Giersch's Composition

## **Spring Concert Successful**

by Robin L. Baulding **Entertainment Editor** 

The Behrend College Chorus together with the Symphonic Singers of Erie presented their annual Spring Concert here at Behrend, May. Both choirs were directed by Mr. Davis P. Giersch, Assistant Professor of Music and the Behrend College chorus and band director.

The Behrend Chorus performed "Sing We" and "Chant It" It by Morley, "When Jesus Wept" by Billings, "He, Watching Over Israel" by Mendelsohn, Three Hungarian Fold Songs (The Handsom Butcher, Apple, Apple, The Old Woman) by Seiber, "Sip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah", and "Hallelujah Chorus" by Handel. As a matter of tradition,

the audience stood during the recital of the Hallelujah Chorus.

After the Behrend Chorus performance, the Symphonic Singers of Erie performed "Honor and Glory" by Bach, "Ave Maria" by Rachmaninoff, Religious Folk Songs ("Litany, A Hunter From Heaven", "The Grim Reaper", "Crusader's Hymn," "The Twelve Disciples", 'O Dearest Jesus") by Brahms, "Rest" by Vaughn-Williams, "O Mistress Mine", by Vaughn-Williams, and "Put On A Happy

The highlight of the evening was when the two choirs combined to sing the composition "Revelation", a composition by Mr. Giersch himself. The composition, based on the book of Revelations was indeed what the

members of the audience called "a truly remarkable piece." The piece was narrated by Dean Benjamin Lane. Bob Charnos and Bruce Gamble were the per-cussionists, and Bob Stewart was on the electric bass.

This concert brought to an end a very successful year for the Behrend Chorus. The year in-cluded a Christmas concert, four performances at local churches and a trip to New Kensington, Pennsylvania, for the second Penn State Commonwealth Regional Music Campus Festival. The Symphonic Singers, who also perform several times each year in the Erie area, are twenty-four music enthusiasts including two former Behrend students.

The Behrend Players

### **Inge's Picnic**

Collegian Staff writer
This spring term, the Behrend Players performed a popular, familiar play written by William Inge. Under the direction of Paul Iddings, the Players presented the 1950's summer romance, "Picnic."

First to appear on the scene was Helen Potts (Jan Kremer), who enjoys young people and their activities. She is the motherly neighbor to the Owens family. Flow Owens (Dana Moody), the head of the family coped with the problems of raising a beautiful daughter, Madge (Linda Beals) and a not so pretty, but intelligent daughter, Millie (Sharon Reim). Millie was forced to put up with the ridiculing remarks of the neighborhood paper boy, Bomber who attended.

(Brad Joseph) while trying to hide her jealousy over Madge and her college beau, Alan (Jeff Williams). Irma Krankite (Sue Hood), Christine Schoenwalder (Heidi Miller), and Rosemary Sydney (Deirdre McCauley) three were old schoolteachers all out man hunting. Rosemary was the fortunate one who managed to hook the unfortunate storekeeper, Howard Bevans (Paul Moore). Hal Carter (Mike Prasta) appeared on the scene and changed every women's outlook on life.

The play was performed April 28, 29, 30 and May 3, 4, 6, 7 at the Studio Theatre. It was a very successful production and the Behrend Players would like to express their thanks to the people



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