

FEATURE

Roundtable to Sponsor Poetry Readings

A number of poetry readings and arts events are being sponsored this semester in order to give students and faculty a chance to gain exposure to poetry and literature. The majority of the events are being sponsored by the Roundtable Society and are free to all interested in attending.

The first poetry reading sponsored by Roundtable will be held Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m., in the Reed Seminar Room. The reading will feature the poetry Diana Hume George. George will read selections from her own works.

On Nov. 29, at 7:30 p.m., the Roundtable Society and the Mary

Behrend Cultural Fund will sponsor a reading by Alicia Ostriker. Ostriker has written a number of books of poetry and literary criticism, including *A Woman Under the Surface* (Princeton, 1983) and *Writing Like a Woman* (University of Michigan Press, 1982). Ostriker is the editor of the Penguin Books edition of the William Blake's Poetry, and she teaches at Rutgers University.

The Mary Behrend Cultural Fund will sponsor a poetry reading and discussion on the arts in Erie, with local poets Lonnie Sherman and Rick Lopez. Sher-

man and Lopez are with "Clayspace" in Erie, and work in conjunction with the Erie Art Museum. Both are active in performance arts in Erie and are contributors to Erie's poetry journal, *Kangaroo Court*. Sherman and Lopez will make an appearance in Dr. George's English class, Introduction to Poetry, one Tuesday or Thursday in early Nov. at 1 p.m. All members of the Behrend community are welcome to attend.

For more information about any of the readings contact Diana Hume George or the Roundtable Society.



Diana Hume George will read from her works.

Part Time vs. Full Time

As a small college that offers its students numerous opportunities, part-time instructors as viewed by Behrend students are not a part of the "Behrend Experience." Four Behrend students were asked: "What is your opinion about part-time instructors at Behrend College?" Here are their answers:

THOMAS HICKS - Eighth Semester, Political Science.

"I think that the professors don't get any less respect than any full-time professor. Some of them don't go through enough preparation and they also don't know all of the "ins and outs" or the little extras that add to the learning process.

Also, by having part-time professors, the students find about things that they should have known about before. However, in spite of the part-time professors

lack of being able to communicate evenly effective with the students as any other full-time professors, the quality of the professors work could be just as good."

STEVE GALICH - Third Semester, Psychology.

"It's good and we can weed out the good professors because of the variety. In the longrun, their inaccessibility becomes a problem! The reason for choosing a small college such as Behrend is to have a one-to-one relationship with the professors, and if the professor is part-time this is difficult for students, especially for those that have problems.

However, if the courses taught by the part-time professors are offered every other year or semester, it might not hurt too much."

DOUG GEROW - Fifth

Semester, Business Economics.

"My experience with part-time faculty has been mediocre. Often the professor isn't a teacher by profession and often has a hard time relating the material. They are also very inaccessible."

KEVIN MOORE - Seventh Semester, Communication.

"One of the biggest drawbacks of part-time faculty is that you can't develop a rapport with a particular faculty member. Being a Communications Major, I am not exposed to many part-time faculty. The majority of the people lie in Engineering and that doesn't affect me. I have developed a good friendship with several faculty and found it one of the major benefits of Penn State-Behrend. Keep the full-time!"

"Wee People" Bring Halloween Spirit to Campus

by Jill Bedford
Collegian Staff Writer

Residence Hall occupants were not excluded from Halloween festivities this year thanks to the "Wee People's Halloween Party." Approximately 35 children of faculty members in addition to children from the Gertrude Barber Center participated.

Members of Lambda Sigma, JRC, and resident students dressed in costumes escorted the children throughout each residence hall to collect Halloween treats. Resident hall students provided candy for the children and decorated their doors with special "trick-or-treat" signs supplied by the staff.

Following trick-or-treating, the children were invited to Lawrence Hall lobby for a Wee People's

party co-sponsored by Lambda Sigma and JRC. They were served cider, doughnuts, and cookies and played games with a Halloween theme, such as 'Pin-the-Nose-on-the-Pumpkin.'

The children had a great time as did the college students. It just goes to show, you're never too old for Halloween.

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