places that one discovers on aimless walks around the beautiful campus. The students in the classes are from all ends of the earth - the U.S., Canada, Italy, Poland, etc.

Also, a week's field trip to places such as Ireland, Scotland, Italy, and northern France are offered as part of the five and a half week stay at the prestigious English university.

"This Study Abroad program is the best bargain of them all," said Dr. Dean Baldwin, assistant director of Humanities and Social Sciences and coordinator of the trip. "It will be well worth your money. I haven't heard any complaints about the trip; in fact, several more people are interested in taking the trip this year."

And just how much does this trip cost? It will all depend on how many courses are taken at UCN; up to three classes can be taken, at three credits each for a total of nine. The cost for three credits is \$2,000; six credits costs \$2,650; and nine credits costs \$2,950. The cost includes your tuition to UCN, room and board, cooking facilities, the one week field trip (which includes transportation and a two-way plane ticket), all excursions to museums and



Behrend students and faculty gather at last year's summer trip to England. COURTESY PHOTO

plays, transportation, entry fees for all excursions, and library and computer fees for over five weeks

"All you need to cover with extra expenses is your round-trip plane ticket - about \$650 - extra food, and any extra spending money," Dr. Baldwin said. "And rest assured, all your courses you decide to take will be carefully counted toward your major, elective, or as gen ed, before you pay anything."

Scholarships are also available through the Kochel Fund and UCN, which are distributed yearly for the trips. The trip is worth it, though - there is already high interest in the trip and one student is even taking out another loan to cover the cost of the trip.

Last year, eighteen students from Behrend went on the trip. Students from Poland, Russia and Italy also participated in the program; faculty from schools all over the world teach the courses, including faculty from UCN. All courses are in English, but many of the students participating are speaking English as second language.

"These students [from overseas] know how to speak three, four, even five languages - and sometimes talk better English than yourself," remarked Dr. Baldwin, smiling. "All the same, the diversity in the classes is amazing - it's quite an experience."

UCN is located in a rural setting, almost like Behrend's: lots of land, many trees, spacious, and full of places to explore. Weekends can be spent exploring campus or surrounding cities.

Each class chosen has a recommended field trip to go along with it; one week out of the five will be spent away from UCN and used to study on location information taught in that particular class. Again, the above cost covers this week-long field trip.

More information on the trip is available through Dr. Dean Baldwin, Academic 127, x6214, dxbl1@psu.edu. You can also contact Ms. Ruth Pflueger at the Learning Resources Center in the Library, x6418, rcp1@psu.edu.

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