Campus play is 'Sin'fully good

Tony Elliot's final play gets under way in Studio Theatre

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Stephen O'Donnell tries talking some sense into Lori Frietze, who plays a traffic reporter in "Sin." Frietze keeps

by Erinn Hansen
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Penn State Behrend's Studio Theatre and Matchbox Players hosted a special, dress rehearsal performance of the play "Sin" on Feb. 13. Students from a class at Mercyhurst College, and other students from Behrend were invited to attend.

"It is important that we do a dress rehearsal performance," said Tony Elliot, director and stage crew member. "We get a sense of what the audience's response will be, for the audience is the most important part of the play."

"Sin," written by Wendy MacLeod, was originally produced by the Goodman Theatre in Chicago on Dec. 21, 1994. The Behrend production is directed by Elliot, and the crew is made up of 39 members, including 14 behind the scenes staff.

The cast consists of Lori Frietze (Avery), Sundeep Bhatia (man in the bar), Dan Lucey (Michael), Ryan Stare (Avery's date), Lasette Miskis (Helen), Steve O'Donnell (Fred), Thad Esek (Jason), and Luka LoDico (Gerard). Members of the stage crew included T. J. Laffan (technical director, set, and lighting design), Beth Knafelc, Erica Martire, and Christen Stephansky (stage managers), and 16 members of the production staff. The Cast and Crew designed costumes.

"Sin" is a modern morality play, which was a popular dramatic form during the Medieval Period. It attempts to teach the viewers "how to get to heaven." "It basically teaches the audience about coming to grips with life," said Elliot.

The story of "Sin" takes place during the San Francisco earthquake of Oct. 1989. Avery, a traffic reporter, and the main character, tries too hard to be good, which drives all of her family, friends, and co-workers crazy. She interacts with the seven other characters who represent abstract ideas, such as Death/Pride, Lust, Sloth, Greed, Gluttony, Envy, and Wrath. They try to get Avery to come down to earth and sin a little, which she refuses. However, when the earthquake hits, Avery gets into trouble, ends up losing her job, and realizes through her interaction with her friends that she has been a little bad, and needs to sin a bit more to prove to everyone that she is human.

"It is an intense, painful, funny, and rewarding journey for Avery, and I hope it will be a memorable one for the audience," said Elliot.

The audience felt the dress rehearsal was performed well, and the cast and crew felt the same way. "I was very pleased with this performance," said Elliot. "The cast learns more about the story each time they perform, and they must tell the story each time like it is the first performance," he added. Even the students from Behrend who attended the performance thought it was great. "The play was insightful, thought provoking, fun, and makes you look inside yourself," said Nicky Galloway, a sophomore at Behrend. "It rocked!" she added.

I saw the play myself and thought it was excellent with strong, believable performances by each member of the ensemble cast. Their portrayal of characters grew in intensity with each scene. In fact, a level of professionalism that is a treat for our campus. The lighting was good, the story was told very well, and I liked how the characters use the balcony for some of their scenes. It makes the characters stand out. These theatrical elements along with the staging is a credit to Elliot, the director. Although we will miss him and his talents here at Behrend, this production and what he drew from his actors remains with us as an example of entertaining theatrical excellence. The play runs until Sunday. Tickets are $5 general admission and $3 per student, with limited seating. Tickets may be purchased at the RUB Desk.

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To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 7 - It's perfectly natural for you to experience a letdown after an adrenaline rush.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - A person who's been difficult to deal with is losing importance in your eyes. .

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6 - All of a sudden you're surrounded by work that should have been out yesterday. Should you have been working instead of having fun? Heck no!

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - You're getting stronger. Can you feel it? New friends are standing by, watching to see what you need. You'll be able to follow through on promises recently made.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - Time to get back to business. A stern taskmaster wants to know if you're really solid.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - All that work you've been doing hasn't gone unnoticed. New opportunities are arising. All the work you still have to do is in the way, however.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct 22) - Today is a 7 - You're entering an intensely creative phase. It'll be fun and satisfying, but also a lot of work. You may also have to stick to a budget.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 6 - Is there any way you could hand the reins

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - You're moving into a more contemplative phase. You'll be using all those plans you've made to actually produce results.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - You're getting stronger, smarter and even more creative. You're also very stubborn. The person who tries to talk you out of your earnings now will be sadly disappointed.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 7 - This is the letdown after the big rush, the hangover from going on a mental binge.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - The more you learn, the more of what you know gets reassessed. It's a natural part of the growing process.

Through the Looking Glass

the weekly column that asks if there is intelligent life out there

by Mike Pingree
KRT Campus

SHOO, DOGGIE, GO ON, GET AWAY!

Police went to a boys' school in Devon, England, with a sniffer dog to give the lads an anti-drug lecture.

The dog, which is trained to sit down next to anyone who smells of drugs, pointed out four students in the audience who were in possession of marijuana.

A police spokesman said, "It's one assembly that no one will ever forget."

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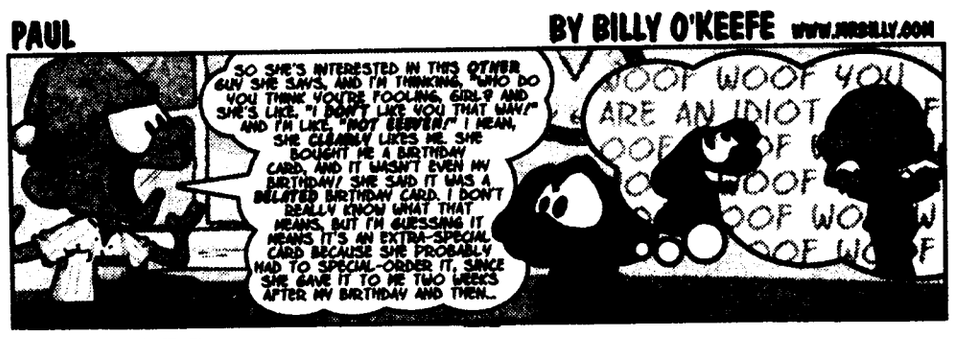
BACK SO SOON?

An ex-convict who was locked up for many years stole a six-pack of beer from a Florida convenience store because he wanted to go back to jail.

He waited for police in the parking lot and told arresting officers, "I can't succeed in this world."



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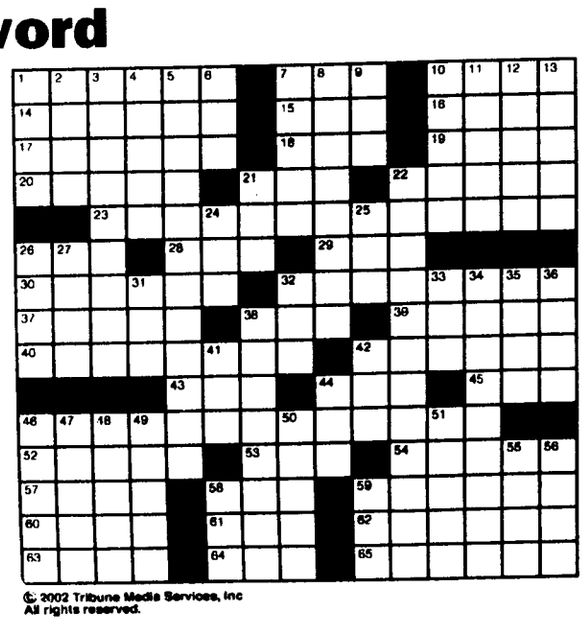

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1 Mass leader
7 Mechanical linkage device
10 Earth lump
14 Charge with gas
15 Pridefulness
16 Son of Leah
17 Battled belligerently
18 Cup rim
19 Mineral veins
20 Malice
21 Even now
22 Bundle-of-joy bird
23 Triples
26 Tanguay of vaudeville
28 Today's LPs
29 Twitch
30 Designers' IDs
32 Subway drivers
37 Worthless nonsense
38 Besmirch
39 Peachy-keen!
40 Grace
42 Words of wisdom
43 Carpet
44 Psychic power
45 Org. of Flames
46 Accepted responsibility
52 From within
53 Actor Kilmer
54 Second airing
57 Von Bismarck or Klemperer
58 Precious one
59 Landed manor
60 Difficult journey
61 Three in Italia
62 Appeared threateningly
63 That woman's
64 Terminus
65 "The Afterglow" painter

DOWN
1 Puppy feet
2 "...they shall __ the whirlwind"
3 Easily nettled
4 Third planet
5 Avoid
6 Turner or Knight
7 Limo rider, perhaps
8 Rabble-rouser
9 Swabby's stick
10 Textile
11 The king of France
12 Open to view
13 Floppies
21 Affirmative reply
22 Eve?
24 Begley and Wynn
25 Perch
26 Hamburg river
27 Colorado resort
31 Omelet item
32 Sultry West
33 N.T. book
34 Large, powerful computer
35 Depict distinctly
36 Mr. Coward
38 1972 candidate for president
41 Church sister
42 Dunderhead
44 Subsurface shocker
46 Canine, e.g.
47 Bizarre
48 Web-footed critter
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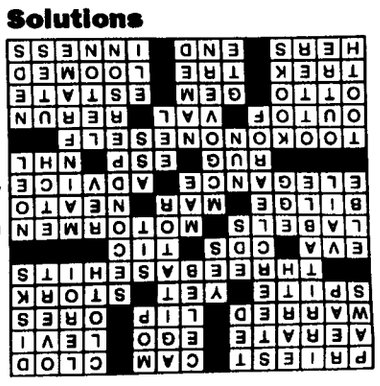

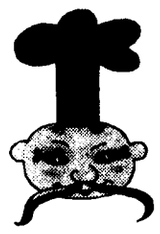

Recipes for You!

A Special Secret!

Ingredients:

4 medium unpeeled baking potatoes, cut into 1 1/2 inch pieces (about 2 pounds)
1/3 cup skim milk
1/4 cup plain nonfat yogurt
2 tablespoons reduced-calories margarine
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon pepper

Cook potatoes in boiling water about 30 minutes or until very tender; drain.

Combine potatoes, skim milk, yogurt, margarine, salt and pepper in a large mixing bowl; beat at medium speed of an electric mixer about 1 minute or until almost smooth.

We want your recipes! Send your submissions to *behrcoll5@aol.com*. Don't cop out and raid your mom's recipe box. We want recipes from college students, for college students!

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Early Geodesic Man

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