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James Merrill discusses his poetry reading with his host, Judith Moffett and English Instructor Norman Gehrlein at reception following recital.

Students, Faculty Hear Poet Merrill

Last Thursday night, April 12, poet James Merrill came to Behrend College to give a recital of some of his favorite works. A guest of Judith Moffett, Assistant Professor of English here at Behrend, Merrill is the winner of the 1967 National Book Award in Poetry and the 1973 Bollingen Award. His first book of poems, *First Poems*, was published in 1951, followed by *The Country of a Thousand Years of Peace* (1959), *Water Street* (1962), *Nights and Days* (1966), and *Braving the Elements* (1972).

Attending the recital were many English students and members of the faculty and administration, as well as many other interested persons. The Reed Union Building Lecture Hall was filled almost to capacity, with several people standing in the back.

After a short introduction by Dean Lane, Merrill read several of his favorite works, including "Broken Home", which he called his "more or less autobiographical poem". "Willow Ware Cup", and others, and concluded with perhaps his most famous piece, a long poem entitled "From the Cupola".

General reactions of the audience were, for the most part, positive. To many of the students, such a recital by a famous poet

was a new experience, but most were impressed by the rich, Oxford accent with which Merrill read his poems, as well as the concentrated lyrical style and the vivid images his poems conjured.

Following the recital, an informal reception was held in the Quiet Lounge, during which several students and faculty members discussed with Merrill some of the poems he read, as well as the poet's personal style and everyday writing habits.

In addition to his poetry, James Merrill has written two novels, *The Seraglio* (1957), and *The Diablos Notebook* (1965) and two plays *The Immortal Husband* (1955) and, in one act, *The Bait* (1960).

SGA to Tackle Traffic Rules

By Jim Benner
Staff Writer

After some months of listening to complaints and considering alternatives, SGA decided on what changes to suggest for traffic regulations at Behrend, during a meeting Monday evening April 16. These ideas must still be approved and won't become effective until Fall term '73, but at least specific problems are considered.

Failure to register a vehicle on campus now incurs a \$10.00 fine. SGA is asking for a reduction to \$7.50. The fine is binding and separate from buying a sticker, however, which remains \$7.50 per term.

Also, failure to display a permit is an additional fine of \$5.00. This is to be reduced to \$1.00.

Thus a student will be fined a total of \$8.50 for these two offenses instead of the previous \$15.00.

Furthermore, a fifty dollar limit was set on total fines for any one student. Still it is apparent that to pay the total of \$7.50 per term for having a car on campus can save the student upwards of \$30.00 in fines he might suffer.

Another change reduced the night-school student parking fee from \$1.00 per night to \$5.00 for the whole term. And a switch in the rule concerning where students can park occurred. Previously only resident students could park in the lot above Lawrence hall. SGA suggested that any student with a permit may use any lot excluding those spaces specially designated for faculty, staff, or delivery purposes.

Folk Group to Perform

The New Christy Minstrels, popular television and recording group, will appear at Harbor Creek High School on Wednesday evening, May 2 at 8 p.m.

All seats are \$4 and the public is invited to attend. Tickets may be purchased in downtown Erie at Behman Music, East 10th Street, or by calling 899-2286. This concert is being sponsored by the Harborcreek Association for Music.

Cwens Seeks Members

Nat. Honor Society to Select New Members

This week Behrend College's chapter of Cwens, the national honor society for sophomore women, is beginning the procedure of selecting new members to serve during the 1973-74 academic year. The new Cwens will be chosen on the basis of their scholarship, and their ability to serve the needs of the college and community.

As a national organization, the Society of Cwens is represented by almost forty local chapters on college and university campuses from New York to Texas. The organization recently celebrated its 50th anniversary at its national convention at the University of Pittsburgh. Cwens was founded in order to provide some means of honoring scholastic achievement among college women and to give such women a vehicle for being of greater service to the academic and humanitarian concerns of their colleges.

At Behrend College, this year's Cwens have been involved in a number of varied activities. They have served as "ambassadors" for the college by speaking to high school students at many

Western Pennsylvania schools. Behrend's dormitory students have enjoyed the benefits of Cwens' pumpkin sales and bake sales, as well as "care packages" to tide them over while studying for final exams. Cwens also sponsored the "Take-a-Kid-to-Dinner" project in which college students accompanied disadvantaged children to a party and Thanksgiving dinner at Behrend. Later this year, Cwens will work at Behrend's annual Spring Arts Festival and will usher at the June commencement exercises.

The officers for this year have been Bonnie Angevine of Pitt-

sburgh, president; Chris Straub of Oil City, vice president; Debbie Breindell of Erie, secretary; and Ann Chiera of Erie, treasurer. They have been advised by Miss Cathy Sargent, instructor of speech, and by Miss Betsy Seanor, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs.

Main Campus Offers Undergrad Assistantship Opportunities

The staff at the Applied Research Laboratory of the Pennsylvania State University

understands the value of experience to those beginning in a technical field. Because they do, they have created the George F. Wislicenus Undergraduate Assistantship as an opportunity for undergraduate students to acquire additional experience and practical knowledge in the areas of turbomachinery, fluid dynamics, flow noise and vibrations, and cavitation.

A limited number of these assistantships will be granted to undergraduate students majoring in engineering, mathematics, physics, or computer science. In order to qualify for this assistantship, the student must have at least five terms until graduation, a 2.8 cumulative average, and a willingness to work and learn. The students will be expected to work in the laboratory during the fall, winter, and spring terms from 8 to 16 hours per week. Part-time or full-time assistantships may be available in the summer depending on the projects needs and the student's availability.

Those students at Behrend majoring in such things as Engineering, Physics, Math, or Computer Science should consider applying.

For more information concerning the George F. Wislicenus Undergraduate Assistantship contact:

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SUB Sponsors April Fun

This weekend being Easter, the Student Union Board has planned no activities. However, three events are scheduled the following week to close out the month of April.

On Thursday, April 26, a guest speaker will make an appearance at Behrend. Dr. Straughan Gettier will talk on the topic of

"Transactional Analysis: The O.K. Way of Life" at 8 p.m. in the RUB Lecture Hall. A reception will be held for Dr. Gettier afterwards. Students with an activity card will be admitted free of charge, while those without activity cards will be charged 50 cents.

The annual Las Vegas Night will take place Saturday, April 28, in the upstairs of the RUB. A 9 p.m. starting time is scheduled for this extravaganza, which should transform the RUB into a veritable Caesar's Palace for the evening. Gaming tables, roulette wheels, and tumbling dice will keep everyone busy into the wee hours of the morning, as there is no set time for the event to end. Prices for Las Vegas Night are tentatively set at 75 cents with an activity card and a dollar without.

As an additional note, the "White Roots of Peace" program will be featured at Eric Hall on Monday, April 30 at 8 p.m. The White Roots are a group of Mohawk Indians who have set out to bring real Indian culture to people all over the country. Discussions of Indian problems, folklore, religion, and values take place. Films about Indians and produced by Indians find a place on the agenda, as well as dancing, singing, and even Indian cooking. More in next week's Collegian about this unique event.

History Colloquium Studies Male Bias

For centuries, the history of Western Civilization has been viewed through and presented from a male's point of view. History as we know it has numerous sexual biases because few records were kept by women throughout the centuries, which tends toward the male bias as they viewed the events of the world.

"The Liberation of Cleo: The Sexist Bias in History" is the theme of the colloquium of the faculty of Behrend College, to meet April 28 in the Reed Union Building. The exact schedule is as follows:

9:30 a.m.—10 a.m. Registration and coffee.

10:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. First Session:

"Privilege, Repression and Frustration: Women and the Roman aristocracy."—Paul B.

Harvey (The Pennsylvania State University).

11:25 a.m.—12:15 p.m. Second Session:

"Women's Rights in England before Mary Wollstonecraft."—Jean H. Ramage (Duquesne University).

12:15 p.m.—1:30 p.m. Luncheon.

1:30 p.m.—2:30 p.m. Third Session.

"Nineteenth Century Images of Woman in the Work of Joyce and Symbolist Art."—Archie K. Loss (Wayne State University).

2:30 p.m.—2:45 p.m. Coffee.

2:45 p.m.—4 p.m. Round-table.

A. Daniel Frankforter and David P. Daniel, assistant professors of history at Behrend College will be the Colloquium chairman and the roundtable chairman respectively.