

It Was a Very Good Year

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ACT I

Scene 1: Being that this is your average musical and since every average musical has its own average opening song, this average musical is no different. Picture if you can, the first organizational practice of the Behrend soccer team with Coach Lauffer addressing the team.

Coach Lauffer: I'd like to welcome you freshmen to Behrend College with the words "specific adaptations for imposed demands". Let me explain: (Ready or not, here comes that opening song called "Behrend College" sung to the tune of "Oklahoma" from the musical "Oklahoma").

Beeehhhreeeeend College
Where the wind comes
sweeping off the lake
Where the classes you take
For your own sake
At 8 a.m. you must wake
Behrend College
Where the finest soccer
players meet
Where the stuff you eat
We doubt it's meat
And the food battles just
cannot be beat.
Behrend College
Where everyone always
thinks of Main
Where the weather's sane
If you like rain
And the sun can only shine in
vain
B-E-H-R-E-N-D, Behrend
College you're OK.

Coach Lauffer: I think we'll all introduce ourselves to each other. Ed Hunkele, why don't you introduce the fullbacks with a song?

Ed Hunkele: Sure Coach, I love to sing. (Suddenly all the fullbacks jump up to their feet and begin to sing "The Fullback Line" sung to the tune of "The Lollipop Clan" from the Wizard of Oz.)

Fullbacks:
We represent the fullback line
The fullback line
The fullback line
We represent the fullback line
And we wish to welcome you
to
Our fair school.

Coach Lauffer: And now a word from our front line and half backs. (Sung to the tune of the "Rain in Spain" from "My Fair Lady").

Line and halfbacks:

The Shots
We Take
Fall mainly
In the Goal

The balls
We head
We always
Trap down dead.

The passes
We make
Are always
On the mark.

To be
Profound
We are
The best around.

Coach Lauffer: Mickey Brosius, why are you climbing on top of that desk while beating your chest? Oh, you want to sing a song, well go ahead.

Mickey Brosius: (sung to the tune of "An Actor's Life For Me" from Pinocchio).

Hi diddley dee. A goalie's life
for me

We dive and roll, we could
stop a tank
From three yards out the
lineman crank.

Hi diddley dee. A goalie's life
for me.

We punch and throw and kick
the ball

The linemen punch and kick
us all.

Hi diddley dee. A goalie's life
for Me!

John Hoge: Coach, as captains, Jay Bird and I would like to say a few words. (Coach Lauffer has that "You're asking Me" look and nods approvingly.)

John Hoge and Jay Jeffery:
(Sung to the tune of "Love Story").

Where do we begin, to tell the
story

Of how great this team can
be,

This great sports story of a
team

As close as we, so very mushy
that everyone

Can see, tears fill our eyes...

(they are interrupted by a gurgling sound in the back of the room. Mark Rudolph stands and shouts to sing, or rather gurgles "The Crud" sung to the tune of "I Feel Pretty" from "West Side Story".)

Mark Rudolph:

I feel nauseous
Oh so nauseous
I feel nauseous, obnoxious and
low

How intoxicious
I think I've got the crud.

I feel horrid
Oh so horrid
I feel horrid and wretched
like mud

Oh how horrid
I know I've got the crud.

Feel the pain that is in my
chest,
The doctor says it's serious
I can hardly walk
I can hardly breathe
I can hardly run
But I want to play.

I feel nauseous
Oh so nauseous
I feel nauseous, obnoxious and
low
How intoxicious
I think I've got the crud.

Scene II: Alas the true cause of the crud is brought to the surface. The team quickly recovers and commences to "kick butt" as they say in the vernacular and in the locker room too.

With excellent fan support, the team breezes through Indiana, Canisius, and ties Roberts Wesleyan. The team discovers their next opponent, Houghton College, wants to drop them from their schedule because Behrend isn't good enough. The team makes known their opinion of Houghton, with what else?—a song.

Whole Team: (Groovin' on the bus to Houghton Sung to the tune of "King Herod's" song from "Jesus Christ Superstar.")

So you are Houghton
You're the great Houghton

College
Prove to us that you're so
great

Beat us by five goals this date
That's all you need to do and
we'll know it's all true-

C'mon you great soccer
school.

Houghton you won't believe
the hit you've made
'round here man-

You're all we talk about while
sitting on the can-

Oh what a pity if it's all a lie
Still I'm sure that you rock
the cynics if you try-

So you are Houghton, you're
the great HC

Prove to us that we are lame
Show us how to play the game
Do that at least and we'll kiss
your sweet grass

C'mon you great soccer
school.

So if you Houghton, yes the
great HC

Run around us till we're dead
You can do it on your head

C'mon you great soccer
school.

Coach Lauffer: Denny
Grace, you don't have to raise
your hand to go to the
bathroom.

Denny Grace: No Coach, I
want to sing a song about
today's game against
Houghton.

Coach Lauffer: That's
good, cause we got a sym-
phony orchestra in the
bathroom. How else can we
get the music for all the songs
we sing?

Denny Grace: You mean to
say you get a whole sym-
phony orchestra in a little
bitty bus bathroom?

Coach Lauffer: No, don't be
ridiculous. The kettle drum
player is in the cargo hold
underneath.

Denny Grace: Oh. (He
stomps several times on the
floor of the bus and shouts),
YOU ready? (He hears a
feeble "yes" and commences
to sing "Hello Goalie" sung to
the tune of "Hello Dolly".)

Well hello goalie
Well hello goalie
It's so nice to see you couldn't
stop that shot.
That's too bad goalie
Just too bad goalie
You're still runnin'
You're still divin'
You don't know which way is
up.

So try again goalie
Try again goalie
You might as well just give
this old game up, cause-
We're gonna score goalie
You're gonna be awful sore
goalie

Behrend's just gonna take it
all

Behrend's just gonna take it
all

Behrend's just gonna take it
all this year.

ACT II

Scene 1: Alas and alak, hard times have fallen upon the Behrend soccer team. The whole team seems to be in the grips of the "Mad Dr. Candy Foot" as one astute journalist put it. There is a severe shortage of goals being scored by Behrend. Losses pile up.

Coach Lauffer: (seriously,
check that, damn seriously)

All right gentlemen, we have a problem. It seems there is some dissension on the squad. For us to be on that field tomorrow with anything less than a full team effort would be a waste of time. There is no way we can win that game unless everyone has complete confidence in his teammates. Let's get it together gentlemen, NOW!!

One more thing (you guessed a song. Sorry, but I just couldn't let this scene, serious or not, go by without even a little song. This one is called "Trouble" from the "Music Man.")

We got trouble right here at
Behrend College,

We got trouble I say
That starts with a T

And that rhymes with P
And that stands for party.

Coach: Oh, we got trouble.

Team: Oh we got trouble
Yes we have trouble

Oh we have trouble
Coach: That starts with a T

And that rhymes with a P
And that stands for party.

Team: That stands for party.
Yeah, we got trouble

Oh, we got trouble
Yeah, we have trouble

Oh we got trouble...oh yeah...

Scene 2: The day of the
game.

It seems Coach Lauffer got the message through. It is so quiet in the locker room today that you could, to coin a phrase, hear a jock drop. In fact, the team is so psyched up, they're going to, yep, that

is right, sing a song. Take it away team. (Sung to the tune of "In America" from "West Side Story".)

Team: We want to play
In the game today

We want to stay
In the game today

Go all the way
In the game today

We will kick A in the game
today

One thing we know
In the game today

We won't be slow in the game
today

In the game today
Like ex-lax we'll go

In the game today
The goals they will flow

In the game today.

Scene 3: The locker room after 6-1 victory. Everyone comes in congratulating each other. Coach is ecstatic, also happy.

Coach Lauffer: Good game
fellows, good game. Well, the
season's just about over.

Team: (Various mum-
blings such as "yeah",
"that's right", "gotta go to
the can man".)

Coach Lauffer: Even
though our win-loss record
wasn't as good as I think it
could have been, we did beat
the crud and we did show that
we could pull together when
we really needed to. All in all,
I think it was a very good
year. (You were wondering
how I was going to work that
in weren't you?)

CURTAIN
(Applause?)



The sign above was painted by the first floor Lawrence girls as a tribute to Behrend's out-a-site soccer jocks. It was hung in Dobbins Hall after the win over Indiana.



Rober Nolan shows typical form as he out-duels five players to win the ball for the Cubs. The Cubs ended the season with a fine record considering the beginning of the term was interrupted with the "crud."



Diving headwork by Denny Grace enables Sunny Gillette to beat Canisius College defender enroute to the goal as Bob "J-Bird" Jeffery supports the attack.