



In the cast of "To Grandmother's House We Go," are from top to bottom: Agnes Basset as Grandie, Jennifer George as Harriet, Judy Hood as Muffy, David Scribner as Paul, and Paula Penco as Beatrice

## To Grandmother's House

By: Paula Penco

"To Grandmother's House We Go," opened December 3, at Behrend's Studio Theatre. The play itself deals with the conflicts of three generations, as each tries to justify his or her way of life.

It takes place at Thanksgiving time when Grandie's three grandchildren, Paul, Muffy and Beatrice come home to visit. They burden their grandmother with all the chaos in their lives.

Paul arrives with his girlfriend Twyla, a real-estate woman, and together they burden the entire household with their domestic lives. Muffy, on the other hand, is in the process of putting a bitter

end to her shattered marriage. While Beatrice has lost custody of her two boys and now seeks comfort from the bottle.

Harriet, their mother, tries to be patient and understanding with her children but she realizes she must finally call herself independent. Jared, Grandie's brother, also tries to sort through all the havoc that has broken out. Clementine, the kind-hearted maid tries to serve this chaotic family to the best of her ability.

Performances will continue through December 11, at 8 p.m., with an additional 2:30 matinee on December 11.

## Library To Utilize American History Microfilm Collection

By: Sharyn Phillips

The Behrend Library has a complete library on microfiche called the Library of American Civilization. All aspects of American life, from early colonial to the outbreak of World War II are included in entire texts of books, periodicals, documents, and pamphlets.

Biographies and autobiographies of persons both known and obscure, fiction and non-fiction, poetry, collected works and papers, material of foreign origin relating to America, and many rare books not generally available, are included in the 565 topics under 29 subject areas.

Included with the traditional topics of military, constitution and law, political, and exploration, are such topics as education, literature and drama, Afro-Americans, music and dance, architecture, science and technology, and daily life.

Access to the mini-library is provided by three different catalogs; an Author Catalog, a Title Catalog, and a Subject Catalog, as well as by Catalog Cards.

The microfiche is a plastic 3" by 5" negative designed to fit into a portable reader that magnifies the lighted image 15 percent. Each fiche can contain up to 1,000 pages of material.

Each 3" x 5" film is stored in a fiche envelope and has an identifying short title and a file number that appears in all catalog, catalog card and Biblioguide index entries. The letters LAC designate the Library of American Civilization.

Retrieval numbers are written as a group of numbers separated by periods. 13.5.3.4 designates the main topic, a main subtopic, and the different subtopics under the first that pertain to a specific subject or area of study.

This library is available now and can be used for general information, study, or research into any portion of American life and history.

## New Procedures For R.A. Selection

By: Ann Weunski

Are you responsible, self confident, self motivated, trustworthy? If you are, you might want to think about applying for a Resident Assistant (R.A.) position for the 1984-85 school year but only if your QPA is a 2.25 or better. Any freshman, sophomore or junior may apply, including commuters. If a commuter is chosen, he must live in the dorms when hired.

Applications are available in the Student Affairs Office, 2nd floor in the Reed Building. Applications must be turned in by December 12 at 5:00 p.m. Applicants must obtain an evaluation from the R.A. on their floor and also forms requesting an evaluation from two, responsible adults. Commuters are only responsible for the latter.

On December 14 at 4:00 p.m. there will be a mandatory meeting

in the Reed Lecture Hall for all those applying. You will sign up for your group interview at this time. After the group interviews, some will be selected to go on to the second phase of evaluation which will consist of an individual interview with Mr. W.L. McCartney, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, the Coordinators, and the two head residents. The committee may also decide to add another interview with a group of R.A.'s but this is not yet definite.

After all of this, a committee will re-evaluate applicants and select 20 to 25, if possible to enter into the R.A. Training Course worth three credits. Only those selected by the committee may take the R.A. course offered this spring. Only about ten R.A.'s are needed, so those who earn the

highest grade in the class will be hired for the upcoming year.

R.A.'s get free room and board and a small reduction in tuition, but it is a tremendous responsibility and much more time consuming than any other campus job.

The R.A.'s on one floor will alternate nights on the job keeping watch from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. on weeknights and 9:00 to 2:00 on weekends. R.A.'s are expected to be a disciplinarian to the residents and to act as a model. Any disobedience to University regulations may result in termination. R.A.'s also conduct floor meetings and must organize at least one social event each semester. One of the sophomore R.A.'s, Gary Bice, says the only part of his job that he doesn't like is writing people up for misconduct and not being able to attend campus parties. He also said that he gets little harassment from other residents, mostly teasing. They understand that he is just doing his job.

Another R.A., Sandy Giuliano, a junior, gave me the same impression. She also considers this job time consuming but she likes it. Sandy doesn't get static from students either if she must write someone up. She says that they usually know that they have it coming to them.

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noted statistics of women in politics, "there is one woman governor, just elected a couple weeks ago, 37 women nationwide that hold state office. We are 13 percent of state legislatures, 4 percent of congress, and 5 percent of federal judiciary positions. You name it and we are just tokens."

"It's not only that we are under represented, if that was all it wouldn't be half as bad, but that is only part of it. We are also made fun of and are not taken seriously. We need more women to be active in politics." She admitted, "a support system is needed to be formed to get women to run for political office and vote those people out who do not recognize basic human rights."

"It is hard to communicate to the public, we are already ahead, we have the most votes....but, we need the statistical super majority all the time!" She did indicate, "I wasn't surprised at the outcome of the vote, we expected to lose some of our votes. The Republican legislators feel that they had to support their party and pressure was applied from the White House. It is easier to defeat it in the House of Representatives where it looked like a Democratically controlled institution rather than defeat it in the United States Senate, which is obviously a Republican controlled institution."

"I will continue to fight, vote by vote, bill by bill, year by year, until we register a victory."

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## OBK Raises \$500



Over five hundred dollars was raised for the American Heart Association during the dance marathon which was sponsored by OBK Honor Society and Student Government Association last month.

Rene Egli, chairperson of the dance, presented a check of \$550 to Chuck Cunningham, executive director of the Northwest Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Heart Association.

## SGA Forms Traffic Appeals Board

By: Phyland Robertson

On November 15, the Student Senate of Penn State-Behrend approved the formation of a 7-member Traffic Appeals Board. According to SGA President Doug Saltzman, the Board will "hear and make judgments upon any appealed traffic citations."

The Board will be chaired by the Vice-President of the Student Government Association. Others serving on the Board include the President and Vice-President of the Commuter Council, the President of the Joint Residence Council, and the Dean of Student Affairs. The remaining two positions will be appointed by the presidents of the Commuter Council and the SGA.

"Any person who receives a traffic citation that he or she feels is unjustified should contact the Student Government Association Office," said Mr. Saltzman.

Nine dancers completed the marathon which hosted over two hundred dancers during the course of the weekend. Judy Hatalsky and Jeff Bradley were recipients of a \$30 gift certificate from the Brown Derby.

Chris Reber, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, called the marathon an absolute success, saying they hope to make the marathon an annual event.

According to the SGA Resolution, the grievant must file a Traffic Appeals Application Form "describing the nature of the appeal and the requested course of action." The Board will then "convene within two weeks" of the application filing date, to "consider written and oral arguments of the issuing officer and the person calling for the hearing." Finally, the Board will make their decision based "upon the validity of the arguments," and pronounce a proper "course of action."

"The Board may be utilized by all Penn State-Behrend students, as well as all faculty and staff members," said Mr. Saltzman.

The proposal to establish the Traffic Appeals Board was drafted by Doug Gerow, who described the Board as "an appropriate role for the Student Government Association."