

Four McNally Plays Presented Dec. 1-2

Four short plays by Contemporary American author, Terence McNally, will be presented December 1 and 2, Wednesday and Thursday, at 8 p.m. in the Studio by the Behrend Players.

A forty year old theatre manager is called in for his army physical and the examining officer is a woman. That's the beginning and only the beginning for NEXT, featuring Jim Washburn and Kitty Lavery.

Suppose you were Mr. and Mrs. Middle America traveling through Europe and you suddenly looked out the window to see something other than the Italian countryside. That's the situation for McNally's anti-war play TOUR which included Shelley Leibling, Dave Spacht, Mark

Bodycomb, Bob Haise, and John Johnston and John Sherbin in its cast.

The air supply is running out. Warnings have come and gone, but now only minutes remain for life on earth.

What thoughts would go through your mind? In LAST GASPS, McNally allows us to invade the final thought of twelve persons from a nun at prayer to young lovers.

The last play, NOON, brings together an unusual group of persons, each possessing a distinctive perversion.

Cast includes Tori Cox, Bob Brutout, Greg Fuller, Cathy Skopow and John Reeves.

Admission will be 50c.

Circle K's New Project Is Underway

Members of the Behrend Circle K Club have been donating their services during the past few weeks to volunteer work in the Erie community. Their most recent project involves helping in the construction of the Erie Community Country Day School, a private state-licensed school for grades 1-8. The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kennedy originated the idea for this school and construction is under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. John Spielman. The work is almost entirely dependent on volunteers, and with the help of the Behrend Circle K and other service organizations the school will successfully completed soon.

Students who would like to participate in this service project may contact Jack Richebacher at 899-4112. Workers are needed on Saturdays, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Local Talent At Coffee House

There will be a coffee house tomorrow night in the Quiet Lounge. Local talent will be featured. Price of admission will be free with an activity card and 25 cents without an activity card.

Students under 21 are requested to obtain parental permission to give blood during the Erie Community Drive, December 2, from 12:30-4 p.m. in the RUB Quiet Lounge. Slips can be obtained in the dispensary.

BEG to Clean Up Campus Community

A new organization called the Behrend Environmental Group has been established. This is a standing organization that will be carried on from year to year. Several committees have been set up to carry out some projects.

The recycling committee was set up to look into possibilities of recycling containers, paper, cans, bottles, etc.

The legal committee will consist of people who will conduct a research to see whether industries are living up to the laws and to see what loop-holes industries are using to get around the laws.

The Earth Day Committee will organize the activities for Earth

Day and try to promote more interest.

An important committee is the Campus Committee. They are going to work on getting more trash cans around the campus and help to keep Behrend free of litter.

The group will be working very closely with the Tuberculosis Society in Erie. Steve Green and Bruce Fisk will represent Behrend and report back to Behrend.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, November 23, during Common Hour at the RUB in the Quiet Lounge. Everyone interested is urged to attend.

Attention All Heads! Players Open Shop

Students and, yes, even some faculty, share the same problem this time of year. Going home for Thanksgiving and receiving an anti-hair sermon as a side order with your turkey is not exactly in keeping with the holiday spirit.

To make your holiday more pleasant and to assure parental smiles when you arrive home, the Behrend Players are providing a not-to-be-missed opportunity for those of you who like to hold on to your lovely locks until the last minute.

For your convenience, "Trims" will be provided in the Studio on Monday and Tuesday, November 22 and 23 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. for only fifty cents a head. Chairman John Johnston is head barber and his staff is guaranteed to be more attractive than any you'll find off-campus.

Plan to drop in the Studio Monday or Tuesday. You'll be helping a campus activity and guaranteeing yourself a more relaxed holiday.

Events of the Week

- Thursday, November 18
Black Film Festival: "Still A Brother" (7 p.m.) - RUB
- Friday, November 19
Black Film Festival: "Black World" (7 p.m.) - RUB
Coffee House-Local Talent (9 p.m.) - RUB Quiet Lounge
- Saturday, November 20
Bus to Penn State-Pitt (leaving 9 a.m.)
- Sunday, November 21
"Camelot" (movie 7 and 9:45 p.m.) - RUB Lecture Hall
- Monday, November 22
Hair Cutting (6:30-8 p.m.) - Studio
- Tuesday, November 23
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Meeting of Behrend Environmental Group (Common Hour) - Quiet Lounge
- Wednesday, November 24
Thanksgiving recess begins (12:05 p.m.)
- Sunday, November 28
Dorms open (8 a.m.)
"Downhill Racer" (movie 7 and 9 p.m.) - RUB Lecture Hall
- Monday, November 29
Classes resume (8 a.m.)
Coffee House - Barry Drake (9 p.m.) - Quiet Lounge
Hanging of the Greens (7:30 p.m.) - Wintergreen Gorge
- Tuesday, November 30
Coffee House - Barry Drake (9 p.m.) - Quiet Lounge
"Spontaneous Concert" (9 p.m.) - Niagara Hall lobby
- Wednesday, December 1
Coffee House - Barry Drake (9 p.m.) - Quiet Lounge
Registration for "Topics in Human Sexuality" lecture series (3 and 4 periods) - Behrend and Reed Buildings
Plays by Terence McNally (8 p.m.) - Studio - "Next"; "Tour"; "Last Gasp"; "Noon"

Editorial Opinion

Student Factions Lack Communication

The opening of Dobbins Hall marks the advancement one step more forward for a four year Behrend. While this is very commendable it also deletes from what has been established at the present.

The student faction at Behrend is comprised of two distinct and separate bodies; the resident student and commuting students. Each has problems pertaining to their own group. However they share a common problem; that of communicating with the rest of the university, and themselves in an attempt to acquire a proper education.

Behrend was originally established as a college essentially for the commuting student. Under these circumstances, the commuters view college as an extension of high school life and education replete with dances, athletic events and the daily trip to school. The addition of a large resident population presented new factors to be considered.

The resident student sees his campus as a total and complete environment. It is in essence his home and he treats it accordingly. Herein lies the crucial difference between the resident and commuting student.

Before the completion of Dobbins Hall there was some close contact between the commuter and the resident student. This contact occurred principally in the Snacketeria of the Reed Union Building. Now with the completion of Dobbins Hall, even this small contact has been removed. As a result little or no intercommunication will take place between these two groups.

There is a strong need at Behrend for a regular exchange of thoughts on problems that concern the student body as a whole. A common meeting place that is heavily frequented by both factions of the student body is necessary. A greater combining of resident and commuting students is required on the Student Union Board and the Student Government Association. This is a necessary element in that the inherent problems of both groups can be aired together. The rift between commuter and resident student must be mended and soon if Behrend is to advance to the status of a true four year school.

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or delete portions of all letters for publication purposes.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Linda Jenness, the Socialist Workers Party 1972 candidate for President, has been conducting an extensive national campaign tour, with meetings on campuses all over the country.

On Saturday night, October 2nd, Jenness was scheduled to debate Senator George McGovern at the Madison campus of the University of Wisconsin. The debate had been jointly arranged by the Madison chapters of Youth for McGovern and Young Socialists for Jenness and Pulley. However, when McGovern was questioned by news reporters about plans for the debate, he had only two words: "I decline."

After he spoke at the campus on October 2nd McGovern was asked from the floor why he had refused to debate Jenness. He replied to the 1,000 persons present, "I understand that Linda Jenness is the nominee of your party, so it

wouldn't be appropriate."

Several days later, James Campbell, a reporter from the Chicago Sun Times, contacted McGovern's Washington Campaign office. In the October 15 Sun Times Campbell wrote, "...McGovern campaign officials in Washington didn't know what to say. One campaign boss... said Mrs. Jenness was a 'kook and a Trotskyite.'"

Name calling is no substitute for open, honest debate. McGovern should realize that there are thousands of young people today who do not automatically accept the notion that the Democratic and Republican parties are the only choice, and will view suspicion any candidate who seeks to avoid debate, regardless of the excuse.

It is in the interests of every voter—Democrat, Republican or Socialist—that such debates take place. Voters have the right

to hear all points of view—including the socialist one—in open, democratic discussions. McGovern and all the other Democratic and Republican candidates must be convinced that this is what young people want.

Sincerely,
Cindy Jaquith
National Coordinator,
Young Socialists
for Jenness and
Pulley

Dear Editor,

The point has evidently been reached where dorm students should have an actual evaluation of the job concerning the resident co-ordinator. Ape man's probing and prowling has led to glorious success in apprehending guilty parties who violate the PSU legal codes (Shaving cream battles, water battles, making noises in the hall, throwing cigarette butts on the lobby floor, and, of course, after hours visitation). Our fearless, muscle-brained puppet has presently decided to take on duties of the maid (which is more suitable as his line of work) by removing occupants from their rooms, or making them face the consequence of eviction from the dorms (which is valid). One particular example is the complaint of 1 empty beer can and 1 empty wine bottle (used for water) found in my room, which warranted another threat by this buffoon. How many of us decorate our rooms with empty cases of cans to set an atmosphere which is suitable to one's particular taste? I really wonder what the qualifications are for his position. With the use of practicality and rational thinking, Mr. Fiorentino could pass even as normal, but his persistency in babbling and evading valid issues presented before him are detrimental to all dorm students. Perhaps if we acted like brainless gorillas there could be communications between "Big Dan" and dorm students, until them.....DON'T SLIP, HULK!

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