

Penn State offers international collegiate experience

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Behrend students have the opportunity to enrich their educational experience by participating in study abroad programs.

These programs are open to any Penn State student with a 2.50 average and upon completion of certain course prerequisites for the program in which they are seeking enrollment.

Tuition charges for all foreign studies programs are the same as for the University campus. Round-trip transportation and a one-time program fee (usually around \$35) must be borne by the student. When room and board arrangements are provided, these costs are based on the standard University Park double room and board rate. Students eligible for financial aid would continue receiving such aid for their study abroad.

Programs vary in length from one semester to year-long terms of study. Most participants are of junior or senior standing during their study abroad.

Students may presently choose

from programs conducted in England, Egypt, Australia, Germany, Italy, Spain, France, Russia, Peru, Kenya, Taiwan and Israel. Study in Malaysia may be a future possibility. While many programs concentrate on foreign languages and cultures, others do not require any foreign language competency. Courses of study range from language and literature classes to architecture, engineering, business, education, social science and mass communication. Many programs meet the general requirements for most majors, minors and BDRs.

An additional plus is the fact that every course offered within the framework of these programs

receives credit under a course number listed in the Penn State Baccalaureate Degree catalog--thus, no transfer credits are involved and the student remains registered at Penn State.

Interested students are encouraged to discuss the merits of education abroad for their particular course of study and goals with their advisor.

Additional counseling, information, application forms, etc. may be obtained through the Provost's Office. Contact Mari Trenkle, Ext. 6230.

The deadline for Spring Semester 1987 Study Abroad programs is March 1, 1986.

Don't delay--inquire now!

Provisional students advised to check status

by Jack Horner
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Provisional students at Behrend must realize that they have not yet been accepted into a degree program at Penn State. If you are a provisional student planning to enter into either a four or two-year degree program and have completed (or plan to complete by the end of the Spring '86 semester) 18 credits (nine credits for a two-year degree program) and have upheld a 2.0 grade average, you must fill out an application for acceptance into a degree program NOW.

Some Penn State academic programs and majors may have additional admission requirements. Make an appointment with Admissions Counselor, Greg Allen whose office is located in the Administration on the second floor or can be reached at extension 6100.

If you are a provisional student who will have 36 credits or more completed and meet the requirement to enter into a degree program, yet you fail to go and fill out an application, you are in danger of being dropped as a provisional student. To attend classes after being dropped as a provisional student, you must reapply as a non-degree student and are in danger of losing your financial aid.

Consult "The 1985-86 Policies and Rules for Students" manual if you want to refresh your memory on the regulations and restrictions of provisional enrollment. To find out where you stand make your appointment with the Admissions Office today! Any delay could cost you time and money--two things a student can't afford to lose.

Rape crisis speaker scheduled

by Barb Cavano
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Lawrence Lobby will be host to a speaker on Jan. 29 at 8 p.m.

A guest from the Erie Rape Crisis Center (to be named at a later date), was asked by the Residential Life staff to speak on a "today" issue--rape prevention and defense. The lecture's theme will be "how to talk yourself out of a rape situation."

Light was first brought on the subject by Eric Connors and Alene Rohde, members of the Residential Life staff.

"Creating awareness of various subjects has been an ongoing process of the Residential Life staff," Rohde said. "Rape crisis is a part of this process," she noted. "We feel there is a need for a topic like this because rape is becoming more prevalent on college campuses in this area. It's the crime no-one likes to talk about," Rohde concluded.

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EVANSTON, IL. (CPS)-- Spring grads' job prospects may not be quite as positive as previous reports predicted, the latest testing of American business' hiring plans indicates.

The previous reports, moreover, suggested only slightly better job prospects than students had last year, when the job market was at a nadir.

"I expect it to be flat, maybe plus or minus one percent compared to last year," observes Victor Lindquist, supervisor of Northwestern University's Endicott Report, the most recent of the three major surveys on job prospects for graduating seniors.

And previously "hot" engineering, computer and chemistry grads are going to have a much harder time finding jobs than their counterparts of the last few years.

"Students are going to have to commit to a longer job search and be satisfied with fewer choices," Lindquist says.

In late November, the College Placement Council (CPC) projected firms will make two percent more job offers than they did last spring, while in December Michigan State's national survey of business hiring plans predicted

a 1.4 percent rise in job offers for '86 grads.

The three surveys ask companies throughout the country how many first-time job seekers they plan to hire from the next graduating class.

Lindquist says his report was less optimistic because it polled firms three months after the CPC did, and because it does not sample government agencies' plans like the CPC does.

"Our report is pretty close to (John) Shingleton's at Michigan (State)," he notes.

"All three surveys sample different populations," explains Rhea Nagle of the CPC.

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For only the third time in 20 years, Lindquist's "population" had a declining interest in hiring engineering majors. There will be six percent fewer job offers for them this year, the report said.

The Endicott Report also predicts a nine percent decrease in offers to chemistry majors. The other reports anticipated a "slight" increase.

The Northwestern survey does agree that computer majors will suffer a five percent decrease in employment opportunities.

Not all the news is gloomy, however.

There is, Lindquist found, a continuing employer interest in business and marketing degrees.

And liberal arts grads have better job prospects this year, the Endicott Report found.

Firms planned to make 12 percent more job offers to liberal arts grads than they did last year, Lindquist says.

Companies think liberal arts majors are "more able to deal with disparate thoughts and ideas. Their thinking is more holistic," Lindquist says.

"We need people who can translate computers into usable terms," explains Steve Bennett, author of "Playing Hardball with Soft Skills," a soon-to-be-released book about how liberal arts majors can break into the job market.

Lindquist says American Telephone and Telegraph (AT&T) recruits liberal arts majors as managers because they perform better than any other degree.

Lindquist also credits the move by many liberal arts majors to take a more diversified curriculum, which often includes computer, math and business courses. "Kids are getting better prepared for jobs."

In preparing for the job market, Lindquist recommends seniors had "better hit the ground running now, get a resume together, know the market. You are going to be competing with all your classmates. It's going to be a very competitive year."

Endicott Report finds a 'cooling' for tech majors Spring job prospects appear to dim a little