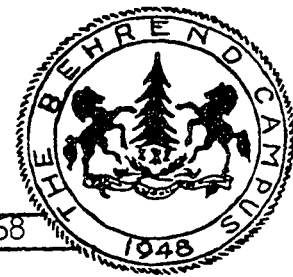




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ICARUS



IS COMING SOON

Out of the world of Greek mythology come two interesting figures in the form of Daedalus and his son, Icarus. It seems that these two men migrated from Athens to Crete after Daedalus managed to become jealous and subsequently murdered one of his pupils. (He was an architect and a sculptor.) Once they arrived in Crete they made quick work of offending the king and found themselves thrown in jail. Now, understandably, they did not go for the jail scene in a big way and plotted their escape. Daedalus went to work and contrived two pair of wings made out of wax (probably from the seats of his fan mail) and feathers, (from their pillows, no doubt) (Mythological heroes are very practical.) and the two of them took off for Sicily at the first streak of dawn. They were flying with ease until Icarus's curiosity got the best of him, and against his father's better judgement he flew up to get a closer look at the sun. This idol searching proved to be his doom, however, because it did not take long for the sun to melt the wax on his wings. Icarus was last seen falling into the sea, wax dripping from his feathered wings.

At this point you are probably wondering what all this has to do with a literary contest. Possibly you can identify with our poor Icarus if you think abstractly for just a moment.

How many times have you tried to do something and have failed? How many times have you attempted something against your parents' wishes, only to get stung? But the point is that you do not give up.

The power of youth is the ability to pick themselves up after failing, and start again. No matter how many times youth "falls into the sea" they have the stamina and the determination to swim for shore and help.

How many times have you been very moved by some force or felt strongly about an idea, belief or just had something to say, but never wrote it down because you feared it would be inadequate or unworthy? The Behrend Campus publishes a magazine for people who feel just like you. It is called Icarus because it is for people who have tried and failed many times, but still have the determination to try again. The contents of Icarus are ideas, thoughts and feelings of everyday Behrendites, often written in everyday language, for the common reader.

Write down your opinions and ideas, and submit them to Mr. Turner or Eileen Bowden for entrance into the first annual tri-college judging contest. Winners will receive their prizes at the Honors and Awards Banquet in June. Winning literary pieces will be published in Icarus.