

# Students aid students in preparing taxes

by Christopher Rapach  
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The stress of tests, term papers being due and overdue assignments, not to mention the worrying of the unavoidable final exams, sums up a few of the hardships students deal with while in college. With all of these standard expectancies, no student needs to go through the baffling and complicated procedures involved with filing one's income tax return. V.I.T.A. (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) was created to help save the student, or individual, any unnecessary perplexities in the proceedings of the 1040A or 1040EZ tax forms.

V.I.T.A. was introduced to the Behrend College populace on January 19 and will continue on up to April 15. The designated office for V.I.T.A. is on the first floor in the Reed Building, in the television lounge, to the left of the dividers. Volunteers are available on Mondays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Behrend Accounting Club, advised by James Voss, is taking on the responsibility of running the program. The volunteers offering the community their tax knowledge and aid must presently be taking the Federal Income Tax class. This class is an independent study course with scheduled meetings with the teacher of the course, Robert Monahan. This three-credit class requires a final exam and a final paper on a current tax issue. If the individual did not take the course for credit, then the exam and paper are optional. The reason for the requirement of the class is to assure the public that the volunteers do have knowledge pertaining to advisement and completion of a tax form.

Karin Shrum, the student co-ordinator, sees to it that all runs smoothly in the scheduling of volunteers, administering

materials, and any questions. The volunteers are: Ed Applegate, Dave Baker, Joe Cenci, Bill Eberlin, Raymond Hunt, Dave Jones, Linda Kirik, Jeanne Laskowski, Nancy McClelland, Jeff Misko, Sam Naples, Dave Newcomb, Paul Shirey, Keith Siergiej, Norm Toth, Vince Vidal, and Gary Zana.

Each volunteer puts in certain hours at the V.I.T.A. office and is there for public service. The reason for their being there is for your convenience. They offer help in answering any questions you may have pertaining to your tax return. If they cannot answer your question, and Karin can not answer it either, then you will be given the name of a faculty member who might help you. If you just want advisement on how you should complete your return, or if you want V.I.T.A. to actually do your entire return, then there are a few items you should bring with yourself prepared. First you should have all W-2 forms from your job(s) you have held in the tax year. You should also bring any 1099 interest or dividend forms you have received. Any records on the sale or buying of real estate, vehicles, or valuable, insured property should also be brought with you. All information, advice, and help that has been discussed between you and the V.I.T.A. volunteer is kept in strictest confidence.

The V.I.T.A. program is operating through co-operation with I.R.S. Building. Behrend Campus is the only college campus in Erie offering such income tax services this year. Besides Behrend Campus there are two other local locations which offer V.I.T.A. assistance. The first is the Harborcreek Municipal Building. The staff co-ordinator in this area is Donna Mindick. The second area is the Conrad (Retirement) House; and the co-ordinator in this building is Gary Hennis.

V.I.T.A. has presently served approximately 50 individuals and hopes to service many more before closing of the program on April 15.



Karin Shrum and Joe Cenci help Cindy Pforlich with her tax forms.

Photo by Holly Lew

## Business school director named

University Relations—Dr. John Magenau has been named director of the Penn State-Behrend School of Business and associate professor of management.

According to Dr. John Lilley, provost and dean of Penn State-Behrend, this appointment is the result of a nationwide search. "He had outstanding letters of recommendation from such institutions as the University of California at Berkeley, the State University of New York at Buffalo, and the University of Washington," said Lilley.

"Because of his outstanding academic background, the business faculty and I are confident the Dr. Magenau can meet the challenge of building superb graduate and undergraduate programs," continued Lilley. "Dr. Magenau knows that Penn State-Behrend is competing in a national market for high quality PhD faculty. I think he will be particularly successful in recruiting such faculty."

Magenau received his doctorate from the State University of New York at Buffalo. He earned his undergraduate degree from Case Western Reserve University.

Magenau has published nearly a dozen articles in scholarly journals, his work covering fields ranging from industrial and labor relations to social psychology. He has co-authored chapters in three books and his behavioral research on

negotiations in collective bargaining earned him a chapter in the test *Readings and Cases in Labor Relations and Collective Bargaining*.

Prior to his appointment at Behrend, Magenau served as a visiting assistant professor and lecturer at SUNY-Buffalo and as an assistant professor for five years at Wayne State University.

## Summer study abroad

by Barb Byers  
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Study abroad this summer! Penn State is offering five separate programs for all eligible students. Mari Trenkle, Administrative Assistant for Academic Affairs said the 3-8 week courses are a "nice way to get abroad without interfering in academic progress," and they "also get BDR's (Basic Degree Requirements) out of the way."

Summer courses are offered in England, Italy, and Sardinia, an island south of Italy. The dates and credits for the programs vary. No previous foreign language training is necessary. The tuition is the same per credit as other University classes, and the student must arrange for his or her own transportation.

The summer study abroad pro-

gram is "flexible in eligibility," Trenkle said, but the 3-week Comparative Education course in England is geared toward education majors and professional teachers. Basically the summer program, however, is less competitive than the school year study abroad programs.

Penn State also offers study abroad during the academic year and single semesters. Interested students must apply one year in advance, Trenkle said. She is very enthusiastic about the study abroad opportunity, she said, and she spent a year in Marburg, Germany when she was in college. "It was one of the best experiences of my life," Trenkle said.

It is important for students to think early about studying abroad. For example, Trenkle said, a current freshman who is considering going abroad during the fall of his

or her junior year needs to apply by October 15, 1987, and by March 1, 1988 for the spring of 1989 semester. For more information please contact Mari Trenkle at ext. 6160.

Another unique study experience in England is available for Penn State students this summer. The course is called "Literary England," and is a 15-day tour based at Casteridge Hall in southwestern England. The tour is offered to teachers and students alike, from June 13-27, 1987. There is a basic fee required, and tuition is extra if the individual wants to receive credit. The Literary England opportunity is based on the philosophy that "learning can be fun," and the student has a rare opportunity to visit some of England's historic sights. For more information, please contact Lillian Cohen at ext. 6103.

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working unit. Our goal is to promote health awareness and wellness on campus. With Cathy Rigby McCoy promoting nutrition, we think that it will peak a lot of interests in the Wellness Fair Week as a whole."

The entire week's events will be held in the Reed Building with as many as thirty tables set up throughout. Literature will be

available on everything from drug and alcohol abuse to weight-training. Everything will be free of charge although some features will request pre-registration which can be obtained at the RUB Desk.

"The Drive for Perfection" will be Ms. McCoy's first presentation at 12 noon. She will be available for autographs at 1 p.m. and will eat at Dobbins Hall at 4 p.m. Her

keynote address, "Balancing Wellness," will be at 7:30 p.m.

"The main idea behind the Fair is to get people to be aware of their own wellness. Wellness," says Grimm, "is much more than not being sick; it is a total approach to physical, mental and complete well-being. Basically it is just to get people to think."

### WELLNESS AWARENESS WEEK

#### Monday, March 30

- 12:00 noon - "The Wellness Lifestyle" film and discussion R 117
- 7:00 p.m. - "Birth Control and You," Leslie Hawthorne, Erie Family Planning, Niagara Lobby.
- 8:00 p.m. - "Healthy Eating," Apartment Community Center

#### Tuesday, March 31

- 12:00 noon - AIDS: What Everyone Needs to Know," Dr. Mary Ellen Reitz, Pathologist from St. Vincents Health Center. R 117
- 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. - "CPR Certification," 1 of 2 sessions needed for certification. Lawrence 101 (\* Advance sign up in Health Center - \$7.00)
- 7:00 p.m. - "Positive Communication in Human Sexuality," Mary Larson, Behrend Instructor. Lawrence Lobby

#### Wednesday, April 1

- 9:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m. - "Health and Wellness Fair" Community agencies displaying information about their services.
- 10:00 a.m. - "PMS" St. Vincents Women's Center. R 116
- 1:00 p.m. - "Eating Disorders and the Drive for Perfection," Cathy Rigby McCoy. R 116 (Tickets available in advance at RUB Desk)
- 3:00 p.m. - "Self Protection" Erie County Rape Crisis. R 117
- 4:00 p.m. - "Drugs and Alcohol" panel discussion with community agencies. R 117
- 5:00 p.m. - "Health and Physical Fitness" Christel Smith Hamot Wellness Center. R 117
- 7:30 p.m. - "Balancing Wellness" Cathy Rigby McCoy. Erie Hall

#### Thursday, April 2

- 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. - "CPR Certification," part 2 of 2 sessions. Lawrence 101

#### Saturday, April 4

- 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. - "First-Aid Multimedia," Sarah Rose, Behrend Staff Erie Hall, Room 6. (Advance sign-up in the Health Center - \$15)

## Bowman holds management workshop

News Release—On March 25, a one-day workshop sponsored by a Penn State-Behrend Division of Continuing Education will help local managers manage the consistent inconsistencies of corporate living.

That workshop, "Managing Change for Excellence," will be held from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm at the Holiday Inn South, (I-90 and Rt. 97).

Designed to cover a variety of "changing" topics, including sessions on "Assessing the Need for Change" and "How to Be a Facilitator of Positive Change," the workshop will be led by Dr. Donald Bowman, assistant professor of management development in the Pennsylvania State Univer-

sity's College of Business Administration.

Dr. Bowman, who specializes in human resources management, organizational and management development, corporate policy formation and organizational design, received his B.S. and M.S. degrees with emphasis in adult education and statistics from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa.

The instructor's business management experience includes positions in industrial engineering, employee training and development, and general administration. His most recent experiences were gained as a corporate director of human resources for a major office furniture manufacturing company. Participants in the workshop, a

Management Development Services program of the Pennsylvania State University, can earn .6 of a continuing education unit.

Cost for the "Managing Change For Excellence" workshop is \$80 per person and covers the cost of instruction, handout materials, refreshments and lunches. Advance registration is required. Register before March 18 by contacting the Penn State-Behrend Division of Continuing Education, Station Road, Erie, Pa. 16563 or call 898-6103 for more information.

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