

Annual Mardi Gras Invades Center Campus

Behrend Plays Host to Secondary School Science Teachers Workshop

By Joan Throop

On Thursday, March 31, 1955, the fourth annual workshop for secondary school science teachers will be held at Behrend Center. The idea was first presented to Mr. Louis Balmer, professor of chemistry, by Dr. Major Powers four years ago; since that time Mr. Balmer has had complete charge of the entire program.

The program is expected to start at 3:30 P. M. Although the opening speaker has not yet been decided upon, several other noted men have consented to speak. Dr. John M. Hickey, Superintendent of Erie Schools, will be the master of ceremonies. Dr. A. Witt Hutchinson Ph. D., of the Pennsylvania State University Department of Chemistry, will talk on the role of the education system in fulfilling the needs of the young people who are interested in science.

After a brief intermission, the teachers will break up into several discussion groups: Biology, Chemistry, Physics and General Science. Upon completion of their discussion, the groups will present their findings to the entire general session before they leave for dinner.

At 7:30 P. M., Dr. George Reetz, from the General Electric Schenectady Plant, will speak on the 'Industries View Point of the Need and Opportunities of Scientists'. Dr. Reetz has conducted summer workshops for science teachers at Carnegie Tech, Case Institute of Technology and Union College.

The program will conclude with the showing of the General Electric 'House of Magic.' It promises to be a gala scientific demonstration.

An attendance of 100 high school teachers is expected, with the teachers of Erie Co., Crawford

Co., and other counties in the vicinity of Behrend cordially invited. The evening program is open to all students representing neighboring high schools, and to the Behrend Center students.

The entire program is still incomplete, but Mr. Balmer hopes that it will be completed shortly.

Ugly Men Compete For Beauty Prizes

In co-ordination with the Behrend Center Mardi Gras, an Ugly Man contest is being held with the final judging for the ugliest male on the campus scheduled for the intermission period of the big event. Any male student of the Center is eligible for this high honor.

The only requirement for entrants of the contest consist of petition signed by ten students stating that they think their nominee has a chance of being the Ugly Man, and of a costume that will best suit the nominee. The candidate may use any amount of make-up or other devices to add a weird effect to his appearance, but the use of a mask is prohibited.

A prize will be awarded to the Ugly Man, but all entrants will share in the fun of the evening.

Members of the Mardi Gras committee want everyone to understand that this contest is all in fun. As everyone knows, Behrend Center has no ugly men!

LATE BULLETIN

Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, president of Penn State University, will speak to area alumni for an hour by means of a direct telephone hook-up to Erie Hall on Feb. 22 in honor of the school's centennial.

Caramba!



La senorita burra is making last minute arrangements for the Mardi Gras. Out of the animal world, La burra is really Joan Throop, general chairman of the annual event.

Belle Lettre Club Plans Formulated

By Jack Rimp

A new club will come into being at Behrend in the very near future. Formed under the advisement of Mr. Benjamin A. Lane, instructor of English and languages, its prime purpose will be an investigation of the Fine Arts. In keeping with the purpose of the club, the chosen name is extremely apropos, it being Belle Lettre, meaning Beautiful Letters.

A tentative format will include monthly meetings, at which either a faculty member or a student will read a paper on one of the arts, including drama, music, or art, followed by a general discussion period. The club will be strictly informal, keeping a small, intimate group in attendance at the meetings.

As the fitting climax for the year's activities, the club hopes to be able to charter a bus and take a trip to Cleveland where they will tour one of the art museums and enjoy a performance of the Metropolitan Opera Company in the evening.

Anyone interested in any aspect of the arts, is encouraged to join, but a willingness to join implies a willingness to partake in all discussions and projects undertaken by the group. This point was strongly emphasized by Mr. Lane.

A notice will be posted soon informing all those interested in membership in the club, of the time and place of the organizational meeting.

The introduction of this new club will be a welcome addition to all those who want and enjoy a bit of culture.

Various Types of Masquerade Costumes Appear Friday Night

By Bob Gornall

The fourth annual Mardi Gras will be held at Behrend Center on Friday, February 18. This event is sponsored by the students enrolled in the schools of Liberal Arts, Romance Languages, and Business Administration. The Mardi Gras will get underway at 8:00 p. m. in Erie Hall, and will come to a climax at midnight. Music will be amply provided by

Chuck Fern and his orchestra, along with the vocals by Al Thompson.

Dress for the Mardi Gras will center around various types of masquerade costumes for which prizes will be awarded for the prettiest, funniest, and most original costumes. Any person not wishing to wear a costume may come dressed in informal or party clothes. Anyone attending will find a varied selection of carnival booths, at which they may test their skill and luck. Persons desiring to try their luck at any of the carnival booths need not be in the five figures a year income bracket. Admission to those attending will be only a quarter of a dollar excluding high school seniors and their dates, who will be admitted free of charge. During intermission, the winner of the Ugly Man contest will be announced, contrasting the contest held for a Mardi Gras queen last year.

The Mardi Gras is an annual event held at New Orleans on the last few days preceding Lent. It starts on Friday, February 18, this year and ends on Shrove Tuesday. During the period, the people do all the things that Lent restricts. The Mardi Gras is usually a state of merriment and confusion. This atmosphere will prevail at the Behrend Center Mardi Gras.

Heading the production of the Mardi Gras are the advisees of Mr. Hover, instructor of music and language; Mr. Simon, instructor of phys. ed.; and Mr. Thurbon, assistant professor of English. Mr. Simon and Mr. Hover are the consultants for the Mardi Gras this year. The committee heads consist of the following students: Joan Throop, general chairman; Jody Borkowski, chairman of booths; Dot Kaliszewski, chairman of publicity; Jack Rimp, chairman of refreshments; Dennis Polatas, chairman of decorations; and Bob Gornall, chairman of tickets.

A record crowd is expected at the Mardi Gras due to the fact that nearly 1400 invitations and letters have been sent to all high school seniors in and around the Erie area. The evening promises to be one of the grandest social events held at Behrend Center this year. Come one, come all, but come to the Mardi Gras. The Mardi Gras committee has tried very hard to make this evening one of the most memorable affairs a person could possibly experience at Behrend Center.

Booths Lend Atmosphere To Yearly Carnival

By Jane Bastow

The booths for this year's Mardi Gras will be one of the main attractions of the colorful event. Ten booths, donated by the Brookside Fire Department, will be set up for dart games, information and tickets, penny pitch, and most important, a kissing booth. Just who will be in charge of the latter is still a mystery, but the speech clinic and engineer majors will each run one of the concessions. Delicious and decorative cakes baked by the student and faculty women will also be featured as prizes for winners at the cake booth.

The always popular "ring toss" will be a repeat attraction from preceding Mardi Gras' with the usual gorgeous girls presiding. Two chance wheels will be set up and prizes given for the lucky numbers.

The Behrend Center basketball team has consented to construct and tear down the stands as their contribution to the success of the big occasion.

Come with your bag of pennies and Lady Luck on your shoulder to the Mardi Gras. Laughs, jokes, and friendly, festive atmosphere are yours for the taking.

Congratulations!

Recently, a group of students at Behrend Center, comprised mainly of liberal arts and education majors endeavored to gain a passing grade on the English Usage test that is compulsory for all students before the fifth semester at Penn State. The report finally came through from Mr. Stanley Cook, supervisor of English at the Pennsylvania State University, and much to the relief of all concerned, a passing grade was achieved by everyone.

The relieved persons included: Bob Detisch, Frannie Nielsen, Jim Lay, Jack Rimp, Jody Borkowski, Dot Kaliszewski, Jan Jackson, Ed Grossman, Jim Seyboldt, Norma Michael, Howard Tinsman, Bob Yeager, and Bill Maeder.

Anything for the Cause!



Any reader can tell that the Cub was desperate for pictures this time, for shown above, despite her strenuous objections, is Editor Dorothy Kaliszewski peeking from behind her fan to indicate that costumes will be plentiful at the Mardi Gras tomorrow night.

Calling All Vets!

Mrs. Adam would like to remind all vets that the certificates of eligibility must be signed each month, so that checks can be received promptly.