

"Man Who Came to Dinner" Chosen By Drama Club

By John Churchill

Mr. Benjamin A. Lane, faculty advisor and director of the Behrend Center drama group, has started plans moving for the spring play production, which will be "The Man Who Came To Dinner" by George A. Kaufman and Moss Hart. This is a comedy in three acts which played on Broadway in 1939.

The main character, Sheridan Whiteside, is visiting a small mid western town on a lecture tour when he slips on the ice in front of his host's home and is incapacitated. The neighbors rally round to hear the oracle utter gracious words of wit and wisdom. Instead he insults his admirers, bullies his host, swears at his nurse, and makes life generally disagreeable for those forced to associate with him.

He gets people to do as he wills by fair means or foul. When his secretary, Maggie Cutler, wishes to leave him in order to marry a local newspaper editor, he is practically demoniacal. Whiteside, knowing that the editor has written a play which he is anxious to have produced, develops a vicious plot involving an actress, an English lord, and a celebrated mimic.

As plans run now, try outs will be held in the first week of March. A schedule will be posted on the bulletin board, and all those interested in a part should try out. A copy of the play will be put in the library in plenty of time for those interested to read through before trying out. Mr. Lane stresses the fact that many people are needed for technical jobs in all departments.

Detisch Leads Dean's List

The close of the first semester work found twelve of the more fortunate students on the Dean's list. They were: Robert Detisch, 2.94; Harold Schoch, 2.88; Lloyd Brooks, 2.83; Geraldine Guzik, 2.80; Sylvia Haise, 2.77; Victor David, 2.76; Thomas Vieira, 2.63; Charles Agnew, 2.62; Charlotte Flack, 2.60; James Hendershot, 2.59; Ronald Schrimper, 2.50; and James Taylor, 2.50.

Those on the University honor roll include: David Bernella, 2.48; Roberta Johnson, 2.44; Edward Gabriel, 2.41; Howard Tinsman, 2.40; Donald Catlin, 2.38; Donna Cramer, 2.38; Albert Maxson, 2.38; Clifton Merchant, 2.37; Norman Lewis, 2.35; James Culbertson, 2.33; Philip Hazen, 2.31; Gerald Manross, 2.29; Russell Waechter, 2.28; Carlton Bates, 2.25; Nancy Johnston, 2.24; Robert Lemmler, 2.22; Rodney Beals, 2.19; Melvin Waxham, 2.19; Carl Grasier, 2.18; James Bowman, 2.15; Charles Hickin, 2.13; John Jamison, 2.13; David Hawkins, 2.12; Phillip Orlosky, 2.12; Norma Michael, 2.07; John Klinehamer, 2.06; Warren Rose, 2.06; Arthur Carroll, 2.00; Deborah Cookman, 2.00; Margaret Duff, 2.00; Lambert Hartle, 2.00; Ernest Kittka, 2.00; Richard Striker, 2.00. Congratulations to all those who made the "Grade."

Off and On the Campus

By Bill Loell

"Come to the Mardi Gras", oh, such a pleasant song, and such a memorable event! In case the students of Behrend haven't already heard, we remind them not to forget the event on Friday, Feb. 18, 1955. Speaking of the Mardi Gras, there are some pictures of Jack Rimp floating around the campus; seems he was trying on some "real crazy" costumes. I think he should come as "Smoky the bear", but in the pics he looks like a cross between Charlie Chan, and Eric the Red.

The new semester has descended upon us with a loud crash, and much confusion. Jack Fogleboch, Jay Roling, and Don Catlin were sitting in the cafeteria staring at their perplexing schedules, when Don looked up and said, "Hey, I just figured out where I should have been an hour ago." "Oh, well, you can't hardly get them no more." Joining in the mass confusion are many new students. We take time out at this time to welcome Janie Bastow, Jack Abele, Gordon MacMichaels, William Gordon, John Burrows, Nick Cristea, Peter DeDad, Frances Ciccozzie, Randolph Liebau.

Also Robert Renshaw, Robert O'Connor, Gayle Williams, Beverly Chace, Alfred Grimm, Bill Wagner, and Donald Mitchell. Jack Abele, by the way, is a new addition to the Nittany Cub. From the sound of things, "DI" Fagan spent most of her time on the telephone during the vacation. I guess she must have just about paid Jody Borkowski's salary for a couple of weeks.

Vacation time is travel time, and

our students were no exception. Tom Green spent his vacation pleasantly by driving his girl, Nat, back to her school. One of the most unusual trips was taken by Dotty Maxwell, to the hospital. Hope it was nothing serious; probably just an ulcer from final examinations.

Seems like all the forces of man and nature were against Mr. Baker the other morning. His car tires didn't gain any traction on the icy streets; all but one of the streets were blocked off; the bridge at 18th and East Ave. was closed, and then according to Mr. B. every milk truck, garbage truck, bus, and mail truck in the city of Erie was on Buffalo Rd. We hear the price of helicopters is coming down.

Congratulations are in order to the new members of the Dorm council. Four vacant seats are to be filled by student vote. Let's all get out and vote.

Dave Hillman has finally, and I do mean finally, moved into his new home. It's a nice little place located on East 38th St. The word "finally" reminds me—ask Bob Detisch why he may have to change his name to "Finally."

Jim Lay can be seen in the cafeteria every so often trying to make smoke diffuse from one empty coke bottle to another. Ah, these scientific minded people. Another Jim, Seyboldt, that is, turned into a pinocchio whiz at some of the too numerous to mention parties that were held over the vacation. If any one should challenge him, make sure you have an old shirt on, one that you don't mind if you lose.

Philatelists Look Over Albums



Ronnie Thomas Has Fascinating, Inherited Stamp Collecting Hobby

By Charlotte Flack

A stamp album for Christmas back in 1947 started ten years old Ronald Thomas, better known as "Chief", on his way toward stamp collecting. Ron's gift was from his father who had already accumulated a large American collection. Now, eight years later, hours of careful mounting and hard work have gone into his stamp albums.

"Chief's" large collection centers around his special interest of stamps issued by the British Commonwealth for the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Universal Postal Union. Of these, he specializes in issues from Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Egypt, and the British West Indies. For his neat, extensive assemblage of mint issues from these countries, he received second prize ribbons in 1949 and 1954, while winning

first place in 1951. These came from exhibits for the Erie Stamp Club, of which both Ron and his father are members. "Chief" plans to enter his compilation again in the next exhibit.

As a side line from the British colonies, jovial Ron also "eats up" colorful stamps depicting sports. These comprise a beautiful section of his collection. This chemical engineer major estimates his entire group of stamps to be worth several hundred dollars.

Ron comes from Strong Vincent high school where he played water polo. Besides collecting stamps in his spare time, he enjoys reading and most any type of sports.

Stating the benefits of stamp collecting "Chief" said, "Stamps are just like money in the bank—their price increases with age."

So you see, stamp collecting, to Ron and all philatelists, is fun,

B. C. Faculty Wives Hold Successful Get-together Tea

By Diane Fagan

The Behrend Center Association of Faculty Wives and Women presented a very enjoyable tea on Monday, February 7, 1955. The tea afforded a wonderful opportunity for the new girls to become better acquainted with the other co-eds.

The Melodies of Stephen Foster, which were popular during Abraham Lincoln's time, were played by Lib Guerin, and set the theme of the tea. Mrs. Lane gave a welcome speech and introduced Mrs. Falkenhagen, instructor of speech and English at Behrend. In the comfortable surroundings of the Memorial Room, Mrs. Falkenhagen gave an excellent review of Irving Stone's "Love Is Eternal." Her enjoyable review of this story about Mary Todd Lincoln was both interesting and informative.

The table, simply but beautifully set in gleaming silver and candles, carried out the Lincoln theme. A rustic log cabin surrounded by red candles in silver holders made up the centerpiece. Tea and sandwiches were served to round out a memorable evening of entertainment.

The tea was attended by the Misses Natalie Kobasa, Sue Lockley, Diane Fagan, Beverly Chace, Gayle Williams, Jean Ciccozzi, Janie Bastow, Fran Nielsen, Jet Turner, Norma Michael, Donna Cramer, Nancy Johnston, Pat Stocker, Charlotte Flack, Bonnie Champney, Janie Kennedy, Mae Schoch, Venice Ceccacci, Joyce Gouger and Dot Maxwell.

Also in attendance were the faculty wives Mrs. Benjamin Lane, Mrs. David Thurbon, Mrs. Arthur Shields, Mrs. Robert Baker, Mrs. Louis Balmer, Mrs. Milton Simon, Mrs. Max Kaplan, Mrs. Nyla Falkenhagen, Mrs. Ernest Fryer, Mrs. Irvin Kochel, Mrs. Harold Werner, Mrs. Thomas Turnbull, and Mrs. Richards.

OFFICE CHATTER

Congratulations to Mrs. Margaret Stewart, former receptionist at Behrend Center, on the birth of her baby boy. The blessed event took place on Sunday morning, February 6.

With all the new faces around campus, the office is not left out of the picture. Welcome to Mrs. Helen Greene, Mr. Hughes' new secretary who hails formerly from Warren, Pa.

When asked for some news, all that Barbara Dopierala could say was that she was awfully glad registration was over!

And as always at this time of the year, Mrs. Adam starts looking for the first crocus. With all this snow, she's bound to have a long, long wait.

That little machine in the office that has everybody wondering, is nothing less than a recording barometer or scientifically, a barograph. Its function is to record in inches of mercury the atmospheric pressure. At the time that the information was gathered, the pressure was 29 degrees, which is pretty low according to Mr. Shields, instructor of botany and zoology.

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