



Guitarist Mike Williams, who will be performing in Erie Hall tonight.

## Cast Announced

Paul C. Iddings, director for the Behrend Players, announces the cast for Picnic their spring production. Playing the role of Hal, the character representing virility in a world of women pretending men do not exist, is Michael Presta. Mrs. Potts, the middle aged neighbor trapped by annulment in a life of loneliness will be created by Jan Kramer. Linda Beals portrays Madge, the older, beautiful sister who fears that only her beauty is appreciated. Millie the rebellious, tomboy, younger sister will be performed by Sheri Reim. Rosemary, the old maid school teacher who, more than any other character in the play, drives home the theme that love requires humility will be acted by Deirdre McCauley. She proposed to Howard, who claims at forty-

two that he has "formed certain ways of livin'" and that "it's too late to change," will be played by Paul Moore. Flo the disappointing, proper mother will be played by Dana Moody.

Rounding out the cast of William Inge's play is Jeff Williams as Alan, Madge's rich boyfriend; Brad Joseph as Bomber, the tormentor of Millie and Heidi Miller and Susan Hood, two of Rosemary's school teacher friends.

Sandy C. Duncan has designed the setting that will transform the intimate Studio Theatre into a backyard with a two-story house which is located in a small town back in 1954.

Performance dates are: April 28, 29, 30; May 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 at 8 p.m.

## People Music

by Dave Jordan

"People Music" is the way that Mike Williams describes his songs. "It's about you, and the guy down the block and the girl next door."

Mike Williams is a long haired, bearded fellow from Texas, whose music has that country sound to it. He comes out on stage carrying his 12-string guitar, which he refers to as an orchestra, having no band backing him up.

During his performances, Williams gets the audience involved. He encourages singing along, and has often strolled out into the audience in the middle of a song. "Every audience deserves the best I can possibly

give them."

Williams writes most of his own songs, some of which have been recorded by other artists including John Denver. With two records already released, Williams is presently working on four more.

Traveling all over the country, Williams does many solo performances, but has also been the opening act for many popular groups. These groups include The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Pure Prairie League, Arlo Guthrie, Olivia Newton John, Elvin Bishop, and the list goes on.

Mike Williams will be performing at Erie Hall, tonight at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the R.U.B. Desk.

## Inge's Story

Picnic, by William Inge, originally consisted of little more than character sketches of five women living humdrum existences in a small Kansas town in 1954. Inge has written; "I was fascinated to find how the women seemed to be pretending men did not exist. It was a world that had to be destroyed, at least for dramatic values." The world Inge was originally creating was a wholly finimime world. Into this world he introduced Hal Carter, and the entire play is concerned with the effects his presence has upon the women.

As the play was originally conceived, there was no main character in it; and Inge did not, at first, want to impose a story upon his character sketches. But,

realizing that something had to happen to disturb his characters, he decided to introduce into the play a handsome, sexually disturbing young man. Inge gives Hal all the trappings indicative of the 1950's virile man - a dirty T-shirt, blue jeans and cowboy boots which have immense fascination for the women in the play. But Inge also gives Hal an overpowering sense of inferiority and insecurity.

The character that is changed the most by Hal's presence is Rosemary. She is fighting a battle within herself. She is preoccupied sexually, and this is compounded by her great fear of the future and by the bounds imposed by the small town in which she teaches. Aging rapidly,

she is more at sea than Hal.

Rosemary remains one of Inge's most successful and convincing characters and the fact that he has written her essentially as a comic character only heightens the pathos of her situation. Rosemary more than any figure in the play sustains a theme which Inge presented in *Come Back, Little Sheba* and *Bus Stop*. What the world looks upon generally as love more often is the compromise that men and women make with each other to keep from being alone.

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## Local Entertainment

Many students, particularly dorm residents, have complained that there isn't anything to do for entertainment at Behrend. However, there are many "fun" things going on in the Erie area. If transportation is a problem, the bus route from Behrend (Erie Hall) to downtown and back is a solution. (Transfer slips are available for an extra nickel if your destination is not downtown Erie.)

Here is a wrap-up of some of the more interesting events scheduled in the near future:

April 14

— Mike Williams, folk and country rock artist, performing in Erie Hall at Behrend College at 8:00 p.m. Tickets \$2.50; available at the door or by calling 898-1511, ext. 211.

— "CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF," Erie Playhouse production featuring Behrend Players director Paul Iddings; Iroquois High School, curtain at 8:00 p.m.

April 15

— Erie Civic Ballet Spring Performance at the Warner Theatre at 8:00 p.m. For ticket information, call 455-9373.

— "CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF," Iroquois High School, 8:00 p.m., (for ticket info, see above listing.)

April 16

— Erie Civic Ballet, Warner

Theatre, 2:00 p.m., (for ticket info, see above listing.)

April 27

— The Charlie Daniels Band, McComb Fieldhouse, Edinboro, 9:00 p.m. Student tickets — \$4.00, day of the show — \$7.00. Tickets are available in Erie at the Record Theatre and the Erie National Record Mart.

April 30

— England Dan and John Ford Coley, Erie County Fieldhouse, 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$6.50 and \$7.50 and are available at the Fieldhouse, both Record Theatres, and the National Record Mart.

For those interested in Art, The Erie Art Center's 55th Annual Spring Show is currently in progress and will continue through May 21. The exhibition is at the Art Center, 338 W. 6th, (next to the museum,) and is open from 1:00-5:00, six days a week, closed on Mondays.

Also, currently in the Bruce Gallery at Edinboro State College, there is a collection of some fine paintings and drawings by five contemporary artists. The exhibition will run weekdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. through April 22.

Of course, there are many interesting movies playing around town, some of which are Academy Award nominees. Check your local newspaper for times and locations.



Jeff Lose, Lambda Sigma Fund Raising Chairperson, welcomes prospective member Leslie Hutchinson to Lambda Sigma's acquaintance tea. The prospective members are awaiting to be notified of final selections. Photo by Robin Baulding

The Student Union Board  
of Behrend College  
is proud to present

**Mike Williams**  
Friday, April 14  
In Erie Hall

Tickets: \$2.00 with activity card  
\$2.50 general admission

Tickets on sale at the RUB Desk

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