

FEATURE

The Fixx Fails

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Phantoms
The Fixx
MCA Records

*Frisbee Material
**Better Than Somnax
***Have A Friend Make A
Tape Of It
****Good Album, Buy It
*****You'll Wear It Out Play-
ing It

When The Fixx first emerged on the music scene, their unique sounds were quickly accepted by listeners. This was evident by the success of their hit single *Red Skies*. Using primarily the same musical style on their second album *Reach The Beach*, they scored again with the tune *One Thing Leads To Another*. Now, with the release of their third album and the popularity of the single *Are We Ourselves?*, it looks as though *Phantoms* should take off in the same manner that the previous albums did. However, all the songs not only sound alike, but they are a complete rehash of their first two albums, adding up to a completely lackluster performance by The Fixx.

Not one song on the first side was worth listening to, and it had me wondering if these weren't the rejects from their first album. Also, a lyrics sheet would have been nice; not only to help understand lead singer Cy Curnin's obscure lyrics but to keep me halfway interested in the music.

Hoping that the second side would be more promising, I was proven wrong after falling asleep midway through. When I eventually woke up, I was in agony after realizing that in order to give a fair review I would actually have to replay the second side. Finally, I managed to get through without nodding off and as with the first side, I was not impressed in the least.

The Fixx recently assisted Tina Turner with the creative and innovative tune *You Better Be Good To Me*, which has been receiving plenty of airplay lately. Perhaps The Fixx should have consulted Ms. Turner for new ideas and input before they cut *Phantoms*, because what may have worked before definitely didn't cut it this time.

Masteller Receives Professorship

by Marge Tomczak
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Dr. Edwin C. Masteller, Professor of Biology and acting division head of Science, Engineering and Technology, recently received full professorship at Penn State-Behrend.

Masteller did not enroll in college immediately upon graduation from high school. His original plan was to work the farm his parents owned in Iowa. However, a wrestling coach convinced to enroll in college on a wrestling scholarship. Thanks to the persistence of Coach Bill Koll, Masteller decided to attend college where he received his B.A. in Biology from the University of Northern Iowa.

Masteller taught high school from 1958 to 1964 while he continued his studies towards his masters degree. At the same time, he coached wrestling and had the distinction of having four state champions. While working on his masters in botany from the University of South Dakota he was encouraged by one of his professors to investigate the field of entomology. This he followed through and subsequently received his doctorate in entomology from Iowa State University in 1967.

Masteller started teaching at Behrend in 1967. He chose Behrend because he felt that on a smaller campus he would be able to utilize all of his interests including entomology, zoology and botany. He also thought that he would like to see the eastern part of the United States since he had been living in the midwest.

Originally, he did not plan on staying, but he, his wife Marianna and three children soon took root and the roots held.

Numerous articles by Dr. Masteller have been published in academic journals. He has written these articles individually and in collaboration with others, both on and off campus.

Masteller has involved himself in reports to specific sponsors, research projects and research grants. He completed seven research grants, three of them

from the Erie County Health Department and he is presently working in three research projects.

In addition, he participated extensively in seminars and workshops involving pollution, energy and environment, impact of oil drilling on marine life, and

ing, improvement of teaching, Behrend College research, or academic program committees, Masteller is also active in professional and learned societies. He is now president-elect and will assume duties in June 1985 as president of the North American Benthological Society. "This is



Biology Professor Dr. Edwin Masteller observes a specimen.

aqueous environmental chemistry. He has presented papers at technical and professional meetings and has several speaking engagements.

Masteller received The Behrend College Council of Fellows "Excellence in Teaching Award" in 1972. He was awarded a Fulbright-Hays Senior Research Fellowship in West Germany from 1974-5. He took a sabbatical leave to study procedures and techniques for emergence pattern characteristics of aquatic insects. He did this study with Dr. Joachim Illies at the Max Planck Institute in Schlitz, West Germany. Masteller commented that "It was an extremely exciting mind broadening experience to spend an extended period of time in a foreign country for myself and my family."

Besides providing service to Penn State-Behrend as a member or chairman of academic plann-

quite an honor for me as the society is an international organization of approximately 1500 members," stated Masteller.

This past summer Masteller spent two weeks in Alaska trapping insects. He went to Denali where Mt. McKinley is located and for three days flew by helicopter to areas that were inaccessible by any other means. "There I was with only my emergence traps, shotgun and bear repellent," said Masteller. "What an experience," he added.

Masteller has collected about a half million insects so far. "The Erie area is a hotbed," he said and declared that "the extensive studies and opportunities regarding the insect communities has me fascinated and has also helped to keep me here."

There has been the potential discovery of ten new species of insects, five of which were found by an undergraduate under the tutelage of Masteller. One insect has been named after him and is called STUPKAIELLA MASTELLERI.

"The extensive collecting is what enables the discovery of new species. Without the good staff to support me I would not be able to do what I am doing. You have to have good people," affirmed Masteller. He concluded that "I would not be where I am today if it wasn't for my undergraduate students as far as research is concerned. They have been such a tremendous assist to me."

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