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Left to right: Michael Henderson as Oliver; Brian Chaffee as Charlie; Kathy Devine as the Yellow Peril

Irish Play "DA!" Called "Irresistible"

Behrend College's Spring theatrical offering is Hugh Leonard's play, "DA", which is being described as "irresistible", not unlike the central character of the same name, played by Bill Robbins.

"Da", (meaning "father" in Irish,) is a memory play with the "past having a stronghold over the present." At first glance it is a sentimental comedy, but the sentiment is fortified with "brains and bones." It is a "clear-running delight" according to Director Paul Iddings.

The story deals with an Irish immigrant, Charles (Mark Moorehead), who returns home for the funeral of his widowed father. The characters are ghosts, or perhaps they are only memories. Either way, they are very active, managing to burn their hands on hot teapots or occupying the most comfortable chair in the room.

Other characters include Charles' mother, (Carolyn Brust), insisting he put on a patchwork shirt she has sewn and demanding the rewrite his letters

her way before he mails them. A younger Charles (Brian Chaffee) comes alive in his memory to present one of DA's most hilarious scenes - the seduction of "The Yellow Peril (Kathy Devine)."

Also included is Charles' former misanthropic employer (Fred Way) with his acid dicta about life: "Marriage is the maximum loneliness with the minimum of privacy."

Finally, there is Da's life-long employer, Mrs. Prynee (Debi Bobango) who, after 50 years, leaves him a pittance plus a "keepsake": 32 pairs of eyeglasses that were fused together in the San Francisco fire.

DA will be performed in the Behrend College Studio Theatre from April 16-18 and 21-25 at 8:00 with additional 2:30 matinees on April 18 and 25.

Doors will open at 7:30 and the seats are on a first-come, first-seated basis. Tickets may be purchased for the regular performances at the Turnbull Division Office.

Senate Elections April 28th!

Is Your Educational Future At Stake?

Money Cuts Hurt Students

Part II by Tricia Wood

Seventy-eight per cent of the 1800 students attending Behrend and eighty per cent of Penn State's 54,500 students receive some type of financial aid.

Approximately 700 students at Behrend depend on the Guaranteed Student Loan (GSL). It is estimated that, with President Reagan's proposed cutbacks, forty-one per cent of this year's recipients will see these loans eliminated or have them reduced.

In addition to the GSL, Reagan's proposed cuts include:

— A reduction of forty-five per cent in the Basic Educational Opportunity Grant (BEOG). The student's eligibility for this, according to their family income, will be reduced by \$8,000 to \$11,000. If a student received the BEOG this year and the family's income was between \$15,000 and \$26,000, the student may be ineligible for a grant in 1983-84.

— Elimination of the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG), which is provided to those having the greatest financial needs.

— A freeze on the amount currently funded the National Direct Student Loan (NDSL).

— A loss of 150 million dollars in the money currently awarded to students in the College Work Study Program (CWSP).

Final Aid Workshop Slated

The final Career and Placement Workshop for the 1981-1982 academic year will be held at noon April 28 in Behrend Building 113. Topic of the workshop will be: Placement Office Resources and Services.

"All students are encouraged to attend this workshop," said Placement Coordinator Mary Beth Peterson. "Getting a job is a job, and the process of job search should begin well before the senior year," she said.

A series of Career and Placement Workshops is conducted at Behrend twice every academic year. In addition to these workshops, the Placement Office has many resources such as College Placement Annuals, Behrend Placement Manuals, and listings of companies currently accepting resumes.

The resource room of the Placement Office, located on the second floor of the Reed Building, is open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on a walk-in basis.

Individual counseling is also available to aid students in their job search. Appointments are not necessary but recommended. In-

— Cutting the Pell grants by one-third. At Behrend, 470 students are receiving the Pell grants this year.

— Sixty per cent reduction in all Federal aid directed towards student scholarships.

Mary Beth Peterson (Behrend's financial aid officer), sees people that will not be able to go to school because of a lack of funds as well as those who abuse the system.

In addition to the misuse that has occurred in the GSL, there is an increase of people applying to the Pell grant program, which requires students to establish independence in order to be eligible.

It is difficult to prove that a student is receiving financial help from parents, but it is also increasingly difficult to prove independence. Students are asked to provide W-2 forms, copies of their taxes, rent, letters verifying employment, etc.

The school must validate all applications for the Pell grant and P.S.U. employs a full-time professional purser for this purpose.

The validation process may become stricter as well as extending to students using the NDSL, CWSP and SEOG, perhaps facilitating in-house validation.

"A lot of people don't realize what is behind these programs," said Ms. Peterson. "I wish more people realized the work, time and money involved in this (validation)."

Ms. Peterson described the situation many students are or soon will be in: "Middle income

students entered college with these grants and loans. Now, in the middle of their education, things are getting tighter and they don't know where to turn."

When asked what students could do, Ms. Peterson recommended that students look for other sources on their own. There are outside scholarships available from private organizations, clubs, etc. ... although it is the student's responsibility to look for them.

There is a large movement at campuses across the country consisting of protest marches, letter campaigns and lobbying in congress for reductions in Reagan's plans. Ms. Peterson suggested that if students are upset, to "write to their congressmen and senators."

Currently there is a petition posted outside the Student Government office directed to Senators Heinz and Specter, urging support of student aid and opposition to the proposed cuts.

The axe falls into college aid as part of the planned package to balance the budget, although what is proposed and the severity of the blows, largely depends upon the degree of acceptance in congress.

Student Travels Overseas

Behrend student Thomas Mandl is spending spring term 1982 at the Christian-Albrechts-University in the city of Kiel, West Germany.

This plan of study is the result of his participation in the Foreign Studies Program of Penn State. In Kiel, he will be taking social and humanities electives toward his degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Mr. Mandl left the U.S. on March 9 and will return about the middle of August. He plans to travel to Austria with his parents and will be staying at Schwenningen in Wurttemberg, Germany, as well.

His program in Germany involves six weeks of intensive German three hours a day Monday through Friday. In addition, he will be taking four regular Kiel course offerings. Probably advanced German language courses.

Mr. Mandl looks forward to this program, for he aspires to work for a trans-Atlantic engineering firm. Because of this goal, he desires to learn as much about the German language, people, culture, and values as he can.

terested students should contact Ms. Peterson.

The Placement Office also offers the "Resume Booklet Program." Student resume forms are kept on file and sent to prospective employers whenever job openings for which a student is qualified are received.

The Placement Office programs are designed to prepare students for application of and attainment of professional positions. "Because fewer recruiters visit Behrend than the larger colleges, it is important that our graduating seniors be prepared to conduct their own job search," said Ms. Peterson.

"As early as the freshman year, students should begin to investigate the different career opportunities within the majors they are interested in," added Ms. Peterson. "Sometimes students don't realize the many varied directions in which an area of study can lead," she said.

Career counseling is available through the Division of Undergraduate Studies. Interested students should contact Career Counselor Diane Weissman.