

A Hiphopera coming to the Studio Theatre

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There is a unique type of performance coming to Penn State-Behrend that will honor Black History Month, as well as give information about college life. The National Society of Black Engineers and the Association of Black Collegians here at Penn State-Behrend are joining together to present an educational and musical play called *The Hiphopera*. The context of the play is similar to the famous hiphop flavored television show that aired on MTV called, *The Lyricist Lounge Show*. "All the dialogue in the Hiphopera is in the form of hip hop lyrics and poetry,

accompanied by original music," said director Jermaine Hardy.

This hip-hop musical consists of a combination of a series of skits, both about events in Black history, and events that are based on college life. All of the scenes are written, directed, and produced by students, while maintaining a positive message.

The purpose of *The Hiphopera* is to educate through the use of hip-hop, which evolved from African traditional music. Although, mainly African-Americans and their viewpoints make up the theme for *The Hiphopera*, it can relate to anyone.

Some of the skits include a "classroom scene" in which students

and professor converse about the Black Panther Party, and a "going away to college scene," which tells the story of a freshmen college student, and the struggle he goes through to fit in. Hardy stated, "that this performance will show hip-hop in a new light, instead of talking about violence and drugs, we are giving a positive image while educating."

The Hiphopera is scheduled for February 16, 2001, at 7 p.m., in the Penn State Behrend Studio Theatre. The costs of tickets with college identification are \$3 per person, and \$5 per person without college identification.



The cast of *The Hiphopera*.

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Hot Spots in Erie

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Eat N' Park has two locations, one on Peach Street and one on West 12th.

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'Eat N' Park'

Many college students often wonder what has become of the members of their high school graduating class.

Well, for those of you that are Erie-ites, you can enjoy a late night class reunion at Eat N' Park, the place for smiles.

Eat N' Park has two Erie locations, West 12th Street and Peach Street.

What seemingly would be a quick stop for some burgers or some late night pancakes can easily turn into a two hour stroll down memory lane with your high school pals.

Believe it or not, running into a member of your graduating class is almost inevitable when visiting an Eat N' Park location on a Friday or Saturday night.

Eat N' Park is also a good place to meet new people including college students from Gannon, Mercyhurst, and even Edinboro. But even if you aren't an Erie-ite, you can enjoy good food at great prices at Eat N' Park.

Combining good food and high school reunions is always a great match, making Eat N' Park a definite *Hot Spot in Erie*.

WHAT'S GOING ON IN ERIE

February 9

Erie Otters vs Windsor Spitfires, at Tullio Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Erie Civic Music Association Presents "Mr. Sax" Boots Randolph, at the Warner Theatre, 8:00 p.m.

February 10

Erie Otters vs Peterborough Petes, at Tullio Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Mercyhurst College Presents the Spirituals of Harry T. Burleigh Celebrating Black History Month, at the Mary D' Angelo Performing Arts Center, 8:00 p.m.

February 13

The musical "Chicago," at the Warner Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

The weekly column which asks if there is intelligent life out there

by Mike Pingree
TMS Campus

JUST WHAT HE WANTED: The three wives of Lebanese farmer Ghassan Abdel-Al are tired — very tired. Between them, they have given birth to 42 children, and judging by Ghassan's insatiable appetite for "love," things aren't about to let up any time soon. He is only 47 years old. So, to take the pressure off themselves, the three gave Abdel-Al what they consider the perfect gift — a fourth wife. He is very happy about it. "I can't live without love, or at least without women," he said. "That is the way Allah created me."

OH LOOK, A KITTY, A BIG KITTY, AIEEE! After his tenant suddenly vacated a rented Omaha, Neb., home due to his arrest for bank robbery, landlord Ray Besore went in to inspect the place and get it ready for a new renter. He opened the door and was met by a lunging six-month-old mountain lion, a pet of the former tenant. Besore immediately retreated. He was unharmed.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT DEAL? Eileen Mayfield, a 42-year-old guard at the Montgomery County prison in Pennsylvania, made five male inmates who wanted candy or snacks have sex with her in exchange, police said. She reportedly told one of them "if you don't do what I want I can write you up and you will get another six to nine months added to your time." Prisoner complaints sparked an investigation. She is facing charges.

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Figure out the quote and who said it by figuring out what these letters translate to.

Your clue: D equals H

"DK XDQX WQSSH ZA SGYK OZXD DZTHKSW OZSS

DQYK AG UZYQSH."

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Last Week's Answer: "Am I not destroying my enemies when I make friends of them?"

Abraham Lincoln

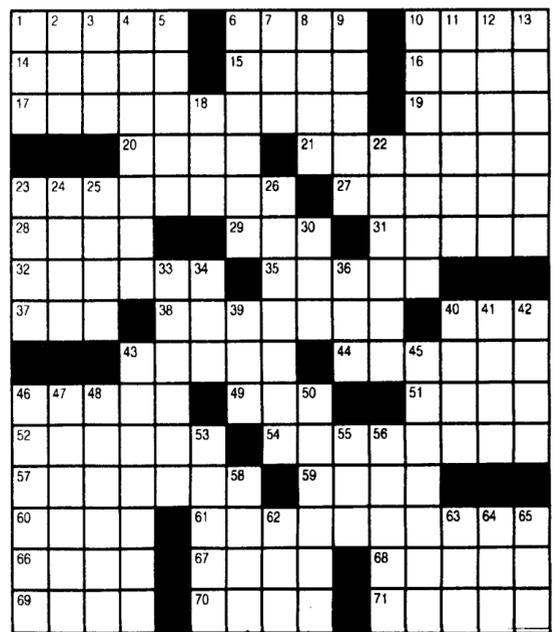
Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Brag
- 6 Three Wise Men
- 10 Singer Domino
- 14 Change
- 15 Dershowitz or Greenspan
- 16 Luxurious
- 17 Leftovers
- 19 Curved molding
- 20 Goneril's father
- 21 Conceal
- 23 Unable to tell one pitch from another
- 27 Eager desire
- 28 Gardener, at times
- 29 Hero or hoagie
- 31 Donkeys
- 32 Paris-based intl. org.
- 35 Perch
- 37 Pop
- 38 Kindle anew
- 40 Hwy.
- 43 Piece of bric-a-brac
- 44 Recollection
- 46 Works hard
- 49 Lead balloon
- 51 Cupid
- 52 Satellites' paths
- 54 Divide
- 57 Loaded
- 59 Enticement
- 60 Car tooter
- 61 Boneless cuts of meat
- 66 Landed
- 67 Name's 1st letter
- 68 Boredom
- 69 Assam and pekoe
- 70 "Auld Lang ___"
- 71 Weight-loss schemes

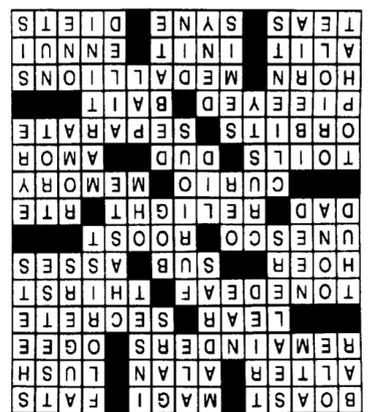
DOWN

- 1 Saloon
- 2 Bullring cheer
- 3 Cash dispenser's letters
- 4 Tape, glue, etc.
- 5 Made an effort
- 6 Indian fabric
- 7 Pub brew
- 8 Long-nosed fish
- 9 Map within a map
- 10 Corsage provider
- 11 Boring tools
- 12 African fly
- 13 Pieces of paper
- 18 Highland negative
- 22 Pure
- 23 Dull sound
- 24 O'Neill's daughter
- 25 Requirement
- 26 Extremely angry
- 30 Cranberry milieu
- 33 Gruff
- 34 "___ the ramparts..."
- 36 Resistance unit
- 39 Cover
- 40 Capital of Italia
- 41 Jogger's gait
- 42 Bronte's "Jane ___"
- 43 Customers



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|-------------------------|------------------|
| 45 Gin cocktail | 55 Chum |
| 46 Astaire film | 56 Felt ill |
| 47 Baltimore player | 58 Repudiate |
| 48 Portugal's peninsula | 62 Loud noise |
| 50 Discuss | 63 Small bill |
| 53 Big rigs | 64 Fanatic |
| | 65 Bro's sibling |