

## International Dinner celebrates Eastern European culture

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Dr. Diane Parente, assistant professor of management, and her International Management class put on their second annual International Dinner on Sunday, April 9, at 6 p.m. Eastern Europe was this year's theme, and the featured countries were Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Albania, Yugoslavia, Russia, Turkey, Greece, Romania, Czech Republic, Ukraine, Estonia, and Lithuania.

Students in the class handled all of the fundraising and solicitation for the dinner, in addition to preparing the meals. They worked shifts in the kitchen throughout the weekend until the buffet-style dinner was complete. "The students have worked very hard. They have done everything, right down to pinching the pierogies," Parente said. There were over 900 pierogies at last count.

The management students also prepared displays for each of the countries represented at this year's Dinner. These presentations displayed each nation's flag, capital, official language, terrain, and

government. Additionally, each display had several authentic trinkets, such as shoes, jewelry, clothing, books, and magazines, to give patrons a closer look into each country.

The preview began at 6 p.m., at which time patrons of the event were able to view the individual displays for each country and socialize with one another. Appetizers and beverages were served.

Dinner followed the preview at 7 p.m. During this time, a slide show played, showcasing each nation's respective flag, and pianist Gabe Josset provided background music.

Among numerous beverages, breads, soups, salads, and appetizers, various main dishes were served from several countries, such as dumplings, Polish Lenten mushroom (for vegetarians), Romanian Ciuperici cu carne de porc (mushrooms with pork), and Albanian Guelle me arra te ellit (chicken with walnuts). The desserts served were Albanian Baklava, Blue Noses (blueberry dumplings), and Turkish Rice Pudding.

After the meal, a series of speakers and performers entertained the

audience. Pavel Zemeik gave a lecture on "Business in Central and Western Europe." Zemeik is the first international scholar at Behrend and is originally from the Czech Republic. He will be at Behrend until May.

Zemeik focused on the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland, and how business would be conducted between the United States and each of these countries. Factors such as political climate, foreign investment, technology, and the legal system were key parts of Zemeik's speech.

Next to perform was Vidal Volchamsky, a multi-talented violinist from Russia. Not only a concert performer, Volchamsky is also an accomplished conductor. Volchamsky played three intricate pieces, one each from Hungary, Poland, and Russia.

The final performance of the evening was given by Tom Habursky and Erica Wurst, the instructors of the Lublin Polish Folk Dancers. Dressed in authentic Polish garments, the team performed three lively numbers to close out the night. As the evening came to a close and everyone bade farewell, the International Business students' night was just beginning — they still had to clean up.



Students enjoy their meals at the International Dinner

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## Question of the Week

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO IN THE SUMMER CONCERT SEASON?

"I'm looking forward to Lord of the Dance or Riverdance."

-Jessica Dows, 04, MIS



"JIMMY BUFFETT!"

-Marcus Kalivoda, 08, ME

"I missed Elton John, and that was the only thing I was really looking forward to."

-Lisa Werkmeister, 06, BIO



"I'd like to see the Dixie Chicks."

-Sarah Kautzman, 06, Finance

"Martina McBride."

-Laura Hayes, 02, ACCT



## SUMMER JOBS

Erie manufacturer looking to hire general shop laborers for the summer. Jobs run from mid-May (or end of semester) through August.

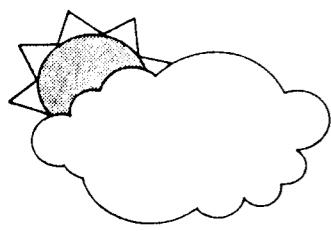
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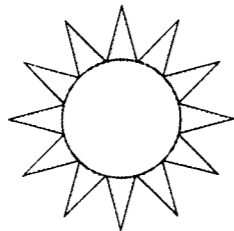
## WEEKEND WEATHER OUTLOOK

APRIL 14-16, 2000



FRIDAY

PARTLY SUNNY AND WARM;  
HIGH 64, LOW 48.



SATURDAY

BREEZY, SUNNY AND WARMER;  
HIGH 72, LOW 49



SUNDAY

CHANCE OF SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS;  
HIGH 70, LOW 49

## Police And Safety

### R E P O R T:

- 4/4/00 14:46 A complainant reported his vehicle was vandalized during Saturday's Spring Fever.
- 4/5/00 11:00 The radio station received an obscene email from a computer that is on our campus.
- 4/5/00 14:00 A complainant reported that a faculty member had stated that students in her class were threatened by another student on 4/4/00.
- 4/5/00 18:03 A coordinator asked Police and Safety to respond to a medical call in the apartment quad.
- 4/7/00 14:10 A complainant from Mercyhurst College called to report some information that he felt Police and Safety needed to know about.
- 4/7/00 23:50 A student reported that another student tore down his door message board.
- 4/9/00 01:15 A duty RA reported the smell of marijuana on the third floor of Ohio Hall.
- 4/13/00 10:55 An accident was reported at the entrance of Erie Hall.

