

ENTERTAINMENT

Phillips Brothers Flame at Behrend



The Student Programming Council brought the comedy/juggling team of the Phillips Brothers to Behrend. Here, Tony keeps his brother Dave very warm during the show. The duo filled the Reed Lecture Hall with their show. (photo by Audrey Acosta)

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People poured into Reed 117 Nov. 17, to watch the Phillips brothers comedy team. The Phillips brothers blended comedy, juggling, and music into one incredible, distinctive act which made it very easy to see why they are considered one of the top college performing acts in the country and why they have been nominated for a national

performing award. The juggling was the highlight of the show. Jonie Phillips, the juggler in the act, impressed the audience with such feats as juggling two meat cleavers and an apple, simultaneously, while occasionally taking a bite of the apple. He juggled clubs, apples, flaming torches, and even Barbie dolls. The finale of the performance was when he juggled three flaming torches, did 12 behind the back throws, threw one

torch up into a triple spin, twisted his body around and caught the torch. The Phillips brothers were a very talented act. They maintained a good rapport with the audience, and they looked like they had a good time themselves. They even took time after the show to meet with people in the audience. It was a fun filled evening for all to get involved.

Truly Divine

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The Behrend studio theater's production of "The Diviners" by Jim Leonard, which closed Nov. 20, can be described in one word: spectacular!

The play is set in the mythical rural Indiana town of Zion, population 40, during the spring and summer of 1932. The play manages to blend humor and drama into a homogeneous mixture that keeps the audience laughing, while at the same time forcing the viewer to mentally deal with the implications of what is taking place underneath all of the humor.

The serious aspect of the play is presented in the very first scene with Basil Bennett, played by Bill Warner, and Dewey Maples, played by William Gibbard, discussing their feelings about the death of the main character Buddy Layman, played by Tom Barra. The story then jumps back and presents the

events leading to the first scene. As the story line unfolds, the play seems to be a comedy. However, because of the implications behind what is taking place between the characters, the viewer can't help but to deal with the seriousness of the play. It is the constant humor, subtle seriousness, and building anxiety that makes this play so fascinating.

The set for the play was well done as was the lighting and sound design. The costumes, makeup, and props were very effective and helped bring the play to life. The most monumental attribute in this production was the acting. Two months of hard work and many long rehearsals really showed. With a little help from the viewer's imagination, the simple unchanging set in the Behrend studio theater was transformed into Zion, Indiana.

"The Diviners" was a great play. Those who had a chance to see it were lucky. Those who chose not to see it missed out.

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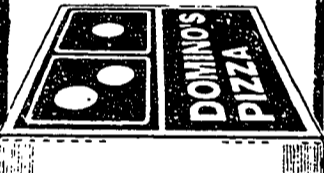
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