

Music Review

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Probably the best part of reviewing albums for the Behrend Collegian is getting to keep them when I'm finished. And with the exception of a few duds, most of the albums I review are pretty good. However, only once in a while does an album come along that is truly exceptional. You know - the kind that never leaves your turntable, or the one that you play so loud it shakes pictures off your walls and blows birds out of their nests! Well, such is the case with the new Stevie Ray Vaughan album, Live Alive.

riffs from Stevie Ray and his brother Jimmie Vaughan (Fabulous Thunderbirds). The result is a seemingly endless Jam session from start to finish, throughout the entire album.



Among the most notable new songs on the album are "Superstition" and "Willie The Wimp." On "Superstition," Vaughan combines his own southern brand of rock-n-roll with the seventies

funk of Stevie Wonder. The result is an enjoyable rock-funk fusion deserving to be played loud enough to blow birds from their nests.

The song "Willie The Wimp" recounts the funeral of Willie "The Wimp" Flukey, murdered son of Texas drug tycoon, who was buried at the wheel of a Cadillac shaped coffin. Hardly an event worth singing about, but nevertheless, it is an enjoyable song.

Of course, Live Alive features the Stevie Ray Vaughan classics too. Both the songs "Cold Shot" and "Texas Flood" are presented in live and extended versions, as is the song "Voodoo Chile." Jimi Hendrix fans will appreciate "Voodoo Chile," since it is neither a remake or a remix, but a tribute to one of rock-n-roll's legends.

Unlike other two album sets, Live Alive carries a moderate price tag, about \$12. Nevertheless, it is an enjoyable album well-deserving to be stuck to your turntable.

Don't let finals get you down

by Melissa Youkers
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With finals just around the corner and school nearing its end, students are beginning to feel the urgency of studying to achieve their goals. To maintain satisfactory semester grades, many rely on sufficient study for final exams. In most cases, final exam scores determine a great percentage of the student's semester grade. In fact, the range of percentage generally lies between 25 to 40. Of course, this causes a great deal of stress on the average student. So much in some cases that the student plunges all of his time into study and neglects his own personal needs such as proper sleep, diet and exercise.

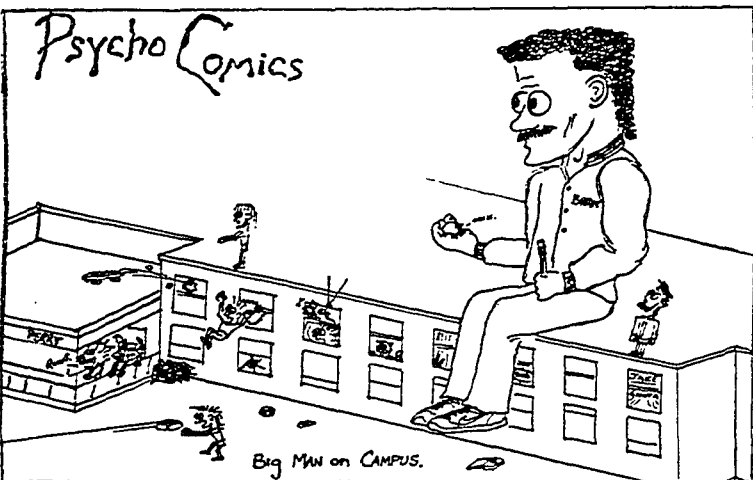
In order to gain better understanding of how students can study successfully, I talked with Mary-Jane Hamilton, RN of Behrend's own Health Center. She suggested that students re-evaluate their study habits. Studying demands all of your attention, so

choose a place free from noise and other distractions, such as friends, stereo, telephone, etc. The library study room at Behrend may just be the ideal place! About every hour or so, your mind and body are ready for a short break. Get up, walk around, stretch those aching muscles! Don't rely on cramming! More often than not, this method of study increases anxiety and confusion. To get ready for a final exam one should: Ask what information the exam will be covering and whether the exam is to be cumulative or not, if it is to be an essay exam or an objective exam; review all lecture and reading notes; keep rereading of texts to a minimum; check your recall of facts by writing them out; try to predict and answer test questions.

Master test-taking skills by first reading the directions carefully. Survey the test, how much does each section count? Will certain questions take more time? Budget your time. Work on only one ques-

tion at a time. Mark difficult questions and come back to them later. Concentrate! Be optimistic, encourage yourself, "I can do okay on this test." Don't allow past performance to interfere with your attitude toward the test at hand.

Healthy habits make stress more manageable. Eat right! Be sure your diet is well-balanced, avoid sugary snacks. Although sugar provides us with a short burst of energy, it won't last and later has a depressant effect. Get plenty of sleep. Most people need 7-8 hours of sleep each night. Getting enough sleep can make you more alert, less irritable and better able to manage stressful situations. Exercise at least three times a week for about twenty minutes. Walking, biking, swimming, jogging, aerobics, and weight lifting are all good exercise and can provide you with good tension release as well, something much needed throughout the intensive study weeks preceding final exams.



Holiday Dances

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Holiday bazaar a banquet of goodies

by Jake Giunta
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As if it's over before it started, Thanksgiving break ended, and after getting nagged at for long hair, messy rooms, dirty clothes, sleeping in, not eating enough vegetables, and the G.P.A., which doesn't quite top a 4.0, I said, "Bye Mom. . . Love you too," before getting in the car leaving for school. The next day, I wandered towards class unprepared for the assault about to take place on my wallet which mom had so kindly stuffed. Its formal name is the Holiday Bazaar; I call it a reasonable cause to postpone doing laundry for a few days, or at least until Mr. Mac Machine feels like giving me a cash advance on my Christmas present.

The first table to catch my eye was the Santa Photo prepared by the Behrend Players, but then I remembered that in every Santa Photo ever taken of me since birth, I've been crying, oh well. Then I came by the German Club, they were selling these . . . well, candy bars, I guess. I couldn't pronounce the name, but they sure looked good. The gummi bears looked good also; then I realized my defenses were failing and I had an entire hallway of tables to pass yet. The Round table, a poetry group, was having a raffle just next to the German Club. It's incredible how

someone can get such a feeling of missed opportunity when passing by a raffle. Next came SPC. They were selling mistletoe, hmm. I wonder if they'd let us take some into one of their movies, but even then there's the possibility of getting decked by a girl who doesn't exactly share my great zest for the Christmas spirit. By the time I got



Members of the Christian Fellowship sell poinsettias.

to the Psychology Club, I had already decided that class wasn't really worth it. So there I stood staring at rows upon rows of cupcakes and cookies. Then I calculated, with one-hundred dollars in my account, at twenty-five cents or so per cookie. . . I managed to pull my eyes from the

table and continue. The Christian Fellowship was selling poinsettias and hot apple cider. Mom did say that I needed a plant to liven up my room. Then I was caught off guard by the kissing reindeer of Alpha Sigma Alpha, if only I had a Christmas tree to hang it on. Before I could figure out where to get my tree, Lambda Sigma was

club Council was selling giant cans of Gummi Bears. Supposedly red was the favorite flavor, but I think that the men selling them was biased because the clear ones are obviously better. I left there and turned to ABC's table which was holding down a colorful array of helium balloons. Leon was sitting there, and Leon is much larger than I, much larger. If I had not been in such a hurry, Leon might have suggested that I buy a Snoopy balloon. I probably would have listened. I continued however, and there were only two tables left. Omicron Delta Kappa was selling meltaway candy bars, Penn State brand. While I was there took a crash course in pronouncing their name; I failed. And finally last, but not least was Kappa Delta Rho, "The greatest fraternity on earth" I think was the quote they gave me. They were selling mom's homemade cookies. I thought, "Now how did they get a hold of Mom's cookies?" Obviously, they were meant for me and somehow got the wrong address. The two men at the table didn't see it my way.

telling me that I needed my own personalized button or at least a cookie or five. They were right of course, but as soon as I sat down to think about how bloated I was going to be, and whether or not the Monty Python story about exploding after over-eating was really true. I couldn't stay too long in the subject though, because the Inter-

It wasn't until after I reached the Gorge, sorry, the Wintergreen cafe, that I realized I had survived the Holiday bazaar. I guess the entire event can be summed up in one sentence, at least in the eyes of one participant, "It's a great place to pick up girls."

ACROSS	33 Band section	56 Malevolent	10 Common people	33 Ossa
1 Blind as	34 Movies: slang	57 Obliterate	37 Butte's kin	36 Gave back
5 Irish Rose	35 Unclosed	58 Tapir	39 Inner coat	37 Butte's kin
10 Dudgeon	36 Beef cut	59 Circuits	40 Pepper-upper	42 VIPs
14 City of Italia	37 Skirt type	60 Ventures	41 Nicely arranged	43 Soups
15 Slangage	38 Narcotic shrub	61 Nicely arranged	19 Enthuses	45 Soviet city
16 Sickness	39 Furnishes	23 Security for a loan	24 Barometer	25 Cure
17 Golf grouping	40 Ism	26 Not up	27 Tete-	28 Ex-seniors
20 Crooked	41 Recluses	1 Fine	2 Rose	3 Chinese city
21 Pepe le	42 Models	2 Rose	3 Chinese city	4 Price tag
22 Hits hard	43 Skirt type	3 Chinese city	4 Price tag	5 Metes out
23 Plenty	44 Have pity	4 Price tag	5 Metes out	6 Cheats
24 Yield	45 Bluefin	6 Cheats	7 Data: slang	8 Self-esteem
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