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Original composition

Pat Breen and Jim Marshall rehearse the "Brothers All Are We" skit from "Sights", the play written by Behrend student Tim Newell, which will be presented next Thursday evening. (Photography by Lynn Boone).

Ensemble presents plays

By Ron Wayne
Entertainment Editor
The Behrend Players Student Ensemble will present two plays, one an original by a Behrend student and the other a work by Michael Weller.

"Tragic, pathetic, with a touch of humor" is how Behrend student Bridget Brawner describes "Fishing," the play by Michael Weller. To be presented by the Behrend Players Student

Ensemble, the play is basically about five disillusioned people, similar to those portrayed in Weller's "Moonchildren," who find themselves caught up in 1975's values and morals. Fishing is being produced entirely by students, and the cast includes Bridget Brawner, Tim Newell, Debbie Bunting, Jeff Doer, and Bill Trimble in the five main roles with supporting help from Gerry Glass and Chris D'Alisandro. Bill

Trimble is also co-directing the play along with Rick Lenchner and Robin Zimm.

Fishing will be presented at 8:00 this evening in the studio. Tickets are 50 cents at the door, and can also be purchased in the RUB.

"Brothers all are we" is one of the segments in the play Sights, which was written by Tim Newell, and will also be presented by the Student Ensemble. The sketch, conveying Mr. Newell's feelings on religion, hypocrisy, violence, and sex, is one of three in the play, which also includes five monologues and one dialogue. The original work is based on poetry Mr. Newell has written. The cast includes fifteen members comprised entirely of Behrend Students, not necessarily involved with theatre, but who have been willing to devote themselves. Phil Galon is stage manager and Rick Lenchner will be working lights.

Sights, directed as well as written by Tim Newell, will be presented next Thursday, February 19th at 8:00 p.m. in the Studio.

Institute meets

By Paul A. Corbran
Editor-in-Chief

Time and time again, the Erie area echoes with the sound of young people saying "...there's nothing to do in this town." Criticisms of the culture and entertainment in the area are often heard. Though there are many things to do in Erie, if one is willing to go out and seek it, the fact remains that the situation does leave somewhat to be desired. This article is for all those complainers—there is something you can do about Erie's supposed lack of culture. That being a membership to the Erie Theatre Arts Institute.

The Erie Theatre Arts Institute is a group of interested members of our community whose purpose is the support of local theatre. They also sponsor the Bravo Awards, which are presented to

the more talented constituents of local theatre.

On Saturday, February 14, the Erie Theatre Arts Institute will hold a "Membership-get-acquainted-and-get-together-for-fun-and-a-little-business-and-entertainment evening." This event will be held at The Shriner's Club, 124 E. 8th street at 9 p.m. There will be free refreshments served, including beer, along with entertainment by the Playhouse Minstrels. Reservations for this fete are not necessary, but would be greatly appreciated and can be obtained by calling 868-9830.

So, all people, young or old, who are at all interested in the future of culture in Erie should plan on attending. Find out what's happening, have a little fun and, if you like, join a young, worthwhile organization in the community.

City planning lecture - show up and sound off

If you have an interest in the future structural plans in the city of Erie—if you are concerned about the effects urban blight are having on the city of Erie—have you heard about "planned cities" and their potential environmental impact? All of these issues and others will be discussed and current remedial activities elucidated by Mr. Harold Potter from the Erie Redevelopment Authority on Tuesday, February 17th in the Reed Lecture Hall during Common Hour (10:50 -

12:05).

This meeting will provide an excellent opportunity for students to become acquainted with current environmental programs within the community as well as discovering where our tax dollars are going today for redevelopment. There will also be a question and answer period at the end of the session.

Please attend and reflect your interest in the environmental future of our community and the nation.

In the great outdoors. . .

Recreation issue

By Mark Reese
Sports Editor

Outdoor recreation is something that interests and involves a great many college students these days. According to a recent survey here at Behrend, 90 per cent of the students who returned the survey do make use of outdoor resources for recreation purposes. This means that nearly everyone has a stake in what is to become of our resources, and that means a lot of bodies putting pressure on the environment.

Some of the most popular forms of recreation are hunting (40 per cent of those surveyed participating), skiing (34 per cent), and trail riding-motorcycle (20 per cent). When questioned as to whether they thought their particular activity could damage the environment 76 per cent said no—indicating that to a high degree the people who use this land and water are naive about what they are doing to it. The mere presence of people has an effect; walking through a woods,

for example, leaves some scars; the track of a snowmobile can take years to fade. When these small damages are multiplied by the great numbers of people involved, you can see where problems can arise, and why we must take a look at our resources to plan what we want from them.

One of the major problems facing those who must plan for the future of our outdoor areas is the ever-increasing numbers of people who want in, and the ever-dwindling supply of undeveloped land. A possible solution to the rush to our great parks is to set aside smaller areas near where the people live, so that a natural area is never far away. Then, perhaps, people will make frequent use of them rather than flocking to the big woods en masse during the peak season. The same survey showed that 80 per cent of those surveyed had some sort of park near their home, and that 74 per cent made frequent use of them when at home.

Wintergreen Gorge is such an area that is right here near the campus. Eighty-six per cent of the students and 46 per cent of the faculty surveyed like to go into the Gorge. This seems to support the idea of more local places for people to "get away." When asked how the Gorge might be improved, more people said things like "clean it up", and "ban motorcycles", than wished it to be more developed. It seems that, at least to our students, the natural setting is more important than convenience. They further

confirmed this when asked about parks where only bicycles and pedestrians would be allowed. Eighty-eight per cent said it was a good idea, and 94 per cent said they'd use such parks. It's encouraging to see that some people are willing to bear some inconvenience for the benefits of a more natural experience.

As to the issue of setting aside certain areas as Wilderness Areas, and keeping man out, only 50 per cent thought it a good idea. Perhaps those who didn't should consider that there are no places left untouched by man's influence, and that the areas left anywhere near virgin are tiny. Wouldn't it be to our credit to, at least have a sample, of what was here before us for future generations to look at and wonder about? Those of us who know the very tangible psychological benefits that close contact with nature gives us are worried about whether the opportunity to experience it will last.

This survey offered some encouragements; but some concerns also. The number of surveys returned was not as high as it should have been, and we wonder if those that were returned weren't from people already interested in the outdoors. However, it appears that folks are becoming aware of the value of our natural resources. Becoming aware that we must be careful with them in order to continue to enjoy them. Don't be a careless abuser—when you're outdoors and doing your particular thing—look around you and think a little!

Marks to speak

On February 19, in the RUB Lecture Hall, at 10:50, Marc Lincoln Marks, Candidate for the Republican nomination for Congress in the 24th district, will be coming to Behrend College to speak and to answer any questions the students and faculty may have.

Mr. Marks has been a practicing attorney for more than 20 years. He is a resident of Sharon and senior partner in the law firm of Rodgers, Marks, and Perfilo. Mr. Marks, 48, received his legal degree from the University of Virginia Law School in 1954. He is a member of the American,

Pennsylvania and Mercer County Bar Association. He is a member of the National and State Trial Lawyers Association and has served as parliamentarian of the state organization. He is a fellow of the International Academy of Law and Science.

Mr. Marks was also solicitor of Mercer County from 1960 to 1966. During this time, he was active in the management of local, state and national political campaigns. Mr. Marks, a former county Chairman of the American Cancer Society, has also been active in United Way, Kiwanis, B'nai B'rith and United Jewish appeal.

Activities

Here it is, an official rundown of the SUB sponsored Winter Weekend Activities:

Friday:

—Red, White, and Blueberry concert in Erie Hall at 9 p.m. \$1 with activity card, \$2 without.

Saturday:

—Snow Sculptures at 10 a.m. on the hills of Perry Hall, followed by a hot chocolate mixer.

—Semi-formal dinner dance at Ramada Inn; cocktails at 6:30, dinner at 7, and dancing to the music of Phillippe from 9 to 1. Tickets are \$13 per couple, and can be purchased in the RUB. The deadline is today, 5 p.m. (Hurry!)

Sunday:

—Tray Races at 2 p.m. on the ski slope (no entry fee is required) followed by another hot chocolate mixer.

—The movie, Five Easy Pieces, with Jack Nicholson and Karen Black, at 7 and 9 p.m. in RUB Lecture Hall.



Look ma . . . no hands!

Mike McCarthy shows us the fine art of consuming banana cream pie. He and a host of other pie lovers dove into heavy competition at the pie eating contest last Wednesday.