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BEHREND CENTER—Pennsylvania State University

Annual Spring Prom to Be in Erie Hall May 19

B. C. Drama Club Presents

Thornton Wilder's "Our Town"

Play Advisor



Mr. Benjamin A. Lane, Faculty Advisor for the play "Our Town."

by Dick Webster

The Behrend Center Players under the direction of Mr. Benjamin Lane will present "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder on May 7, 8, & 9, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, respectively, in Erie Hall.

The story, which is narrated by the stage manager, portrayed by Ronald Thomas, is about ordinary people who lead an ordinary life in an ordinary town.

"In the first act the author genially outlines the history of the town, which is Grover's Corners, N. H., and something of the characters of its citizens. Then he carries one into the houses of the

Gibbs and Webb families, substantial homes containing substantial folks. One arrives at breakfast time and is carried through one entire day in the lives of these good people.

"The second act concerns the love affair between young George Gibbs and little Emily Webb. This culminates in a moving wedding scene, which contains all those elements of poignant sorrow and abundant happiness that makes for solemnity and impressiveness.

"In the third act we are led to the cemetery on the hill, which many of the townspeople have come to know so well are patiently and smilingly awaiting not "judgment" but greater understanding. Into their midst is led the bride, a little timid at first, a little wishful to go back to life, to live again with her memories. But she is shown how impossible, how futile it is to return.

The past cannot be relived. Living people, humans, occupied with their petty occupations and small thoughts, know little of true joy or happiness. Truth is to be found only in the future."

The play direction is handled with the very capable assistance of Laurel Brutout, and the many committees of students have gathered props and costumes, built scenery and done countless other things.

The Behrend Thespians have worked long hours to make this first dramatic adventure of 1956 a huge success. It is certain to offer a memorable evening of relaxing enjoyment, pleasure, and entertainment to all who attend.

Quoted material is the preface by Thornton Wilder in the play book of "Our Town."

Science Teachers' Workshop Held

Maurice Kolpein, Erie county superintendent of schools, served as chairman for Behrend Center's fifth annual Science Teachers Workshop recently, on the local college grounds. All teachers in the science field from the Erie area and other interested persons were invited to attend, according to Louis Balmer, chemistry professor at the Center and co-ordinator of the program.

At 3:00 the workshop got under way with a keynote address by Dr. A. H. Croup, mgr. of laboratories of the Hammermill Paper Co., on the subject "Science and Industry."

"Science Institutes for High School Teachers" was discussed at 3:45 by W. H. Powers, director of arts and science extension for the Pennsylvania State University.

Panel sessions began at 4:15 with biological science, physics,

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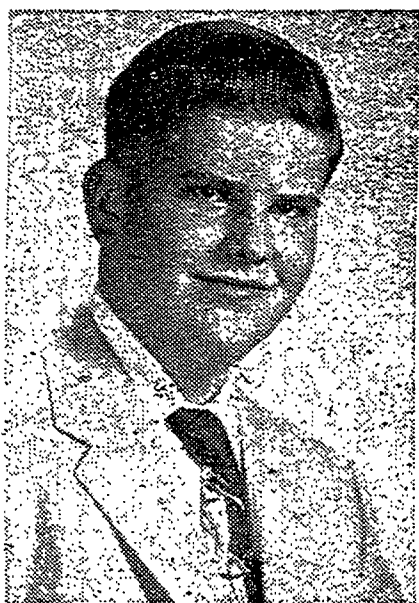
Mrs. Behrend to Visit Center Soon

Every spring, Mrs. Mary B. Behrend, benefactress and founder of Behrend Center makes her annual visit to the campus. At that time she enjoys speaking to the students in assembly, pointing out some of the history of the center, meeting many of the students and talking with them. Her visit this year will be sometime in May although the actual date has not been decided upon, partly due to the fact that this fall Mrs. Behrend made an extensive trip in Europe and the Scandinavian area. We may expect her speech to include some interesting descriptions on aspects of the trip.

Last year was one of the most important visits, for at that time the model of the Niagara was given to the center by Mrs. Behrend and her brother, Alfred S. Brownell. After many hours of research, Mr. Brownell constructed the model, working with various historical records since no drawings or plans of the original Niagara existed. The ship took 3600 hours to construct and is con-

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Male Lead



Ron Thomas, male lead for the spring Dramatics Club presentation.

Office Chatter

Mr. Kochel and Mrs. Adam are greatly enjoying the trial usage of the new dictation machine.

Mr. Hughes is patiently waiting for a visit from the stork, which should be any day now.

In case you haven't noticed, Mr. Lane and Mr. Hughes are proud owners of new cars. Mr. Hughes has a red Ford station wagon, Mr. Lane, a new Chevrolet.

The office is very glad that Mr. Kochanowicz finally has received his new license plates and has since ceased to haunt the office for that reason.

Barb Dopierala celebrated her birthday on the 20th of this month.

One of the members of the of-

"Dancing in the Dark" Theme of This Year's On-Campus Event

According to the decision of the student council the spring prom for this year will be held on campus in Erie Hall on May 19. Behrend students will be "Dancing in the Dark" to the music of The Blue Knights of Allegheny College. Committees are hard at work planning for the most anxiously anticipated event of the year.

Club Activity Decreases; Why?

What has happened to the many clubs on the campus of Behrend Center? At the beginning of the fall semester, the student body wanted clubs and something to interest them in their spare hours. Now it seems that all club activity has ceased and the clubs have been discontinued.

For successful clubs, members must support them by being loyal and giving up their time and resourcefulness.

It seems that the students have lost their interest and zeal as far as club activity is concerned. Many organizations have not had a meeting since the fall semester ended.

The music club was very successful and it put on several entertainments, but then it just folded under the strain. Music for instance, is necessary to many things, and without it some things seem very hollow. A choir was needed in the Easter cantata, but the members did not respond to the call of the director, practice was not organized; therefore the music episode of the cantata was more or less negligent.

Those who have worked diligently with their respective clubs have been disappointed on numerous occasions because the members did not attend the meetings.

The clubs were organized for one sole purpose, the enjoyment of the students. If they hadn't been organized, many students would have opposed it bitterly and would have condemned Behrend Center. Everyone knows that without active members, clubs cannot continue, so how about it students, support your clubs and be an active member.

Office force has a head start on us by already having her summer vacation planned. Mrs. Adam is now making plans for a trip to Europe this summer. Mrs. Jones has expressed the thought that she will be happy if she will just be able to leave Erie for her summer vacation. Peggy Forbes plans for the summer are not definite, but she is planning to put some mileage on her car next month by taking a trip to Louisville, Kentucky.

Along with many of our students, the office force is suffering spring fever. Their only regret is that they are unable to enjoy the long awaited sunshine and must remain inside.

Apparently all items fit in with the decorating committee's ideas, too, and from the talk around campus there's magic in the air. Our electricians have thought of the idea of winking eyes in the dark as the girls, dressed in their finest spring formals in colorful pastel shades, and fellows in their white dinner jackets and best suits, waltz and glide around the floor.

Mr. Patterson and Mr. Kochanowicz, advisors for the prom, appear to have more up their sleeves in the way of decorating and the like, but the rest of it is definitely hush-hush, this reporter learned.

After questions concerning the location of the prom (off or on campus), the decision was reached that it would be held in Erie Hall on campus.

Committees selected are as follows: Mique Brown, advertising; Barbara Bell, programs and favors; Gene Thomas and Jerry Buzza, tickets; Pete DeDad and John Mallory, service; Connie Taylor and Barbara Bell, refreshments; Dick Webster and Dick Mytinger, decorations; Jim Hendershot and Gerry Platz, clean-up.

Co-chairmen handling tickets . . . Thomas and Buzza . . . have stated that the duets will be on sale shortly. As they put it, "Be sure to get a date, a ticket, and attend the Spring Prom."

The entire prom committee has expressed the hope that as many students as possible will take advantage of this key culminating social activity of the college year.

Student Director



Laurie Brutout, Student Director for Thornton Wilder's famous play.

Yearbook Staff Busy as Beavers

By Don McLaughlin

The layout committee for the yearbook has been hard at work the last few weeks. Linda Hamer, Marilyn Pringle, Judy Young, Bonnie Hugus, Becky Wilson, Madge McKee, and Bob Pierce made up the first sixteen pages of the book.

Mr. Swanson, the representative from the American Standard Yearbook Company, said that this was the most unusual book he had seen this year. He also said that the job was well done.

The next sixteen pages are due May first. Anyone who would like to help with the job should contact Linda Hamer.

The second payments for the yearbook are due May 10. If you haven't been contacted yet, see Sue Hansen or Don McLaughlin.

Anyone who will not be living in the Erie area this summer should sign the list on the bulletin board in the classroom building. The Yearbook will be mailed to the address you post.