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Indian summer: Behrend students enjoy one final nice day of fall before the long cold winter sets in.

Education Abroad

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The date: Thursday, October 29-Sunday Nov. 8. The people: Behrend Plastics Technology seniors. The place: Dusseldorf, Germany. The event: K-92.

K-92 is the largest plastics engineering trade show in the world.

"There were more than two thousand exhibitors from all countries on display at K-92," said Amy Koch, events coordinator for the trip. "Students all had their specialized discipline that they investigated there. Each student had certain plastics exhibitors with which they conferred, pertaining to their particular field."

The travelers also mingled with students from the University of Aachen, the German counterpart of Behrend.

because they do internships with the companies," Koch said.

Students are presented with actual problems from plastics companies and solve them. The companies funded the trip in exchange for the students' services.

Other eligibility parameters include that the senior must be in good standing with the university, have sufficient grades, and must have completed a required number of hours of work toward their individual project, that being in the area of research, papers, etc.

When asked what he learned on the trip, Mike Yurkewicz, whose project was a SPE presentation, said, "They're constantly making progress in processing and designing products."

Yurkewicz also said that he "took the cost of living for granted here." He said "We've

Bowling for babies

ODK sponsors bowl-a-thon

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Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) will sponsor a bowl-a-thon to benefit the Behrend Daycare Center, scheduled to open in the fall of 1993.

The bowl-a-thon will be held next Tuesday, November 17. Eastland Bowl, 3729 McClelland Avenue, will be the site of the event.

ODK, a junior/senior national leadership honor society, is working in cooperation with other campus honor societies in promotion of the daycare center.

Other groups which are involved include Alpha Sigma Lambda, an honor society for returning adult students; Lambda Pi Eta, the honor society for Communication; Lambda Sigma, the sophomore honor society and Psi Chi, an honor society for psychology majors. The honor societies are sponsoring the daycare center as a joint project.

"Daycare is a service that Penn State-Behrend has been

working towards implementing for several years," said Lori Royer, president of ODK. "As student leaders of Behrend campus, we would like to give the students an opportunity to help support this project."

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"I think it's essential that we provide services to help people go to school to benefit them," said Bryan Hiles, treasurer of ODK.

Bowling will start at 9:00 p.m. Each bowler will participate in three games, either individually or on a team. The cost is only \$1.25 per game. Any student showing a Penn State identification card will receive free shoe rentals.

Students participating can support any organization on campus by requesting to bowl under that organization's name.

"You can have a good time bowling and at the same time help other Behrend students," said Ed Martone, coordinator of the Daycare Service Project Committee. "This will add to the attractiveness of Behrend."

The Behrend Bookstore will be donating prizes to be awarded to the highest score. There will be four categories competing for awards. The high game in women's, men's and team competition will receive prizes. There will also be a prize for the lowest score.

ODK will purchase a plaque for the organization who raises the most donations. The plaque

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These (German) students also attend ANTEC (Annual Technical Conference for the Society of Plastics Engineers, a special plastics convention held every year in America), and present technical plastics research papers, just as Behrend students do.

"Students will have the chance to experience the global spectrum of the plastics industry being developed," Koch said before they departed.

The trip was not just a free ride, however. Behrend students had to put in fifty hours of "volunteer" work before the trip, and since their return will have to devote another fifty hours of their time to the project.

"Students have done a considerable amount of work for local plastics companies and they have hands-on experience

still got it pretty good here (in America).

Greg Berckmiller's research dealt with an injection molding machine. For this project he worked with Japan Steel Works. He said, "I wish I would have learned German before we went."

Berckmiller commented on the many cultural differences he noted and confirmed Yurkewicz's opinion that we've got it good here. He said, "I learned how much a good line of communication is."

He also said that he was amazed that he was being passed "by Porsches like I was standing still" on the Autobahn, when he was going 180 km himself.