

Entertainment Inner Views

by Mary Jo Santilli Entertainment Editor

If you take a look at a calendar you'll see that it's been a little over three weeks since classes began. Hard to believe isn't it? Before you know it, Fall Term will be over and we'll be heading into winter.

The most important thing about SURVIVING the winter weather at Behrend is keeping busy. Often your studies alone aren't enough to keep you sufficiently occupied and if you sit in your room and mope about how you hate "Dreary Erie" and the snow and cold temperatures, you'll be extremely miserable. Hopefully though, I can help you all out in that respect. I've already survived an Erie winter here on campus, and I've learned to cope somewhat with the situation.

But why am I talking about winter? Fall has barely begun and there's much to do right now.

Behrend is just beautiful in the fall. I imagine you've all been down to the Wintergreen Gorge by now, but wait till you see it when the leaves have turned. The colors are just breathtaking! Right now is the perfect time to get together with sure friends and spend a day hiking through the Gorge.

Or how about a picnic? I'll bet a lot of you haven't even seen the Wilson picnic grove yet. It's located below Turnbull Hall. What it is actually, is a large wooden shelter with a huge fireplace (and lots of wood too to build nice warm fires) and a stone

grill. Last weekend, our floor, 1st Lawrence, got together a steak fry. It was a joint effort between the guys and the girls, we all chipped in sure money. Through Dobbins Hall we ordered food, and we had ourselves a little party. It was a lot of fun and it gave us a chance to meet some new people.

Also, lots of activities are coming up within the next few weeks. Autumn weekend which traditionally happens at Behrend; Halloween weekend is always a good time. During the weekend things such as hayrides and bonfires, movies and a Disco Dance are planned. Also the Behrend players production "When You Comin' Back, Red Ryder?" will be running through the weekend. Rounding out the weekend of events, is a concert featuring Livingston Taylor.

Other regular Behrend activities include the Sunday Night Movies, and the Thursday film series. Sunday's feature is the Academy Award winning film, "Lenny" starring Dustin Hoffman and Valerie Perine.

Want to get off campus for a change? Edinboro State College is only 20 miles away. If you can get together with someone who has a car, you can catch the Edinboro film series which features many films from Stanley Kubrick's "Barry Lyndon" to Ingmar Bergman's "Magic Flute" which is playing now at the Edinboro Cinema from September 29 to October 7. The series which began September 8 will run till December 4.

So enjoy the autumn while it's here, when you're not busy hitting the books, get out and do something. Take a walk, get together with friends. Fall is such a great season. Don't let it pass you by.

As a last note, to anyone interested in seeing Sha-na-ja at University Park, Saturday, September 6, tickets will be on sale at the RUB desk on Monday. Tickets are \$3.50.

Society and it's People portrayed

Although the title "When You Comin' Back, Red Ryder?" may sound like an out dated Cowboy scene, the plays content reveals the contrary. Society and its people are carefully illustrated, by the author Mark Medoff. The story entails many aspects of a persons character. The story takes place at the end of the sixties in southern New Mexico. Elaborate props and costumes are non-existent; the scenery is a small diner with a few stools, a booth, and a juke box. Running Bear doesn't dash into scalp the white folks, however Stuart Siegf does a good job of terrorizing the people in the diner. Stuart plays Teddy, a dope pusher capable of forcing people into revealing their constrained characteristics. "The gangster who holds society

to ransom, and in that panic moment of absolute truth reveals to everyone who and what they are. He is the stranger in town, who comes and goes, leaving everyone and everything different."

The "moment of absolute truth" is strongly relayed by the cast. Stephen (Red Ryder) a naive and confused boy, is played by Tim Baun. Tim feels appropriate for the part since this is his first time on stage. Mr. Medoff writes, "His situation is melodramatic, but its images build on melodrama. He (Red Ryder) suggests a chilling picture of a lonely, lost America, disaffected and disjointed... Angle, played by Sandy Dehellis, may have the link to rejoin this society; she is filled with love and compassion. Cheryl, a direct clash with Angle, remains docile and indifferent to those around her. Cheryl (played by Cathy Lipinski) is Teddy's girlfriend, apparently immune to his terror. We are also reminded of the problems caused by societies rich folk, when Teddy threatens Richard (actor Bob Hanley) and his wife Clarisse (actress Bridget Brawner). Richard is a well to do businessman who feels the bullet of Teddy's handgun. Clarisse experiences difficulties when Teddy decides she is an intelligent woman of the world. Lyle, (actor Stephen Deres) the all forgiving medicine man, seems to say there may be some hope.

"Red Ryder" was originally staged off of Broadway by the Circle Repertory Theater Company, the company that last season gave us Lanford Wilson's award-winning "The Hot I Baltimore". This new play by Mark Medoff has something in common with Mr. Wilson, in its sure feel for place and people. But Mr. Medoff is concerned with disaffected youth and impotent violence. Clive Barnes, the theatre critic for The New York Times, wrote the following about the original off-Broadway production of "When You Comin' Back, Red Ryder?"

"People keep on asking where are the good American plays? And the curious thing is that season after season, as regular as wheat or clockwork, the good American plays keep turning up. Last night one turned up at Eastside Playhouse. It is called 'When You Comin' Back Red Ryder?' but it is my guess that Red Ryder won't be leaving this theater for a long time. It is a fascinating and commanding play.

Swine flu Discussed

by Karen Blum Collegian Staff Writer

You've no doubt heard something or other about swine flu, that dreaded sickness threatening to overtake the country this winter. What exactly is it? How susceptible are you to it? How effective is the vaccine? Read on for official information...

Q. What is the significance of the swine flu virus?

A. This new virus represents a major change from any current viruses. It has the capacity to spread from person to person, therefore it could cause extensive illness and death.

Q. Is there a treatment for swine flu?

A. As with any strain of flu, there is no specific treatment. However, with the discovery of vaccines and anti-bodies, the disease can be prevented.

Q. How effective is the vaccine?

A. In the past, flu vaccines have been considerably effective. Progress has made recent vaccines more potent and pure. Effectiveness ranges between 70 to 90 per cent.

Q. Could the swine flu vaccine make me ill?

A. Field trials are now underway and will provide specific information about reactions. In recent years, a small percentage of people inoculated have had slight temperatures. Approximately 1 per cent have run a temperature of over 100 degrees. In 20 - 40 per cent, swelling, redness, and tenderness in the arm occurred. Severe reactions are very rare.

Q. Can I get flu from the vaccine?

A. No one will get the flu from taking the vaccine. The vaccine contains the dead virus. The vaccine stimulates the production of antibodies in the body.

Q. Can some people get allergic reactions to these shots?

A. People who are allergic to eggs shouldn't take the vaccine as the virus used to make the vaccine is grown in eggs.

Q. What can those who are allergic to eggs do for protection?

A. Check with a doctor to make sure that the allergy is one that would prevent you from being immunized.

Express it

by Ellen Mandell and Nick Monaco

Hi there! Well, we finally got some creativity—I knew you had it in you. Thanks for the poetry and keep it coming—Isn't it nice to see your name in print? Till later...

Dear Old Dad
sits, pissed; knows we all get high

But he never asks me why
He bitches;
I defy—can't see eye 'o' eye
Frustrated, I let it out with a sigh
I just can't live a lie
So I guess it's high and good-bye.
—Daniel J. McKay

I've run through Erie rain
and slopped through
Behrend slush before.
Then it seemed so fresh and new.
Then each fiber of thought
was reaching for ideas
threaded through an eye
of semi-consciousness.
Now new consciousness
questions my continued presence
sheltered here among the trees
where once I was convinced
the world began and ended.

But now I find myself
separate from the outside
world, solitary,
like a shipwrecked sailor,
resigned to a realm of unreality.
—M. Scott Douglass

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Homesickness not Unusual with fresh

(UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.) Recent high school graduates might be very eager to start college and "do their own thing" this September, but many will quickly come down with an age old malady—homesickness.

"Homesickness is just a catch-all term for a lot of early adjustment problems faced by new college students," advises Dr. Guy T. Pilato, psychologist at The Pennsylvania State University. "It often means that students are thrown off balance by the sudden amount of freedom they get in college."

Dr. Pilato notes that in high school these students had tightly scheduled days, their after school time had to conform to their parents expectations regarding their use of free time.

"When they get to college they encounter about only 15 to 20 hours of actual class time a week, with plenty of unscheduled time, and a living situation free from parental restrictions," offers Dr. Pilato.

The psychologist points out that one basic problem involves—how does a new student handle the very quick move from a structure situation to a relatively unstructured one?

"I think that the new freedom offers a challenging opportunity to grow up," he says. "It's a move from dependence to independence. Some students, however, don't handle the

transition well and show signs of confusion, loneliness, and anxiety. They began to miss old friends. In short, they show a lot of the signs people call "homesickness". "The kids who fall apart are those overwhelmed by freedom. Four years from now, those still in school and doing well will be the ones who learned how to handle freedom and how to structure their time."

Dr. Pilato adds that an important part of adjusting to college is the making of new friends. Students who enter college with weak "social skills" often find the transition a rugged one.

"Those who had a lot of close friends in high school will miss them, but they'll use their social skills to make new ones at college," he says. On the other hand, the students who had only a few friends might miss that small circle too much because it is hard for them to feel confident in making new ones."

Fortunately, Dr. Pilato observes, the Penn State community offers "Homesick" students a good deal of help. Residence hall counselors (who are older students), academic advisors, career counselors, religious counselors, medical staff, and psychologists can help smooth the way.

At the Mental Health Center, psychologists and psychiatrists are engaged in a number of preventive programs. As Dr. Pilato notes, "We conduct workshops for students on topics such as interpersonal skills, anxiety, sexuality, depression, and assertiveness. And of course, we offer individual and group counseling to troubled students."

Dr. Pilato believes there is a new willingness on the part of college students to admit to a need for psychological help. In fact, we often have a waiting list here," he says.

Homecoming

Attention guys and girls; its Homecoming time! This year's Homecoming dinner and dance will be held on October 9th at the Ramada Inn on Route 90. Following the dinner will be dancing from 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Tickets for the semi-formal dance will be \$20 a couple, and the dinner will include three meat choices - chicken, ham, and seafood. Students, alumni and faculty are urged to come. At the dinner, the Homecoming

king and queen will be selected from the court consisting of two from each class (Freshmen through Seniors) and two additional people from any class. The men and women are selected by a committee and then voted on by the students.

Homecoming weekend will begin by a concert Friday night, Saturday afternoon will be a home soccer game with Pitt-Johnstown, and finally the dinner and dance will be Saturday night.

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