

BEHREND BRIEFS

Nominations available for faculty and staff awards

February 28 is the deadline to submit nominations for the faculty and staff awards at Behrend. Nomination forms may be obtained from the R.U.B. desk, the Computer Center, the Library, the Provost's Office, and all School offices. Those wishing to nominate a professor may also do so through the Behrend home page.

The Council of Fellows Excellence in Teaching Award is given to one who has proven to truly fill the role of an effective teacher. Any teacher who has had at least four semesters of continuous undergraduate teaching at Behrend is eligible.

The Guy W. Wilson Excellence in Academic Advising Award is designed to reward exceptional advisors and is available to all full-time faculty. The winner of both awards will be selected by the Undergraduate Studies Committee of Faculty Council.

The Council of Fellows Faculty Excellence in Outreach and Service Award is given to one who exemplifies service to the community, the college, and an academic profession. All full-time faculty members with two continuous years of teaching at Behrend are eligible. This winner will be chosen by the Research Committee of Faculty Council. In all three cases, last year's winner is not eligible.

The Benjamin A. Lane Outstanding Service Award, which recognizes outstanding service to the college, is available to any faculty or staff member who has worked at Behrend for at least one year. Previous winners not eligible are Dr. Dawn Blasko, Ms. Susan Daley, Dr. John Champagne, Ms. Pat Metzger, and Ms. Ruth Pflueger. On April 22, 2001, these awards will be presented at the Honors and Awards Ceremony. Please call Carol Whitbred at x6160 for more details.

Two Behrend buildings named

The Penn State Board of Trustees approved names for two Behrend buildings at its January 19 meeting. The red brick house in the 5500 block of Station Road, formerly the Smith House, is now the Federal House. The Mosso home, which the Center for Organizational Research and Evaluation (CORE) uses as an office, is now the 4823 Jordan Road Office Building.

C.O.R.E. hosts open house Feb. 10

The Center for Organizational Research and Evaluation (C.O.R.E.) will be having an open house on Tuesday, February 20, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Everyone on campus is welcome to see the new offices at 4823 Jordan Road, learn more about the center's services, and enjoy some refreshments.

Faculty members honored

International law and political science professor Dr. John King Gamble has been nominated to be vice president of the American Society of International Law. The election will occur during ASIL's 95th annual meeting, which takes place on April 5.

Dr. Ann Pancake, assistant professor of literature and creative writing, has been given a literature fellowship from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts. This fellowship recognizes her works of fiction.

POLICE AND SAFETY REPORT

- 02/07/2001 03:50 Parents called concerned that their child had not returned home. P&S tried to find the vehicle, but could not locate it. P&S advised the parents and they felt he might be at a fraternity house.
- 02/08/2001 01:50 A student reported two males yelling outside Ohio Hall. No one was found in that area when an officer responded.
- 02/08/2001 02:00 Two males were questioned near the apartments about the last call. Both were carded for alcohol and released, as there was no witness.
- 02/09/2001 03:00 A complainant asked P&S to watch for the driver of a red Pontiac that was involved in an assault in Lawrence Park. P&S searched all the parking lots, but did not locate the vehicle.
- 02/09/2001 13:30 A complainant reported being harassed by another student.
- 02/09/2001 16:40 A complainant reported the theft of a leather jacket and a baseball hat from his vehicle around January 6 or 7.
- 02/10/2001 01:50 Two students noticed while coming up from Dobbins that someone had broken the window at the top of the stairs by the loading dock. This information was confirmed. P&S could not find the remains of what caused it.
- 02/10/2001 05:00 P&S discovered four cars in the Dobbins Lot and two cars in the Maintenance Lot after 0300 hours. Each vehicle was issued a citation and towed by Martin's Towing Service.
- 02/10/2001 09:35 A student called to report that someone had broken the side-view mirror on the drivers' side of her car while it was parked in S Lot. She stated that her father could repair it.
- 02/11/2001 19:28 There was a report of flooding in Tiffany Hall. P&S found a toilet that had been allowed to overflow for over 30 minutes. Upon arrival, the RA was mopping one bathroom and the on-duty coordinator, who had been called by the RA, had notified the housing manager.

FOCAL POINT

AND THEN THERE WAS AN ELEVATOR

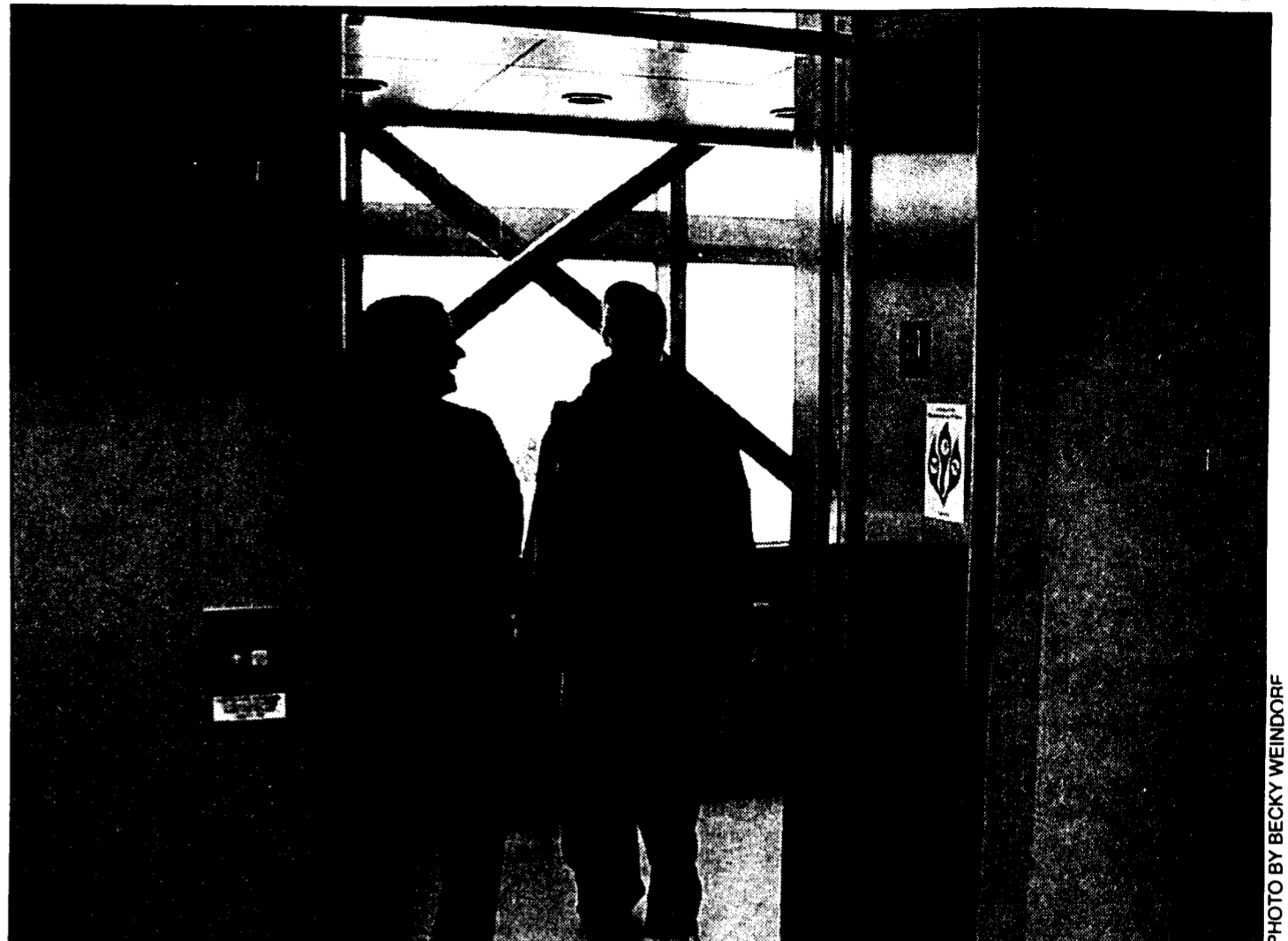


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After months of walking past the new but mysteriously unusable elevator in the StairTower, residence students will be glad to know that they no longer have to huff it up the steps. Opening with very little fanfare, many students continued to take the stairs, not knowing the elevator was in use. Of course, when in a hurry, it still might be quicker to take the stairs . . .

WEEKEND WEATHER OUTLOOK

SATURDAY



Snow
Hi 31°
Lo 26°

SUNDAY



Mostly Cloudy
Hi 33°
Lo 19°

MONDAY



Snow
Hi 28°
Lo 20°

It's not too late to study abroad

by Liz Hayes
news editor

While the deadlines may have passed for spring break and most summer and fall study abroad trips, there is still one option open for the summer: the University College of Northampton, England. The International Summer School Programme this college offers has a wide variety of courses available, and the deadline to apply will not arrive until March 15 (or the Thursday after Spring Break for those who can't visualize time past that illustrious landmark in the Spring semester).

The Summer Programme, which runs from July 6 to August 12, offers 36 different courses of study, ranging from British literature to the economics of the European Union to the biological environment of the United Kingdom. Students may choose up to three courses, at a cost of \$500 per class in addition to the \$1,850 base cost. The base cost covers the \$200 Penn State administrative fee, UCN tuition, the majority of course provisions, a single room with a private shower, and full access to the campus facilities. The only major expenses not included are food costs and airfare. Dr. Dean Baldwin, professor of English and assistant division head of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, has arranged flight accommodations out of Pittsburgh International Airport at a roundtrip cost of \$638 per person.

One of the more unique features of this trip is that another weeklong trip has been worked into the curriculum of each course. These trips allow the students in each course to travel to another location as a group to study the subject matter in a more hands-on fashion. These field trip locations include Galway, Ireland; London, England; Perugia and Vasto Italy; Brussels, Belgium; Paris, France; Belgium and northern France; and Scotland. With the exception of food and incidental expenses, the cost of these trips is covered in the tuition fee.

Dr. Baldwin is very enthusiastic about the advantages of this study abroad program. "It is a tremendous bargain for what you get out of it. It really is cheap for foreign travel." Ms. Ruth Pflueger, Learning Resource Center coordinator, added that "it's the most

economical of all of Penn State's summer programs. It's the only summer program to offer a wide range of courses and a week-long field trip to a variety of locations."

In order to finance the trip, various forms of financial aid are available. Study Abroad Scholarships can provide up to \$500, and applications are included with the UCN application packet. There are various student loans that can be used toward study abroad. Also, Schreyer's Scholars are eligible for International Travel Grants, which can be obtained from the Learning Resource Center.

UCN has had close ties with Penn State Behrend for several years now. Dr. Baldwin will be accompanying Behrend students across the Atlantic for the third time this July. He will also be teaching an Irish short story class. He believes that this is a "safe way to travel while still getting the international experience." Students have a familiar professor to turn to if they face problems, but still have plenty of freedom to explore and experience a different culture. He also stressed that, because classes only run Monday through

Thursday, students have several long weekends to take small trips. In the past, students on their own have gone to various cities, including Dublin, London, Liverpool, and even Amsterdam and Paris.

Baldwin encourages students from all disciplines to consider this program. All credits are guaranteed to transfer, and it is required that all students meet with their advisors before leaving to ensure that the credits will be applied as intended. Most of the courses offered will fill general education requirements at the very least, and some may be used to fill other requirements. Above all, he insists that it is a great multicultural experience, especially because students from all over Europe attend this summer program.

Dr. Baldwin or Ms. Pflueger can be contacted for more information or to obtain application packets. Baldwin can be reached at x6214 or by email at dx11@psu.edu; Pflueger can be contacted at x6418 or rcp1@psu.edu. Also, UCN's website can be accessed at www.nene.ac.uk/int/summer/summer.htm.

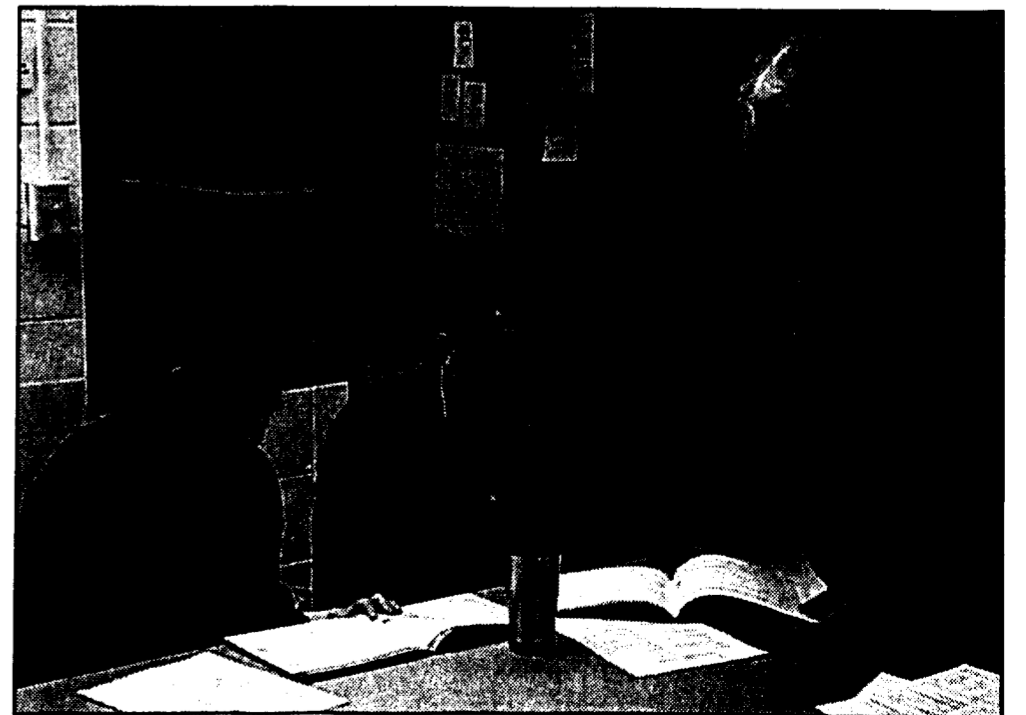


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Ian Buchanan, a representative of the University College of Northampton, explains the summer study abroad program to students Becky Ore and Mike Stevenson in an informative session on campus earlier this month.