

Please get some culture

by Maria Barron staff writer

Some students have expressed concern relating to the number of (or lack of) intellectually stimulating activities to attend in Erie.

The Erie Playhouse (located in downtown Erie, across the street from the Avalon Hotel) offers a number of different theatrical presentations throughout the year.

If you know her, attendance to this performance is highly encouraged. One will not regret the trip.

"Picnic" closes on Sunday. To find out about upcoming performances and order tickets, call 454-2852 ext. 41 between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Monday through Friday and between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Although frequented by the elderly population of Erie, The Playhouse provides entertainment for the young and old. The acting in its

performances is surprisingly impressive and ticket prices are reasonable (\$10 per student). Go out and experience something cultured, something of substance. Anything important. Do it for the sake of a future generation that may very well include alcoholics and closed-minded underachievers who have never read a book for pleasure, or watched a film with subtitles ("Crouching Tiger Hidden Dragon" doesn't count).



"Picnic," will be playing until October 27, 2002 at the Erie Playhouse.

upcoming events please e-mail the Beacon at BEHRCOLL@aol.com. We welcome all appropriate suggestions.

Because the Beacon empathizes with those of you who wear the straightjacket that is Behrend without a car. An opportunity exists to experience the theater right here on campus. A production called "6xIves" will open in the theater (the building that looks like a little brown shack) across from Turnbull (the building that looks like a big brown barn) on Friday, Nov. 15 and run almost every night until Sunday, Nov. 24.

So the next time you think to yourself, "I'm bored, maybe I will go out drinking tonight..." do your mind a favor and do something with a little more depth. Visit the Erie Playhouse, "6xIves" or (heaven forbid) pick up a book.

Through the looking glass

by Mike Pingree, KRT Campus

SOOOO, WHAT'S YOUR NAME, LITTLE LADY?

Tran Viet Chu, a 75-year-old retired bricklayer, traveled to construction sites all over Vietnam for 60 years and usually managed to find a woman to dally with everywhere he worked. As a result, he claims, he has accumulated at least 14 wives and sired more than 80 children.

He told a local newspaper, "I seem to have been born with this flirtatious tendency."

BUT MY FRIENDS CALL ME 'I'

A man went to a Lake City, Fla., court to change his name to God. The judge refused him, so he changed his name to I Am Who I Am.

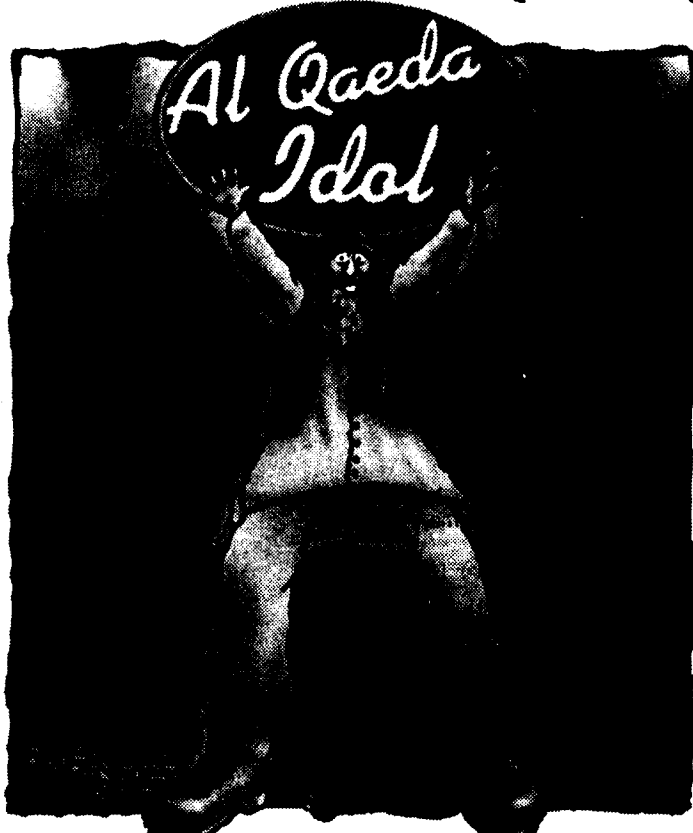
TRY LOOKING BOTH WAYS BEFORE CROSSING

Nicolae Tabacu of Valea Mare, Romania, has been run over seven times in the past 15 years, four times by a car and once each by a motorcycle, a bus and a train.

CAPTAIN RIBMAN - Iraqed Myself by Sprengelmeyer & Davis



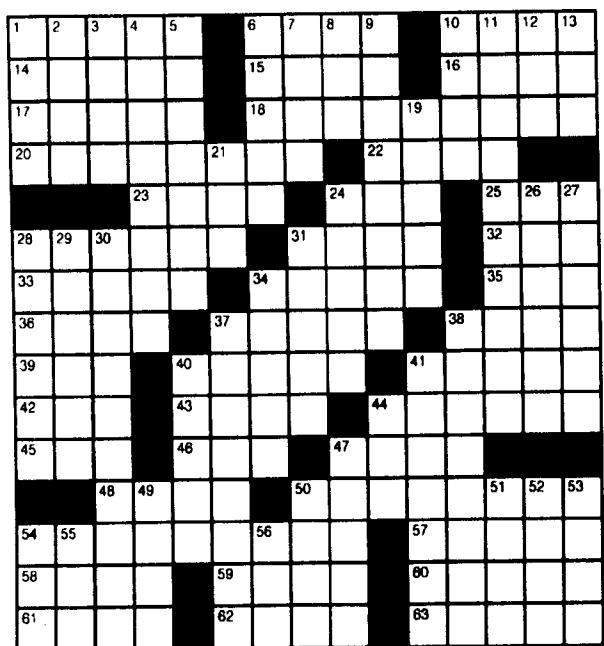
DITHERED TWITS by Stan Waling



Randy: "Osama, Osama, Osama. How's the lice, man?" Paula: "Move over Adolf, here comes Osama. Touchdown!" Simon: "Look, here's the deal. There can only be one Al Qaeda idol and quite frankly, the dromedary dump station attendant has you beat. Sorry."

Crossword

- ACROSS
1 Stairs
6 River of Pisa
10 Sharpen
14 Reader's card
15 Quantity of smoke
16 Bum
17 Self-imposed absence
18 Lack of faith in oneself
20 Vineyard adjuncts
22 Machinery parts
23 Scottish loch
24 Simple bed
25 Easter item
28 Can opener
31 Roy's partner
32 Ghost's shout
33 Vicinities
34 Cars
35 Paddle
36 Ingenuity
37 Playwright Rice
38 Smooth-headed
39 Edgar Allan
40 To the most extreme degree
41 Inner courtyard
42 Pacino and Hirt
43 Oahu garlands
44 Go downhill
45 Little to a Scot
46 Exploit
47 Actress Teri
48 Lester's pickin' partner
50 Living room piece
54 Yankee No. 8
57 Incandescent
58 Dumbfounded
59 Italian automaker
60 Crystal-lined rock
61 Only just
62 Fling
63 Adlai's 1956 running mate



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Solutions

- 5 Audio systems
6 Church parts
7 Regrets
8 Org. of Bears
9 Exhibiting bad taste
10 "For ___ the Bell Tolls"
11 River residences
12 Recede
13 Little tyke
19 Goes out with
21 Yahoo!, e.g.
24 Provide food for
26 Net minder
27 Singer Lightfoot
28 Papaya: var.
29 Baltimore player
30 "If I Had a Hammer" singer
31 Writer Alexandre
34 Caine film
37 Drill sergeant's command
38 Curtains of artillery fire
40 Jacket copy
41 City south of Kalamazoo
44 Gum quantity
47 Pesky insects
49 Assistant
50 Important times
51 Stain
52 Miner's quest
53 Merino mamas
54 Edible tuber
55 Be in debt to
56 Duran Duran song

The Sims is so rad

by Patrick Kambert Chicago Tribune

The psychology of The Sims can get pretty, uh, unusual.

Though some players use Sims to let off steam, others find the best way to let off steam is to watch their Sims characters get steamy.

Some Sims fans have "X-rated love bed" downloads totally unsanctioned by Maxis that get rid of the blur and the blankets when Sims characters get together.

And if size matters to either gender, well, there are pro-

grams to alter the Sim bodies to any measurements you want.

pany every week.

Davis said his wife doesn't play but occasionally watches his Sims world, sans sheets, unfurl.

"She'll come up and see something and laugh," he said.

"It's a guy thing, but yet it's a woman who hosts the site that has these love beds."



A few Sims pose in their favorite threads.

"The sexual part is a great way to forget about real life for a while," said Doug Davis, 43, of Shreveport, La., who uses the game to relax after logging more than 1,000 miles on the road in his job for a tropical fish com-



Feeling lucky?