## feature

## will they last 24 hours? To read or not to read..."

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Tony Elliot, Studio Theatre Director

Plays by William Shakespeare will be brought to life in a read-athon on Nov. 1 and 2 at Behrend. The 24 hour read-a-thon, put on by the Behrend Players, will help raise money for the Studio

The read-a-thon will begin at 7 p.m. on Nov. 1 with "Romeo and Juliet" and run through the following day. Each work is scheduled to run for three hours.

The second play, beginning at 10 p.m., is scheduled to be "Taming of the Shrew." This will last until 1 a.m. when "King Lear" takes the stage. Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" will be read during early hours of the morning followed by "Much Ado About Nothing", scheduled to begin at the read-a-thon's halfway mark.

"Othello", "Midsummer's Night Dream" and "Macbeth" cap off the event which ends at 7 p.m. Nov. 2.

Readers will be sponsored to raise money for the Sutdio Theatre. A sponsor can agree to pay 50 cents for every hour on terms that the reader lasts the entire time.

"If you are interested in reading, come on over," coaxes Tony Elliot, Behrend's Studio Theatre Director. "Or, if you just want to sponsor in general," Elliot added. Food and drink donations will help enhance the atmosphere to keep the readers and guests energized.

Readers from all over are invited, including staff and students from Behrend, Gannon and Mercyhurst. Hopefully, some actors and actresses from the Erie Playhouse will participate.

Among the people who are showing interest are David Stuntz, music instructor, who will read lago's character in "Othello" and Dr. Dean Baldwin, assistant professor of English, who shows interest in "Romeo and Juliet." Jamie Grimm, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, expressed a desire to read Malvolio's character in "Twelfth Night" which begins at 4 a.m.

When asked about the means by which a Shakespeare reading was chosen to raise money for the theatre Elliot's reply was simply, "Shakespeare is often closely associated with drama!"





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