

Festival big success

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Though the weather was a bit cool, the sun was shining and everyone was out enjoying this past weekend's Spring Arts Festivities.

Last Friday, the crafts show (which was held in the RUB due to rain) featured wood and silver crafts, a dried flower display, a leather crafts and a glass-blowing display. That evening, a Jazz program, featuring Ver-similitude, followed by the flick, I Never Sang For My Father from the Great American Films Festival, which rounded out the evening's activities.

On Saturday, the outdoor music festival featured some great bands, including Dan Ferraro and Friends, Drew Decrease and

Point Blank. The weather was chilly, but with some blankets, a case of beer or bottle of wine, the weather was no problem. The ski slope was filled with people milling about, talking with friends or just laying around enjoying the music. The outdoor concessions provided hot dogs, hamburgers, and pop, and since the weather was clear, the crafts show was held outdoors under the tents.

In the evening, the Spring Arts coffeehouse gave Behrend students the chance to show their talent. With a guest appearance by Don McQuaide, an Erie area poet, the coffeehouse featured a lot of fine music, some student poetry and (if you can imagine this) an impression of Frankie Vallie and the Four Seasons.

At midnight, the walk-in

movies provided entertainment for the post party crowd. Armed with sleeping bags and plenty of blankets, many students came out to the ski slope, despite the freezing weather. But the movies were eventually moved to Niagara Hall.

On Sunday, the outdoor music festival again featured some great music, and the ski slope was even more crowded than the day before. Extra little side attractions like a frisbee-catching dog and Mike Woods being thrown into the Behrend pool added to the day's entertainment.

Evening vesper service with Father Guy Patrick officiating and our own Behrend chorus singing ended the week's festivities on a quiet, tranquil note.

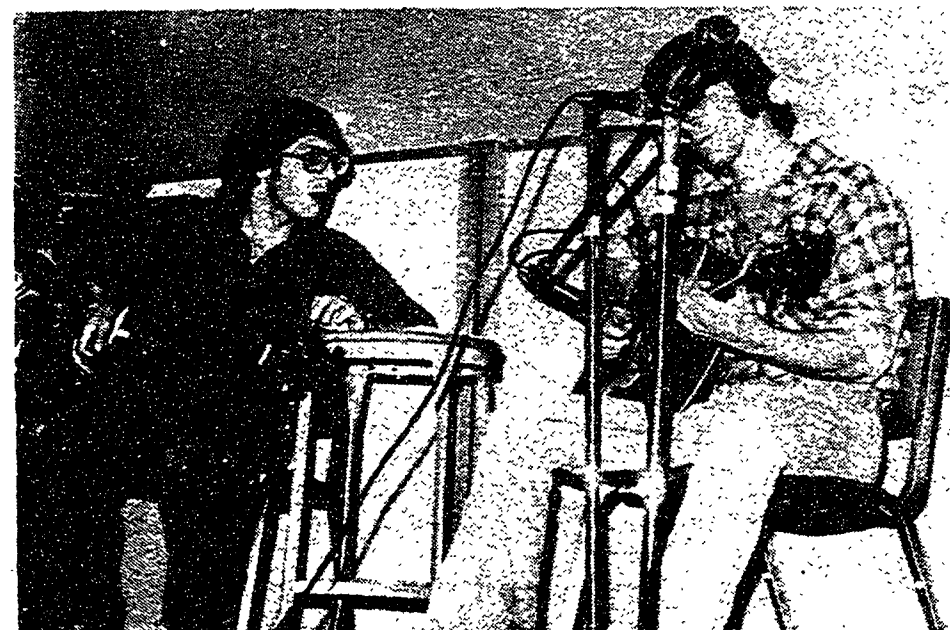


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