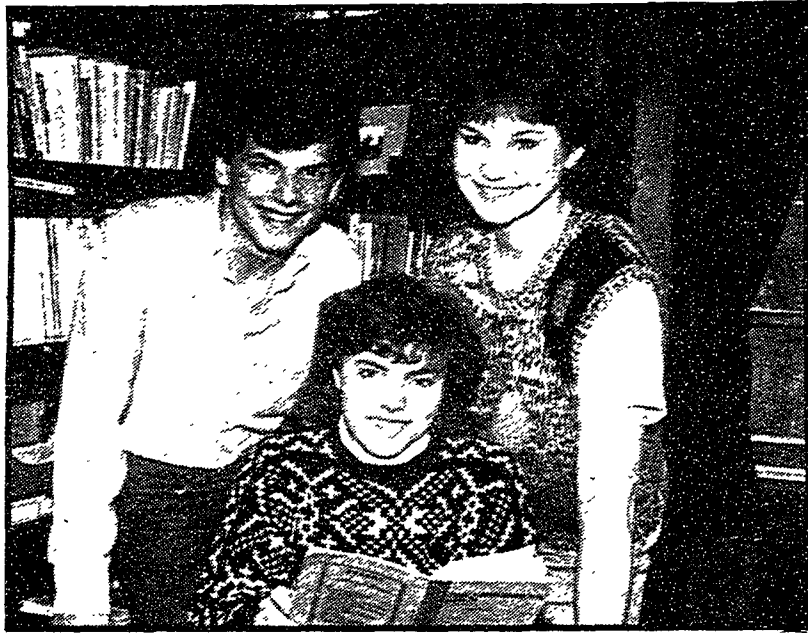


Numerous acting debuts in 'The Children's Hour'



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Chuck Homyak, Susie Jalosky and Gail Reese

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Coming to Behrend's Studio Theatre in April is "The Children's Hour", a play by Lillian Hellman. The story takes place at the Wright-Dobie School for girls in the early 1930's. A student named Mary tells a lie to get her own way and stands by and watches as it destroys innocent people's lives.

The story is mainly about lies and how they can grow and affect things. When the play first came out in 1934 it was very controversial, and there weren't many actresses that were willing to play the lead roles. But some were found and the play came close to winning the Pulitzer prize. "It's high drama and very entertaining...a very sad play both to watch and to act in," said Tony Elliot, Behrend's Studio Theatre director. Some of Hellman's other works include "Little Foxes", "Watch on the Rhine", and "Toys in the the Attic".

Although auditions were open to all of Erie, most of the parts are filled by Behrend students. Susie Jalosky and Gail Reese play Martha Dobie and Karen Wright, the founders of the school, respective-

ly. Chuck Homyak is Doctor Joseph Cardin, Karen's boyfriend. Mrs. Lily Mortar, the teacher, is played by Betsy Zaranek, a member of Behrend's faculty. Pupils at the Wright-Dobie school for girls are played by both Behrend students and Erie residents. Janet is played by Julie Bratton, a McDowell High School student, Peggy Roger by Christa Haas, and Erie student, Helen Burton by Julie Clough, Lois Fischer by Teresa Gawrys, Leslie by Michelle Grasmick, Evelyn Munn by Maria Hoffman and Rosalee Wells by Monica Williams, all Behrend students. Catherine is played by Anne Zaranek, Betsy Zaranek's daughter. Mary Tilford, the villain, is played by Kelly Swishe and Erie resident Anne O'Brien portrays Mrs. Amelia Tilford, Mary's grandmother. Agatha, the maid is played by Lauri Mueller, an Erie resident and Shawn Mahony, also of Erie, is the grocery boy.

The play was cast just before Spring Break, so rehearsals are just now getting started. Thus far, they consist mostly of mechanical things like script reading and blocking. But even though it's

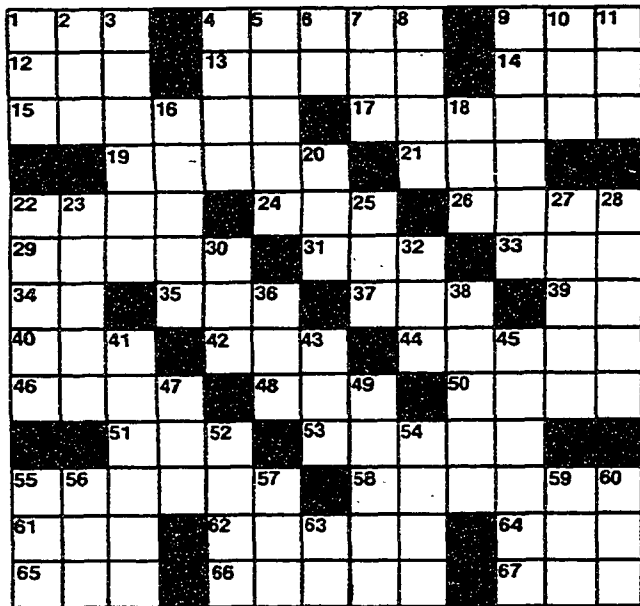
simple, sometimes things can get a little confusing. Said Gail Reese, "Thometimeths the wordth get all mikhthed up and you can't thay things right."

"When I was in the audience, looking on, everything seemed normal, but now that I'm doing the acting I think I'm going to have to try damn hard to get everything to come out looking natural," explained Chuck Homyak about his role. All the actors are excited about their parts and consider them challenging. "It's a definite challenge because I've never had a speaking part before, I've always danced. And the situation of my character is definitely unfamiliar," said Susie Jalosky.

Everyone on the cast seems to agree that Tony Elliot is a great director, saying that he's "hilarious to work with" and that he "makes things easy."

Opening night is set for April 18, but there will be two previews on April 16 and 17 which are free to students. Additional dates are April 19, 24, 25 and 26. All shows begin at 8:00 p.m. with the exception of a 2:30 matinee on April 27. Admission is \$2.00.

Crossword Companion



ACROSS

1. Fish
4. Begin
9. Wipe
12. Gershwin
13. Mistake
14. Southern constellation
15. Give
17. Bloc; challenge
19. Liver
21. Animal
22. Allowance
24. Water barrier
26. Orwe
29. Most unusual
31. Drifter
33. Daughters of the American Revolution (abbr.)
34. Public announcement
35. Newspaper (slang)
37. Leg
39. Concerning
40. Pad
42. Fuel
44. Story
46. Baby carriage
48. Food
50. U.S.S.R. Newspaper
51. Hit
53. Congeals
55. Larger
58. Full of conceit
61. Drink made of (suf.)
62. Derived from the sun
64. Edu. Group (abbr.)
65. Mole
66. Josh
67. African antelope

DOWN

1. El
2. Mouth (comb. form)
3. Risk
4. Bristle
5. Fad
6. Pertaining to (suf.)
7. Extinct bird
8. Lure
9. Duller
10. Metal
11. Friend
16. Change
18. Color
20. Splotch
22. Bum
23. Carries blip images
25. Cup
27. Yelps
28. Cards with threes
30. Cloth
32. Scar
36. Hole
38. Slogan
41. Goal
43. Pouch
45. Framework
47. Magazine (Inf.)
49. Requests
52. Heckler
54. Fairy Tale monster
55. Ban
56. Lapiao
57. Fish eggs
59. Japanese coin
60. 19th Greek letter
63. Musical note

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