

## "Night, Mother" showing at Mercyhurst

Mercyhurst College will kick off the academic theatre season on September 20 with the 1983 Pulitzer Award winning "Night

Mother" by Marsha Norman. "Night, Mother" which will play only six performances September 20, 21, 26, 27, 28, at 8:00 p.m.

and on September 22 at 2:30 p.m. in Mercyhurst Little Theatre, will be directed by Paul C. Iddings and feature Mina Eisenberg and Tracey Harris in the mother-daughter roles of Thelma and Jessie.

"Night, Mother" was first produced at the Actors Theatre of Louisville in 1981. Then it was produced by the American Repertory Theatre in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1982. From there it went to Broadway where it received the Pulitzer Prize for drama.

After a successful run on Broadway it moved to the Westside Arts Theatre off-broadway where it ran almost a year. It was just recently made available to non-professional productions. Newly appointed director of the National Playwright's Showcase (NPS), Paul Iddings, was quick to obtain the rights for another Erie premiere.

Iddings feels that, "Besides being a great play, 'Night, Mother' is a perfect example of how a new American play is discovered, makes it to Broadway, and then

## Counseling services available

Are you feeling depressed, experiencing loneliness, having relationship problems, problems with eating, difficulty sleeping, feeling intense school pressures, or feeling highly stressed in some other way?

Students needing to talk with someone about personal concerns will find personal counseling services available on campus.

Dr. Brenda Eastman is a Psychology faculty member whose faculty appointment includes personal counseling for currently enrolled Behrend students, in addition to traditional teaching and research activities.

Brief individual counseling can be provided. Dr. Eastman can also assist students with referrals to other agencies for ongoing counseling, if desired.

Dr. Eastman's office is located in Room 213 in the Administration Building. Students desiring counseling, or help sorting out a personal concern, should call 898-6162, for an appointment or stop by the counseling information desk at the top of the stairs on the 2nd floor of the Administration Building. These counseling services are free and confidential.



Tracey Harris and Mina Eisenberg star in "Night, Mother."

earns the ultimate recognition of Pulitzer for outstanding drama."

"The Actors Theatre of Louisville is known for starting the ball rolling for new American plays such as *Agnes of God*, *Crimes of the Heart* and *Getting Out*," Iddings said. "That is also the potential hope and the purpose of Mercyhurst's National Playwright's Showcase. Already last year's *Tomatoes and Beer* has

caught the interest of *A Chorus Line*'s producer Joseph Papp. I feel there's a good chance we'll see *Tomatoes and Beer* on Broadway in the next three or four years, perhaps sooner. And it started right here in Erie, not unlike *Night, Mother* in Louisville four years ago," Iddings added.

For reservations to Mercyhurst's production to *Night, Mother* call 825-0200.

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