

Duffy's Opens Swinging Doors Once More

DRAMATIC CLUB TO PRESENT "OUR TOWN"

B. Smith

Under the supervision of Mr. Lane, a group of Behrend Center students have formed a Dramatics Club. The first meeting, held February 29th in the Student Lounge, was well attended. Mr. Lane opened the meeting by telling those present about some of the past dramatic clubs and their problems. When the first play, "Out of the Frying Pan," was presented, barn doors were used for flats. "The Night Must Fall" was the second play presented, followed last year by "The Man Who Came to Dinner."

This year the club decided to present a play written by a noted American Contemporary Playwright, Thornton Wilder. The play selected is "Our Town," which won the Pulitzer Prize in 1937-1938. While discussing the play, Mr. Lane stated that he considered it one of the greatest plays ever written by Americans. The second play being "Mourning Becomes Electra." He continued by saying "Our Town" is a work of art, and presenting it would be good for those participating in the production, for Behrend Center, and for the community because it is about ordinary people. "Our Town" is a very unusual play in that it takes place in its entirety on an empty stage. All during the play the stage manager explains the actions of the actors to the audience. It has proven in the past a very effective and captivating play to audiences all over the country.

To help make the play a success the Dramatics Club must have the cooperation of everyone on the campus. The club members sincerely hope the students and faculty alike will get behind this organization and help make its production a tremendous success.

Off the Office Record

By Jeanette Flory

Mr. Hughes and his wife are expecting a blessed event soon. Mrs. Irvin H. Kochel entertained at a shower in Mrs. Hughes' honor recently. Best wishes from all of us.

Welcome to "Tomi," the new secretary, or Mrs. Robert P. Jones. Most of us have seen her operating the book store. We hope she'll stay with us for a long time.

We all want to welcome Roger Trask, the new history and political science teacher. I know we're a pretty rough bunch, but, honestly, we're not going to attack you, teacher. Mr. Trask graduated from Millcreek High in 1948, and attended Thiel College. He graduated in 1952, went to Penn State from 1952-1954 and obtained his Master's Degree. He taught history at State for one year before coming to Behrend in January. By the way, he got married January 14, 1956! Congratulations, and best wishes from all of us.

Duffy's Darlings



A sneak preview of what you might see along the brass rail at Duffy's Tavern on March 16. These regular customers at Duffy's are from left to right: Marilyn Pringle, Linda Hamer, Laurie Hill, Sue Hansen, Bonnie Hugus, and Laurie Brutout.

Yearbook Now In Preparation

Don McLaughlin

This year Behrend Center will publish its second yearbook. It will cover all school activities from Freshman Week through the prom. The book will be available about the first of August.

The subscription staff has sold more than 125 copies. If you haven't bought your book yet, and would like to, contact one of the following students on the subscription staff: Ed Haight, Jerry Wight, Elaine Deets, Harriet Szatkowski, Bev. Stiver, Nancy Hendershot, Connie Taylor, Laurie Hill, Sue Hansen, or Don McLaughlin.

Just in case you haven't been contacted yet, the second payments are due now. Anyone on the subscription staff will gladly take your money.

The layout staff, under the direction of Linda Hamer, is beginning its work. Other members on the staff are: Madge McKee, Bob Pierce, Nancy Newman, Becky Wilson, Bonnie Hugus, Donna Tokar, Marilyn Buchanich, and Don McLaughlin.

The narrative staff - Jeanette Flory, Anne Marie Pagel, Sylvia Kunkle, and Dot Blazer - will do all the writing.

This year's book will be dedicated to Mr. Turnbull. Laurie Brutout has been chosen to write the dedication.

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTS NEW MEMBERS

With the beginning of a new semester an election for Student Council members was held in Erie Hall. Seven vacancies were filled. The newly elected members are: Jerry Buzza, Mique Brown, Richard Mytinger, Dick Webster, Jim Hendershot, Gene Thomas, and Gerald Platz. The newly elected officers are Pete DeDad, President

Religious Lecture Series Begins

By Bob Pierce

On Monday, March 5, the first of a series of religious lectures took place in Erie Hall when the student body was addressed by Rabbi Randall Falk. His talk centered around the background of the Jewish religion and its development through the centuries. The meeting was the work of the student council, with Connie Taylor serving as chairman of the committee.

Under present plans the committee will hold meetings every two weeks which will be conducted by the various religious leaders in the Erie area. The purpose will be to inform the student of the various faiths represented in our city and to familiarize him with some of the heritage shared by these groups. March 20, the program calls for an address by Roger Sharpe of the First Baptist Church of Erie; and on the April 5, an address on Catholicism by Father Peterson of Gannon College.

In order that every student will have an opportunity to attend the sessions, classes will be dismissed at 1:50 p.m. the days of the lectures. Classes shall assume their regular schedule at 2:35. That the programs shall be of great interest to all members of both the student body and faculty is generally agreed. The committee feels that this is the foundation of a significant branch of campus activity.

and John Mallory, Vice President, with Barbara Bell and Connie Taylor holding their former offices as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. We know that the Student Council, new members and old, will do its best to satisfy the wishes of the student body, and that the students will do all they can to support their Student Council.

Behrend Center Plans Annual Barroom Antics for March 16

The event most looked forward to is almost here. Yes, on March 16, Duffy's Tavern will again open wide its swinging doors. From eight o'clock on there will be fun and frolic for everyone.

Tribute to Mr. Turnbull under Consideration

By Raleigh Chesley

During January Behrend Center suffered a great loss. This was the death of the beloved Professor Thomas Turnbull. Mr. Turnbull passed from Behrend leaving many unseen advances through his advisorship and also through his great knowledge of history. Since his death Behrend has wanted to provide the future students of the Center with some sort of remembrance of one of the great professors around which this campus was built.

The old saying goes, "Give credit where credit is due," and therefore we would like to give credit to Jerry Buzza who brought up the idea of purchasing a plaque along with a photograph which would be preserved in the Memorial Room. This idea was presented to the Student Council and was passed with full approval. The plaque will be purchased as soon as possible.

The staff would also like to give well-deserved credit to Dick Mytinger who suggested naming the classroom building "Turnbull Hall." This idea was approved unanimously by the Student Council and we know that the whole student body will give heart-felt approval. There is still quite a bit of procedure that the plan will have to go through. Mr. Patterson has already presented it to the faculty, and it also was passed with great approval.

Mr. Kochel will do everything in his power to see that this idea passes the Board of Directors at the main campus, making the name of "Turnbull Hall" official.

We all respected and appreciated Mr. Turnbull and would like to see the classroom building named "Turnbull Hall" in memory of him.

Anyone for Astronomy?

One of the least known, but more interesting projects of the school, is the Astronomy Club. The main headquarters of the club is found behind the office building in the observatory.

The meetings consist of observing the heavenly bodies (Jupiter, Nebula, or Orion) or reporting on observed objects. Mr. Baker, the faculty advisor, reports that the 10 inch, reflecting telescope will be in excellent condition by May. It is now being used on clear nights. Although you do not have to be a member to use the instrument, the observatory is closed

Refreshments, under the supervision of Wray Pomeroy, consist of pretzels and beer (root beer, that is). But Lemon is in charge of decorations. The gym will represent a barroom, complete with checkered tablecloths and candles - - maybe even singing waiters.

The price of the tickets has been set at fifty cents. This year there will be an added attraction. Instead of standing on nearby tables and chairs to see the floorshow, couples may reserve front tables for a slight added expense.

Every year the uppermost question in the minds of the audience is who will portray the characters of Finnegan, Miss Duffy, and Archie. Mr. Balmer, the faculty advisor for the event, so successfully played Finnegan, the drunk, last year that he now is wary of barstools because of a few broken ribs, the price he paid for a realistic performance last year.

Behrend Center students and faculty enter wholeheartedly into this yearly event. The result being that there are usually, included in the floorshow, a few student satires on professors, and faculty comments on students. Any Behrend Centerite who has a clever idea about an act for Duffy's may contact Mique Brown or Ron Summerville.

No one can doubt that Duffy's Tavern will be one of the brightest spots on the Behrend calendar for the year. Nor can anyone who attends it ever forget it. Take your best girl and biggest beer mug down to Duffy's on March 16, or just your own mug!

Congratulations

The Nittany Cub Staff, in behalf of all Behrend Center students, extends sincere congratulations to Donald Lynch on his recent marriage to Diane Fagan, a former B. C. student.

We would also like to say Best Wishes to Bob Harris on his engagement to Nora Myers, a pleasant, attractive young waitress at Wendy's Diner.

Good luck to both of you!

when members are not there.

All students, especially engineers, are invited to join. One of the main things that the club is now undertaking is the raising of funds for purchasing new optical aids, particularly eyepieces.

The dome is badly in need of repair and could be the project of members who are not especially interested in the observation.

A main factor of the club is that it requires no dues from its members.