

## Ellerbee Speaks Briefly, Promotes Values

by James Martin

Well-known journalist and television personality Linda Ellerbee told a full house in Behrend's Erie Hall to do things their own way, because even if they toe their line -- they might get fired anyway.

Ellerbee, author of the best-selling "And So it Goes," and the former Host of ABC's "Our World," spoke at 8 pm, October 1, during Behrend's annual Parent's Weekend. Introduced by Dean and Provost John Lilley, Ellerbee delivered the second lecture in the school's annual series.

While her 35 minute presentation was well received by a

crowd nearing 1000, Ellerbee drew mixed reviews from a number of administrators and students who thought she could have done more to earn her \$12,500 fee.

"I really like Linda Ellerbee," said Tom Wilkinson, president of the TOTH club. "But I read the book and it was almost a canned speech -- but I still enjoyed it."

Assistant Dean of Student Services, Dave Shields, who had hoped Ellerbee would be able to meet with a group of interested students prior to her lecture, also expressed his disappointment.

"Her topic was really great," said Shields. "We'd just hoped she'd do more for the money we had to pay her."

Ellerbee declined to participate in the group discussion and other activities, noting she was tired and hoarse after serving as an auctioneer in an AIDS benefit auction in Houston.

Despite a sometimes-faltering voice Ellerbee spoke forcefully on her topic of having it all and doing it your own way--despite the consequences.

Ellerbee related that doing things her own way has provided her with mixed results. She explained that after landing her first big job with the Houston bureau of the Associated Press, (AP) saying what was on her mind cost her a job. After finishing work one night, she lingered in the office to write a letter to a friend, a letter which was critical of the AP's Houston Bureau chief. Failure to properly kill the story resulted in its release to newspapers across the country. It also resulted in her dismissal. Ellerbee said she didn't blame AP for firing her, noting everyone but the AP lawyers thought she should be shot not fired.

Bouncing back quickly from this early setback, she secured a job as a "hard news" reporter with WCBS in New York City. In this position, Ellerbee quickly established the fact that she played by her own rules.

"You must determine your own ethics and stick to them," said Ellerbee. "Anyone who sticks a microphone in the face of another human being who has just suffered a tragedy or loss and asks anything at all -- is an inhuman dwarf and ought to be fired."

"So why do they do it," wondered Ellerbee. "They've been told that this is what succeeds. We've been given the message that if it's a rat race its okay to be a rat. It's not," she said.

Ellerbee also discussed flashy, low-in-substance reporters, whom she calls Twinkies.

"(Some of these people) appear to have blow-dried their brains right along with their hair," she said.

Returning to her original thesis, Ellerbee said not to be afraid of failing or of doing things one's own way, recalling that David Brinkley once told her -- not to worry, "the worst they can do is fire you."

Hitting on the topic of the presidential election, Ellerbee said she is waiting for one of the candidates to demonstrate vision and to stop worrying about messing up.

In keeping with her topic of job security, Ellerbee explained that she has started her own production company, is writing a second book and has become a syndicated columnist.

"With so many projects going on it will take a real cooperative effort for them all to fire me."



**SPEAKER** -- Linda Ellerbee spoke at Behrend's Parent's Weekend. The television personality and best-selling author discussed her career and her philosophy for success in the working world. (photo by Marybeth Zawistoski)

## Seroka on Yugoslavia

James Seroka, Behrend's new head of the division of Humanities and Social Sciences and a Yugoslavian expert, believes the recent uprisings in Yugoslavia's Vojvodina province were prompted by Serbian Leaders.

Seroka, who has been interviewed by Erie's Channel 12 and has been widely quoted in local newspapers, feels Serbian leaders were attempting to tighten control over their two autonomous provinces: Vojvodina and Kosovo.

Seroka is the co-author of "Political Organization in Socialist Yugoslavia," a book he co-authored with Rados Smiljkovic, who is now head of the Communist Party in Belgrad.

"In Kosovo, a province that is 90 percent Albanian, there is a strong anti-Serbian movement going on," said Seroka.

He explained that the ousting of Vojvodina's Communist Party



Bosses moved the province one step closer to losing its autonomy, according to Seroka.

"When Vojvodina loses autonomy, it will lose its veto power. And that is what the Serbian Party wants. It wants to stop

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## Last Temptation Poll

by Steve Decker  
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A majority of Behrend students believe the controversial movie "The Last Temptation of Christ" should be shown on campus, but many students say they wouldn't see the movie themselves. These figures came from a poll of 156 students taken by the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF).

The survey, taken on October 4 and 5, was open to all faculty and students with the exception of IVCF members, who were not permitted to participate.

Responding to the first question, which asked students if they thought the movie should be shown at Behrend, 70.5% said yes, 26.3% said no, and 3.2% said maybe. "The biggest issue was censorship," said IVCF officer Chuck Egbert.

A number of people who voted yes felt that their First Amendment rights would be violated by censorship if the film were not shown. Others said that a college campus such as Behrend should have freedom to show such a movie to promote "the educational experience."

In contrast, others felt that the movie was blasphemous and

degrading to Jesus. "Just as people would be greatly offended by a movie that portrayed Martin Luther King Jr. as a perverted schizophrenic so are others irritated by a film that describes Jesus as a wimpy liar," one respondent wrote. Others questioned whether such a controversial movie should be shown at Behrend.

The second question asked respondents whether they would see the movie if it came to Behrend. There was a narrower margin between responses than with the first question, with 56.1% answering yes, 32.3% answering no, and 11.6% undecided. Many who answered no explained that the movie opposed their beliefs or that they didn't care for drama movies in general. Of those who wanted to see the movie, many were curious to see just what the controversy was all about.

Egbert said he was not surprised at the results, but thought there would be fewer "no" votes. "The point of the survey was to present a non-biased question to get people to think about who Jesus really is."

"As a group, IVCF is not seeking to keep the movie from being shown, but we are very concerned about the subject," he added.

## Police Seeking Gorge Streaker

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On September 28 Behrend Police & Safety received a report of a nude male lounging in the woods of the Wintergreen Gorge.

Apparently a female student was strolling through the Gorge on her way home from class when she noticed the unclad individual. It seems that he noticed her as well, for the report states that he began to follow her. Escaping the Gorge and it's inhabitant, the young woman arrived home and informed her mother who informed the Police & Safety Office. According to officials, several incidents involving the naked male were reported during this past summer.

Floor skating parties were the subject of police interest on both the 28th and 30th of September.

Student residents on the third floor of Lawrence Hall flooded the basement with soapy water and proceeded to take advantage of the slippery situation by sliding down the hallway. Police & Safety were called in when the situation got out of hand.

Two more thefts have been reported to Police and Safety. This time the crimes were committed in the Library and the Behrend Building.

A Sony Walkman was reported stolen from the Library. A student left the tape player, along with her coat, in the appropriate area and upon returning to them, found the Walkman was gone.

A car battery was also reported stolen from the Behrend Building. The battery was alleged to have been taken from the basement of the building where it was used for

the emergency generator. Both incidents were reported to Police & Safety on September 28th.

An act of vandalism was also reported during the week of September 26th. An unknown person apparently scraped a key along the door of a car door. The car was parked in the F lot between the apartments and Lawrence Hall.

Police & Safety's monthly report has been completed for September. During that time, officials investigated 12 acts of theft which totaled \$954.50 in value. Recovered were \$616.25 worth of (stuff). Also reported were 4 acts of vandalism, 1 case of arson, 1 incident of drug abuse, 3 counts of liquor law violations, 1 public drunk, 5 cases of disorderly conduct and 3 miscellaneous crimes.

## Kanty Residents Push For Changes Students complain about poor conditions

by Maria Plaza  
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Residents of Kanty Village gathered Sunday to complain about suspected health code violations and to push for improvements at the apartment complex. About 90 residents attended the monthly house meeting to air their grievances and present a petition asking for cleaner conditions, signed by 84 of the 139 residents, to landlord Ken Lochbaum.

Lochbaum was unavailable for comment.

The survey was presented by Commuter Senator and Kanty resident Beth Wilson. According to Wilson, the main complaints concerned insufficient cleaning. She mentioned flooded floors, broken toilets, and mold as specific examples. Other residents complained of a strong stench from the men's floor.

Presently, two full-time and one part-time worker are employed to do the cleaning. Residents feel this is inadequate.

Other students complained that the chained doors caused a fire hazard. The only doors open are

those on the wings, where the students live. The main area of the building is used for storage.

The delay in building promised bathrooms has other residents upset. The third floor has only a gang shower, that is, one where residents must shower together. "There is a definite shortage of bathrooms," said Wilson.

There is no toilet paper provided in the girls' bathrooms. The management stopped supplying it because it was usually stolen, but Wilson commented that locking dispensers can be purchased.

Some residents have questioned whether the building has passed an asbestos test. The cancer-causing substance, which used to be used as insulation, has been removed from many buildings.

Residents also complained about insufficient heating, lack of control of parties, and excessive noise during quiet hours.

Wilson commented that conditions have improved somewhat since Sunday's meeting, but feels that they may be just placate the residents.

Lochbaum did agree to allow

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**KANTY VILLAGE**, located on East 38th Street, was formerly Kanty Preparatory School. Today, a portion of the building is used for student housing - primarily for Behrend students. Kanty Village, which houses 139 students, has recently been criticized by residents for failing to maintain satisfactory living conditions. (Photo by Marybeth Zawistoski)

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