

Student Voice:

"In the dead of winter—what do you plan to do this summer?"

Nicaraguan student sees the American way



Stu Tutler

Stu Tutler, 7th Semester MIS: "My plan for the summer is to enjoy the sun for one thing. I plan to also take classes, do my internship and hopefully graduate."

Chris Kafferlin, 6th Semester, Management: "I'm going to work all summer and check out all the marriage prospects in the business world and I'll take off for the beach on the weekends."



Sherece Taffe

Sherece Taffe, 2nd Semester Biology: "I thought I'd go to the beach and catch a tan and maybe get a couple of blond streaks in my hair, and go down to the coast and catch some waves."



Chris Kafferlin

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Miriam Ferrey is a Behrend student. What makes her unique is that she is from Nicaragua. She came to Behrend in the Fall of 1985.

She grew up in Managua, Nicaragua's capital and lived there until 1983, when she came to the U.S.

What is life like in the third world? "We don't have all your advancements. In Nicaraguan homes you're not going to find things like microwaves. Some people have them only because they bring them from the United States," Ferrey said.

About social life she added, "I lived in the capital. There we had only one disco. There are only two theatres. There's not that much to do. We go to parties in houses but they are different from here. Here, I learned that you go to get drunk. Over there it's not like that. You go to socialize and dance."

In Managua, Ferrey attended an American school. After completing the tenth grade she went to a New Jersey boarding school to complete her high school educa-

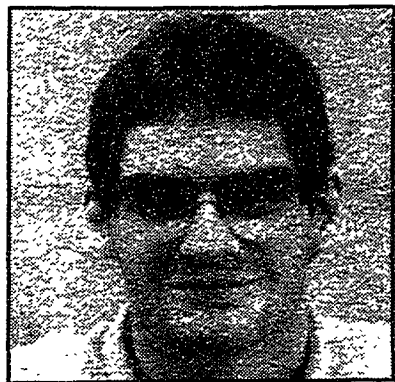
tion. Within a year of the revolution, two of these factions took total control of the country. These two factions lean towards socialist Marxist on the political scale.

"Before 1979 Somoza was the dictator of the country. He was only looking to protect the rich people. The government right now I don't agree with but I think that it has done a lot of good for the poor people," Ferrey said.

Nicaragua only has two classes of people: the rich and the poor. The poor comprise 65 percent of the population.

To help the poor, the government is distributing the wealth of the country and trying to educate them. Ferrey participated in one of these government projects. "...for five months you had to go into the mountains where the really poor people lived and you had to teach them the alphabet and how to read and write. I thought that was a really good thing to do," Ferrey explained.

After the revolution the members of the last government were forced to leave the country. Their wealth and property was given to the poor. But aide did not stop there. Nicaragua and its band of merry men, took property from



Kevin Belack

Kevin Belack, 6th Semester Engineering: "I may be working at a national research laboratory in Illinois. I'll just enjoy it and maybe go skiing someplace up north."

Glenn Hordusky, 5th Semester, Civil Engineering: "I'm going airborne. ROTC's going to send a couple of people down to Ft. Benning (Georgia) or Ft. Bragg (North Carolina). It gives us the chance to do what probably wouldn't normally be able to do with the Pennsylvania National Guard outfit."



Glenn Hordusky

Screen Talk:

"Jewel of the Nile"

filmed as comic book adventure

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A beautiful heroine. A dashing hero. Evil bad guys. A hectic fistfight atop a speeding train. Sound familiar?

It should, since nearly every adventure movie ever made has employed some combination of those patented elements.

Unfortunately, "Jewel of the Nile" is no different. Though producer-star Michael Douglas offers us slick camera angles and beautiful scenery, he sadly refuses to show us anything new.

The special effects and stunts are perfectly executed to be sure, but they're so cliché I felt like I was reading a special effects textbook.

The script itself is not too bad, despite the obligatory train fight and good-guy-swings-on-chain-

to-kick-bad-guy sequence. The screenplay has some neat twists, especially the misleading identity of the jewel in question.

The character's silly dialogue ("If we get out of this alive, I'll kill you") succeeds in promoting the film's tongue-in-cheek attitude.

As for the actors, Michael Douglas is likable macho as Jack Colton, an adventurer turned loafer who would rather sit on his boat than romance any new stones.

Kathleen Turner is wonderfully sexy as Joan Wilder, the love story novelist with a craving for dangerous excitement.

Together, the two present an engaging chemistry which draws us into their impossible chancey world.

The film's biggest strength

however, is the hilarious Danny Devito. Portraying the same rotten scumbag as he did in "Romancing the Stone", Devito secures a lifetime spot as the king of comedic repulsion. His obnoxious characterization gives the film it's brightest moments.

Now then, if you like romantic adventure films and don't mind watching action sequences reminiscent of the old "Lone Ranger" television series, go see "Jewel of the Nile". If you enjoy Danny Devito's loud mouth abrasiveness, go see "Jewel of the Nile". If you like both of the above but don't feel like paying Cinema World's admission price, watch a "Taxi" rerun and read a Batman comic book and a Harlequin mini-romance.



tion. Then she came to Behrend. Why Penn State? Why Behrend?

"In Nicaragua you hear that Penn State is a very good school and I always wanted to go to Penn State...I didn't want to go to Main (University Park) because it was too big. So I decided on Behrend because it was the next largest campus."

Right now in Nicaragua civil war rages on. The Nicaraguan government opposes the U.S. backed contra forces based in Honduras and Costa Rica on Nicaragua's border.

The present government in Nicaragua came to power after the 1979 revolution in which twelve political factions united and overthrew the pro-American Somoza dictatorship.

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Ferrey's parents and brother still live in Nicaragua. Her parents own a clothes factory. They are very wealthy and have been sacked many times.

"They already took two of my parents farms and my parents had to move to a smaller house."

The government thought that the house was too big for three people to live in, "so that house was given to three different families," Ferrey noted.

Ferrey plans to attend University Park next year. She hopes to become an industrial engineer. Then she will apply for U.S. citizenship.

She explains, "I can't go back because of political problems."