

Just Can't Make It Out



What's his name? Can't you read? That seems to be the question pondered by Behrend freshman, Janice MacIver of Erie (left) and B. C. sophomore, John Cipriani (right) of Erie over identification sign of fresh, Dick Riggs, of Union City.

Freshmen Customs - - No Fatalities

By Sara Lewis

Behrend Center's freshmen customs week began September 12, when girls wearing green ribbons, boys wearing black bow ties, and all arrayed in dinks and signs, ventured forth on the campus. Believing that initiation is a vital part of college life, the upper-classmen enthusiastically performed their tasks.

Dinks were doffed in homage to the "Behrend Pine", a spruce tree in disguise. John "Clyde" Beatty wore a sign proclaiming himself as "the most stupid person" on campus, while Herbert Burkee sauntered to classes carrying a sixteen-pound bowling ball. The town crier, Terry Dawdy, became a familiar sight. He not only announced the time of day and "Vote for Cipriani and Thompson," but important things like Gernwallis' surrender.

And what freshman will not remember, in later years, "The Blue and White" without nostalgically recalling how he trudged over the campus singing lustily.

Keeping in mind an important principle of all universities, that is to learn, the students were asked to memorize two plaques: the one on Turnbull Hall and the other on the model of the U. S. Brigg, Niagara. Those who didn't were made members of the exclusive Order of the Red Noses.

Freshmen customs also had their practical side. The freshmen wore signs stating their name, curriculum, and home town, which enabled everyone to become easily acquainted. Free shoe shines were given. Girls, down on their knees, wielded their crinolines industriously to give the sophomores' shoes that "spit and polish" look. An attempt at cleaning up the campus was made. Jill Fritz was given the job of picking the leaves out of the pool.

Kangaroo Court, presided over by Judge Cipriani, climaxed customs. The first to be prosecuted was Terry Herrick. Sophomore Herman Hannah, attorney for the defense, did his best. Terry was

convicted and sentenced to the scalp treatment, an invigorating massage with whipped cream, molasses, and oatmeal. The august jury, composed of Dale Thompkins, Frank Rote, and Dick Januleski, passed many verdicts that day. Among these convicted were Lavern Tingley, Karl Boyer, Bob Nelson, Joe Kaliszewski, Roger Lansberry, Eddie Tinsman, Ron Raymond, Dick Walko, Dave Miller, and more. All were sentenced to marshmallow-molasses shampoos, or bombardment with cream pies or raw eggs.

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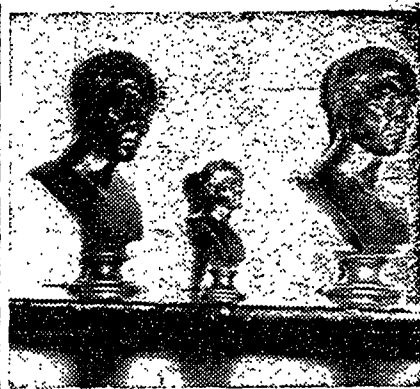
By The Editors

Once upon a piano, there rested three cousins, Eine, Kleine, and Nachtmusik, who were the guardian spirits of the Behrend Center Memorial Room. The three guardians silently watched with their slanty eyes and strained to hear with their dust-filled ears all that took place at the tea parties, meetings, and conferences in the Memorial Room.

But one peaceful night when the alpha, beta, and gamma rays combined with the correct number of macromolecules of the dust particles in the room. Eine, Kleine, and Nachtmusik burst through the fourth dimension into reality and into campus life. No longer were the spirits silent, hard of hearing, or immobile. For a minute after the miracle had happened, the three turned and looked at each other. Then Kleine spoke. "Yeah, man, this place sure does hang way out." "Kleine," Nacht howled back, "please watch your selection of words in expressing yourself."

Well, the three guardians, thrilled by their new speech powers, talked through most of the night and finally fell off to sleep at 4 a.m. A few hours later, the thuds of the dorm boys tumbling out of bed rocked Eine, Kleine, and Nachtmusik so that they fell from their bases and onto the floor. "Goodness," cried Eine. "This will not do," said Nachtmusik. "Let's fall into the outside," said Kleine. And they did.

Once outside the Memorial Room, Eine, Kleine and Nachtmusik began to wander about the campus. They hopped first to the tennis courts, but had to leave soon because Kleine slipped over



Eine, Kleine and Nachtmusik

an old tennis ball and tangled himself in the net. Next the library was visited, but it was too noisy for Nachtmusik's sensitive new ears.

In the classroom building, the three stopped for most of the day. Kleine enjoyed History 21 class the most because he knew the songs so well. Only the pounding and hammering above his head were able to drown out his voice.

From the classrooms the three bounded to Erie Hall and much confusion. Little white balls flew from the tables at Eine; big black balls were rolled down a shiny floor at Nacht, and a number of colored balls chased Kleine around a soft green table.

After adventuring throughout Erie Hall, Eine, Kleine, and Nachtmusik hobbled towards the parking lot. There they slid in the mud and darted between monstrous wheeled machines.

"Let us go back to our peaceful corners on the piano," the three of them thought, but not one dared to say it, lest the others call him a coward.

Evening was subtly beginning to fall. Nachtmusik suggested that they go to the pool to wash off the mud. After all, who ever saw muddy guardian spirits. The pool water was cold, the air was cold, and Eine, Kleine, and Nachtmusik were cold. The three ran to their old places on the piano in the Memorial Room.

Suddenly the macromolecules of the dust particles began to split with the alpha, beta, and gamma rays. Kleine found it difficult to speak. Nachtmusik couldn't hear very well. But the three managed to give one last sentence before they were once more quieted forever. "Man, this place hangs out all over."

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