

Lindner takes over Housing and Food Services

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Mr. Mike Lindner has come a long way from Ocean City, New Jersey, and he didn't make many stops in between. After working at Penn State University Park for three years, he moved to Behrend to work in Bruno's.

"Lucky for me, Randy Geering was promoted earlier this year, which left an opening for me," Lindner said.

He took over as director of Housing and Food Services in mid June, however it wasn't made official until July 1.

Lindner said that he looks forward to being able to affect the students in a positive way. His greatest goal is to get the students to be happy with how the campus is and keep them here for as long as possible.

He hopes that the convenience store will be a step in that direction.

"As director, I am happy that I have more say in what goes on with the convenience store than I did as Bruno's manager," he said.

Lindner also mentioned that he does not want to have to bring new restaurants or stores to campus. He also believes that Dobbins will draw in more students now that it has been expanded. However, Lindner says he has a few plans that will do just that.

"We are trying to have cooking lessons set up for students with guest chefs, we might even have Dr.

Birx, the new chancellor, come," said Lindner.

Another goal is to make resident life friendlier to those that live on campus. Lindner mentioned that he is open to student ideas, wanting to know how their stay can be made more enjoyable. With the possibility of a new residence hall, Lindner welcomes the opportunity to expand his new department.

"I need to get organized," said Lindner. "This is a large job and I'm learning so much that I need to try to stay ahead of some things."

Though he says that he'll miss working in Bruno's and in such close proximity to the students, Lindner expressed ambition for his new position. He will also miss everything that goes on from the organizations that go through to what happens on the stage.

"You make friends with the students, you help them learn to balance fun with work and responsibility," said Lindner. "That's something that helps even after you leave college."

He also enjoyed how informal it was to be working with students there, and now his job is very formal.

Mr. Lindner said that he loves to hear from students. He loves to hear about how the students think things are going, he doesn't care if it's good or bad. The bad helps them to fix their mistakes, and the good lets them know what to continue on with.

"I want to make sure that the students don't notice any major changes," said Lindner.

Study abroad courses and trips available

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The Study Abroad program at Penn State Behrend is alive and well again this year, and is continuing its search for student involvement all the time.

For those who have never even heard of such a thing, the Study Abroad program is an opportunity for any interested student to take their thirst for knowledge overseas. In the past, students have chosen to visit China, Australia, Italy, Turkey and many more destinations, some more exotic.

If one participates in an embedded course (a course offered in either fall or spring that includes an overseas field trip) the length of the visit is approximately ten days. The cost of this trip usually ranges

from \$1,800 to \$2,500, and is lead by the course instructor. In this instance, GPA is not a criterion for qualification.

Students can also participate in the Study Abroad program during their summer vacations. A visit during this time can last anywhere between three to nine weeks, and generally costs \$5,000 to \$10,000.

The summer program offers participating students three to nine credits toward their degree, depending on the duration of their visit and the course(s) taken abroad. A minimum 2.5 GPA is required.

Of course, students may choose to spend a semester, or an entire year abroad as well. However, most of these programs are designed for students in their fifth semester or higher. Costs for these programs vary from \$17,000 to

\$26,000, and students must also have a 2.5 GPA minimum.

At first glance, these are seemingly pricey outlooks on these programs. One thing all interested students should be aware of is the multitude of scholarship and grant opportunities available for this program.

"Scholarships are available through the College and University for all programs, including embedded courses," said Ruth Pflueger, Director of the Learning Resource Center and International Programs Advisor. "Some programs have their own scholarships as well. There are national scholarships that also provide funding."

Through the Penn State program, a student's current financial aid and scholarships will apply overseas.

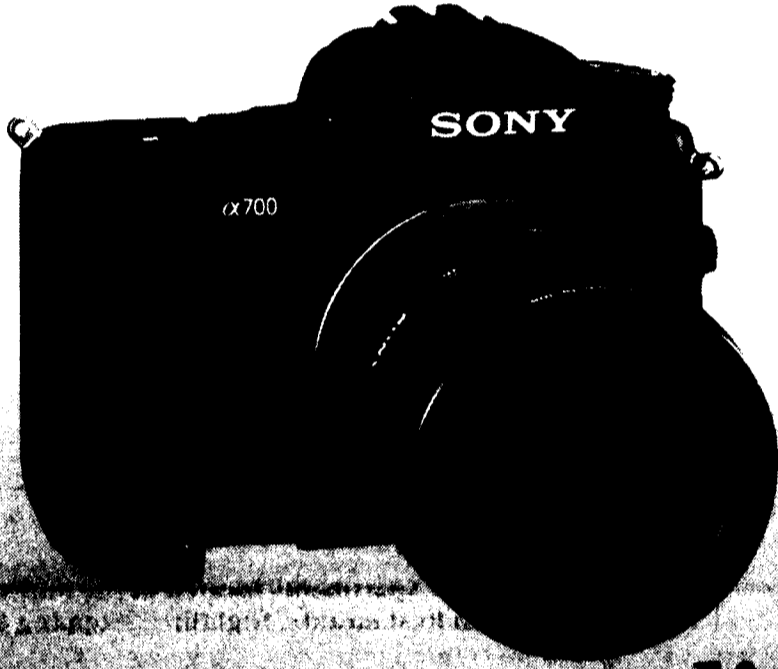
Evan Koser, a senior political science major, went through the application process.

"It is very reasonably priced," said Koser. "It's affordable for students of all incomes."

Getting involved is simple. There is an application process for all programs, most of which is online, or one can contact Pflueger at rcp1@psu.edu.

"Students return from their study abroad experiences more confident and self-assured," said Pflueger. "They have a broader understanding of the world and global issues. Through a semester abroad, students can build their resumes; enhance their transcripts, and open doors to opportunities they might not have even imagined."

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Corrections:

- A reprint of SGA's allocation to student organizations (**SGA Budget, 9/24/10**) mistakenly switched the total amounts for money allocated and money requested. The true requested amount was \$____, and the true allocated account was \$_____.

- The semester standing of two SGA Candidates for fall elections were misprinted in a page 3 listing (**SGA ELECTIONS CANDIDATES, 9/24/10**). Krissy Cole, running for the position of Upperclassman Senator, is in her ____th semester; Ayodele Osibodu is in his ____th.

- Iran President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's name was misspelled on a Page 5 article regarding a speech at the United Nations (**Ahmedinejad U.N. Speech Causes Uproar, 9/24/10**).

- Athlete of the Week Glennis Rabash's name was misspelled in a page 12 headline (**Robosh scores three goals in two games, 9/24/10**).

- An editing error in a Page 9 opinion column caused a column by staff writer Laura Ruppel (**No Animal Testing, 9/24/10**) to be cut off. The last paragraph was meant to read: "With so much variety stocked on those shelves, you can make the right decision and support the sale of cruelty-free consumer goods."

- A feature in the Humanities and Social Sciences section (**Four H&SS Faculty Promoted, 9-10-10**) failed to identify Dr. Gary Viebranz as another faculty member who received a promotion. Dr. Viebranz was promoted to professor.

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