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Fun for one dollar

by Maria Barron staff writer

As a constantly growing and improving periodical, The Behrend Beacon insists upon offering suggestions as to what there is to do in Erie.

Unfortunately, after extensive research it has been discovered that there is almost

nothing here. Aside from The Metro, a local dance club, (which only opens its doors to the "under-aged" on Wednesday nights, woo hoo) there is a meager amount of entertainment available.

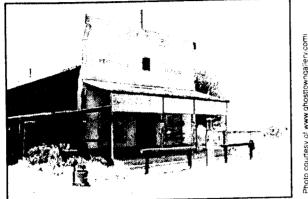
So, feeling pressured by the paper's obligation to keep the students of Behrend occupied, the following list of options was compiled. It may or may not provide some solace for the socially handicapped.

The local movie theater, Tinseltown, is extremely comfortable and spacious. For

the most part it offers a wide variety of films (occasionally it screens an independent or low-budget film). However, at \$6.50 per movie on weekdays and \$6.75 on weekends, most of the student body (which lives off Lion cash and meal plans) cannot afford such extravagance. If this

includes you, have no fear; there is hope for you, yet.

Cinemark Millcreek Cinema 6 (or the dollar theater) is here for you in your time of financial need. With movies at only \$1 per showing, the dollar theater proves to be a college-student-budget-friendly establishment. Located directly behind the Millcreek Mall off Peach St., Cimemark



Erie, Pa.? Hmm...no (it's too sunny to be Erie!).

Millcreek Cinema 6 is only (about) a 10minute drive from campus

Its movies may be slightly dusty after retiring from Tinseltown, but the dollar theater is surprisingly well kept and comfortable. Further good news, for those of you who are on a less-than-\$1 budget,

the dollar theater offers its 50-cent Tuesdays. Hopefully, Cinema 6 will prove to be an upgrade for those of you who usually visit establishments with a \$1 entrance fee.

Unfortunately for some, a ride to Peach St. may prove too overwhelming of an obstacle. For those of you who are bound (against your will) to this campus there are some loose brick tiles on the ground outside the entrance to the library.

They are quite fun to jump on.

This list may only include three possible opportunities for entertainment (one in particular) in his city. Articles containing insights on how to occupy you, must be included in several upcoming issues of The Beacon.

Suggestions must be carefully distributed due to the lack of material available. Keep reading, life is full of surprises, something may just happen here, and when (and if) it does The Beacon will be first to inform you. Who knows? It

might make the front page, Something Happens in Erie. Good luck in your search for something more in the ghost town that is Erie

Through the looking glass

by Mike Pingree, KRT Campus

IT DOESN'T CURE ANYTHING, BUT YOU DON'T CARE Customs officials at the Maiquetia International Airport in Venezuela, inspecting a shipment of a medicinal remedy being sent to London, found that the concoction advertised as the "miracle herb from the rainforest of Peru" contained 230 pounds of cocaine.

I'M BEGGING YOU, BONZO, PLEASE SHUT UP! Whoever stole an African gray parrot named Bonzo from the Pet Pavilion in Tacoma, Wash., may not have known what he was getting himself into. The bird's owners said Bonzo talks and squawks almost incessantly. He enjoys singing a version of the song "Bingo" substituting his own name, and he is often heard to say, "Bonzo pretty, Bonzo smart" and "I'll get you, my pretty, and your little dog, too."

DETERMINED CHILD GETS HER WAY

After having two sons, a Norwegian couple decided they wanted no more children, so the husband had a vasectomy. But the wife got pregnant anyway. So she had an abortion.

Then, four months later, she was astonished to learn that she was still with child. She had the baby, a girl named Trude, which in Norwegian sounds like the phrase "believe it."



It's not easy being a commuter

by John Peebles staff writer

As a commuter, I can say that living off campus is not exactly an easy thing. Sure, you save money and don't have to worry about sharing things and constantly waiting for someone else. You may even feel more secure still living either at home or in an apartment, but overall the disadvantages outweigh the advantages.

There are many disadvantages to living off campus. First, you have to deal with the traffic. You never know how congested it will be and with the construction on campus, it makes the

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commute even more stressful. Due to all of this, you have to leave your house earlier and therefore must wake up earlier. Between classes you don't have the luxury of going back to your room. If you want to go somewhere you must drive to get there. Even attempting to leave school has turned into a complicated task. There is the constant driving back and forth and there is no sign of improvement. Everything will only get worse once the winter weather hits.

Tiving off campus also forces you to miss out on the "college experience." You miss the joy of totally controlling your life and making your own

decisions. You miss the dorm life, which, from what I know, is an interesting experience. You miss going through all the hardships you face while you learn to live on your own. You may in some cases even miss out on the joy of meeting new people. It is much easier to meet people when you live on campus than it is if you live off campus. There is the sort of closeness that everyone, well, not, everyone, on a floor in a dorm has with one another

There are many things happening on campus that the commuter misses out on.



