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Sno Ball Dance Slated for December 14

Lane Outdoes Dickens In "Christmas Carol"

On Thursday morning, December 19, at 10:00 a. m. the curtain will rise in Erie Hall on the third annual Christmas play. This year the play is the well-known story by Charles Dickens entitled "A Christmas Carol." The entire production is under the direction of Benjamin Lane, dean of students, who has produced many other plays, such as "Our Town" and "Angel Street" on the Behrend campus.

The story, as many of you know, is about a miserly character named Ebenezer Scrooge who falls asleep on Christmas Eve. His partner, Marley, who has been dead for seven years, comes to him bound in ghostly chains and warns him that he will be visited by three ghosts — the Ghost of Christmas past, of Christmas present, and of Christmas yet to come. The ghosts do appear, and each one tells him of his wrongdoings and what will happen to him if he continues his evil ways. When the last ghost shows him his gravestone, he displays great fear and begs for one more chance, only to find it was only a dream. He then exhibits great joy and happiness and sets out on Christmas day to bless those whom he has neglected and abused. It is a short but meaningful play, and one that every student will certainly enjoy.

The cast is as follows:
 Tony Krainski—Ebenezer Scrooge
 Bob Hilgendorf—Marley
 Frank Hurson—young Scrooge
 Bob Scott — Scrooge's nephew, Fred.
 Bill Curtis—the Collector
 Evelyn Bernhard—spirit of Christmas
 Sandy David—the young girl and ghost of Christmas Yet to Come
 Fred Faulk—Bob Cratchit
 Carole Lazarus — Bob Cratchit's wife
 Edie Tinsman—Ghost of Christmas Past
 Janet Warren—Ghost of Christmas present
 The stage lighting will be handled by Jim Turner assisted by Chuck Bail. The wardrobe is being assembled by Mrs. Lucille Gardner.

Variety Show Presented

The American Junior Red Cross sponsored a variety show which was presented at Gannondale on Sunday, December 8.

Ollie Sexton was master of ceremonies of the show which included talent from Gannon, Edinboro, Villa Maria, Mercyhurst and Behrend Center.

Participants from Behrend were Janet Warren who put on a comedy skit; Evelyn Bernhard and Carole Lazarus who led the group in the singing of Christmas carols; and Ollie Sexton.

Behrend Center Engineers Plan Ahead

If you look in on the E. E. lab any Thursday at 1:20, an interesting sight will greet your eyes. Members of the Behrend Center Engineers' Organization are busy at work. Some are practicing Morse code and reviewing radio theory in preparation for FCC Amateur Radio Operator examinations; others are ardently studying the principles of rocket propulsion; while the model control group is building equipment for the radio control of model boats and planes, and the high-fidelity contingent is at work in Erie Hall installing a complete, professionally planned sound system.

This rapidly advancing organization is composed of four clubs, previously described, with their respective chairmen: Noel Ripley, Bob Jones, Ray Griffen, and Dick Stenta. Each member has the opportunity to join the club most suited to his interests and hobbies. New clubs, representing any phase of engineering, may be formed.

The objective of the Radio Operator Club is to establish a complete amateur radio station which will be capable of contacting most any part of the earth.

In addition to weekly meetings in the E. E. lab, a business meeting is held during the first week of each month. Outside speakers are scheduled for these meetings, and many interesting contacts are expected to be made.

With faculty advisors, Robert Baker and Herb Bair, engineering professors and Benjamin Lane, dean of students, the organization is planning ahead to study and utilize the latest scientific developments at Behrend Center.

How's That For Size?



Not the Behrend Pine, men! The chairmen of the Sno Ball are eyeing up the trees on campus to find one the proper size for the revolving tree in the center of Erie Hall. L. to R.: Frank Rote, Dave Fitch, Bob Hilgendorf, Ron Cooper, Norm Thomas, and John Cipriani.

FACULTY FLASHES

Stork arrives! Judy Thurbon, wife of David Thurbon, instructor of English, gave birth to a nine pound six ounce girl recently. Right now, Shawn is being forced to take a back seat while Debbie Lynn takes over the house. Congratulations to the lucky parents!

The same week-end that Debbie Lynn Thurbon was born, Lester Richards, professor of engineering, became a grandfather for the sixth time; and Margarita Filer, librarian and English instructor, became an aunt.

Several weeks ago, Nyla Falkenhagen, speech and English in-

structor, officiated as one of the judges in the "Voice of Democracy" contest sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce for high school students throughout the area.

Margarita Filer was a member of Katherine Colegrove's wedding recently. She also had the distinction of catching the bride's bouquet. When is the date Miss Filer?

While most of our teachers were here in Erie carving their Thanksgiving turkey, William A. Hover, professor of romance languages, was in Cincinnati, and Dr. Elizabeth Smith, assistant professor of botany, was in Tennessee.

Robert C. Baker, professor of engineering, was called to jury duty on December 2.

With the big Christmas holidays coming soon, everyone has been buzzing about vacations, but the most spectacular week being planned is by Joseph Vigorito, instructor of economics and accounting. Mr. Vigorito plans to spend his vacation in Venezuela, which is the reason he has been taking Spanish lessons from William Hover. Have an enjoyable vacation, Mr. Vigorito!

The dance is free to all Behrend students and their dates.

Glittering Tree Highlights Scheme Of Sno Ball

Behrend's annual semi-formal Christmas dance, the Sno Ball, sponsored by the engineering students, will be held in Erie Hall, Saturday, December 14, from 9-12. Music will be provided by Sammy Richard's orchestra. The preparation for this event is in full swing under the direction of Robert C. Baker, professor of engineering, Harold D. Werner, professor of engineering, and Herbert F. Bair, instructor of engineering. Student chairmen chosen to head the various committees are Frank Rote, general chairman; Robert Hilgendorf co-chairman; Norm Thomas, decorations; Dave Fitch, refreshments; John Cipriani, entertainment; and Guy Braugher, special service.

The decoration scheme is highlighted by a revolving Christmas tree in the center of the dance floor. Other traditional trimmings such as holly and mistletoe will add to the festive scene.

A combined choral group, composed of the Glee Club and Chorus will provide for the intermission entertainment.

Those students working under the direction of the faculty advisors and student chairman include: Lea Moses, Sandy David, Evelyn Bernhard, Carole Lazarus, Walter Detrie, Neil Hornaman, Paul McQueeney, Bill Murray, Joseph Rupczewski, Donald Shuller, James Swarm, David Thelin, Bill Ames, Milt Bryant, Burl Henry, Richard Maloney, Elkon Neil, Tony Ozechoski, Keith Shade, Francis Jarmolowicz, Richard Johnson, Daniel Kroh, Dave Miller, John O'Conner, Robert Pius, William Quigley, Francis Samson, Rodney Stephenson, Roger Clivvennoi, Ronald Cooper, William Walter, Nick Cummings, Robert Nelson, Charles Curtis, William Etzel, Roger Hill, Merle Fleming, Donald Graybill, David Gusky, and Leslie Hawley.

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Teacups Tilted At Faculty Women and Wives' Tea

On December 15, at 2:00 p. m., the Faculty Women and Wives will sponsor their annual Christmas Tea for the Behrend co-eds and their mothers.

Lucille Gardner will act as mistress of ceremonies for the program which will consist of the reading of a Christmas story by Nyla Falkenhagen, speech by instructor, a poem by Sandy David and the singing of several Christmas numbers by the Girls' Chorus.

Each guest will receive a small Christmas favor as a remembrance.

The office staff and the wives of the Advisory Board members are also invited.

'My Name Is On That Tombstone!'



Scrooge gazes, horrified, at the stone bearing his name while the Ghost of Christmas yet to come adds to his terror. L. to R.: Edie Tinsman, Sandra David, and Tony Krainski.

Hanging Of The Greens Held December 11

The annual Hanging of the Greens ceremony was held recently in the Wintergreen Gorge Cemetery chapel.

As in previous years, Benjamin Lane, dean of students, delivered a stirring Christmas message which conveyed to all the Christmas Spirit.

John Cipriani, Student Council president, hung the traditional evergreen wreath in the Behrend Chapel.

The program was completed by the singing of Christmas carols by the combined Glee Club and Girls' Chorus.