

Duquesne student earns Fulbright scholarship

Nietzsche and Hegel to challenge his philosophy during studies in Germany

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A Duquesne University student from Cranberry has won a Fulbright scholarship, university officials announced Wednesday.

Louis Butler, a philosophy major

who will graduate in May, said he began preparing his application for the prestigious international study award 11 months ago.

The son of Thomas and Anna Butler, he entered Duquesne as an accounting and international busi-

ness major. He switched to philosophy after taking an introductory course with assistant professor Patrick Lee Miller the fall of his freshman year.

"I wouldn't be studying philosophy if it weren't for (Miller)," said Butler, 21. "I didn't know what philosophy was when I got to college. But my professor told me the first paper I ever wrote was on a par with graduate level work."

"My parents initially were appalled.... Now they're very proud

of me and pretty accepting of philosophy," Butler said.

Miller recalled Butler as a promising freshman with a head of wild, curly red hair and an aptitude that grew into a passion.

"I was lucky to get him so early in his education," Miller said.

The prestigious Fulbright pro-



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gram is sponsored by the State Department.

Butler's scholarship provides for 10 months of independent study in Germany, where he plans to write a thesis focusing on 19th-century German philosophers Friedrich Nietzsche and Georg Hegel and pre-Socratic philosopher Heraclitus.

Butler said he hopes to complete a doctorate in philosophy and teach.

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