

Liner Notes

DAT recording bill to reach Congress

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Several Congressmen will introduce a new bill to the House of Representatives this week dealing with the controversial home taping of DAT (digital audio tape) recordings. The bill is expected to require use of a "Serial Copy Management System" which would permit DAT recorders to copy first generation digital recordings but prevent the taping of previously copied material.

While this proposed bill hints of an agreement between DAT manufacturers and music publishers, more steps will have to be taken before music fans can relish in the unequalled quality of DAT recordings. The bill does not provide for royalties on blank tapes and recording equipment, the area which originally led music publishers to block DAT sales.

- British tabloids have reported that Rolling Stone Bill Wyman's marriage to 19-year-old Mandy Smith is about to end. Reports in the U.S. have even claimed that legal papers have been filed. Smith, who could not tour with the 52-year-old bassist because of an illness, has spent only eight weeks with Wyman since their marriage nine months ago.

- Former president Ronald Reagan has agreed to appear in a film about former White House press secretary James Brady, who was shot during Reagan's 1981 assassination attempt.

- Muscleman Arnold Schwarzenegger will reunite with Linda Hamilton, star of the canceled CBS series *Beauty and the Beast*, to film *Terminator II*. Work on the project will begin in September.

- Saturday Night Live* star Dennis Miller has negotiated a contract to develop original programs beyond his work with the comedy show.

- Lee Atwater, chairman of the Republican National Committee, has announced plans for recording an album. Titled *Red, Hot and Blue*, the release will include performances by B.B. King, Billy Preston, and Sam Moore of Sam and Dave fame. That's enough to make me almost want to be a democrat.

- Members of the band Van

Halen will open a restaurant/nightclub -called the Cabo Wabo Cantina- on April 14. The club, which is named after a track on the band's *OU812* album, is located in Cabo San Luca, Mexico.

- Former TV host Morton Downey Jr. will play a video journalist in the upcoming *Predator II*. Danny Glover and Gary Busey have also arranged to work on the sequel to the 1987 hit.

- Offers for David Geffen's record company have reached a rumored \$800 million.

- Edie Brickell and New Bohemians' version of Bob Dylan's "A Hard Rain's Gonna Fall" has not been the only cover version the band has recorded for recent film soundtracks; the group also performed Lou Reed's "Walk on the Wild Side" for the soundtrack to the film *Flashback*.

- Actor Lou Diamond Phillips (*La Bamba*) is recovering from surgery on an elbow broken during filming for *Young Guns 2*. The accident happened Friday when the horse Phillips was riding was frightened by gunshots. The actor's foot was caught in a stirrup, and he was dragged about 50 yards.

- Guitarist Steve Vai is set to release *Passion and Warfare*, a 14-track instrumental collection of solo material.

- Cartoon hero Bart Simpson of the Fox TV show *The Simpsons* will climb from the screen and enter toy stores if current plans for a Bart doll hold up. The talking figure will reiterate samples of the character's preferred sayings. One notable absence, however, will be the phrase "I'm Bart Simpson, who the hell are you?"

The popular character was created by Matt Groening, who is also the creator of the comic strip *Life in Hell* (see this page).

- People* magazine recently reported that Ivana Trump "changed her nail color, after seven years of bright red, to burnished coral." Who really gives a damn about the habits of a woman who hasn't bothered to change the color of her nails in seven years anyway? Certainly not I.

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Behrend students set to take stage with new play

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The Behrend Matchbox Players will open their spring production, *The Course Acting Show*, in six days. According to actress Jennifer Laughner, this show is quite different from last semester's production of *Talk Radio*.

Laughner said that at the beginning of the semester she thought comedy would be a lot easier than the dramatic style of *Talk Radio*. After preparing for the production, however, she found out differently. The actors and actresses must control their own laughter or it will detract from the humor of the play and rob the audience of full enjoyment.

The Course Acting Show began as a book by Michael Green about all the problems that plagued the amateur dramatic society in England. After writing the book, Green decided to write plays that demonstrated the problems he spoke of in his book. His plays became big hits

and prompted him to continue writing in this manner.

The Course Acting Show will appear at Behrend under the direction of Stephen Buckwald. The play is composed of five short comedies that parody major styles of theater. The first is "Streuth", which deals with the murder mystery.

Heather McKinley, who plays Moira P. Jones, a character trying to act the role of a stage manager, spoke about the show as a whole. "It's not like a normal play, but that's what makes it funny," she commented.

Following this, "The Cherry Sisters" pokes fun at the style of the playwright Chekhov's "Cherry Orchard" and "The Three Sisters." Thirdly, a variation of Shakespeare will be performed in "All's Well That Ends As You Like It." Next, "The Last Call For Breakfast" touches on the avant-garde, non-story telling type of theater.

Finally, "A Fish In Her Kettle" will parody the French farce. Actress Jennifer Laughner, who plays Heloise Perawythe,

said that this act, in her opinion, is the funniest and a personal favorite.

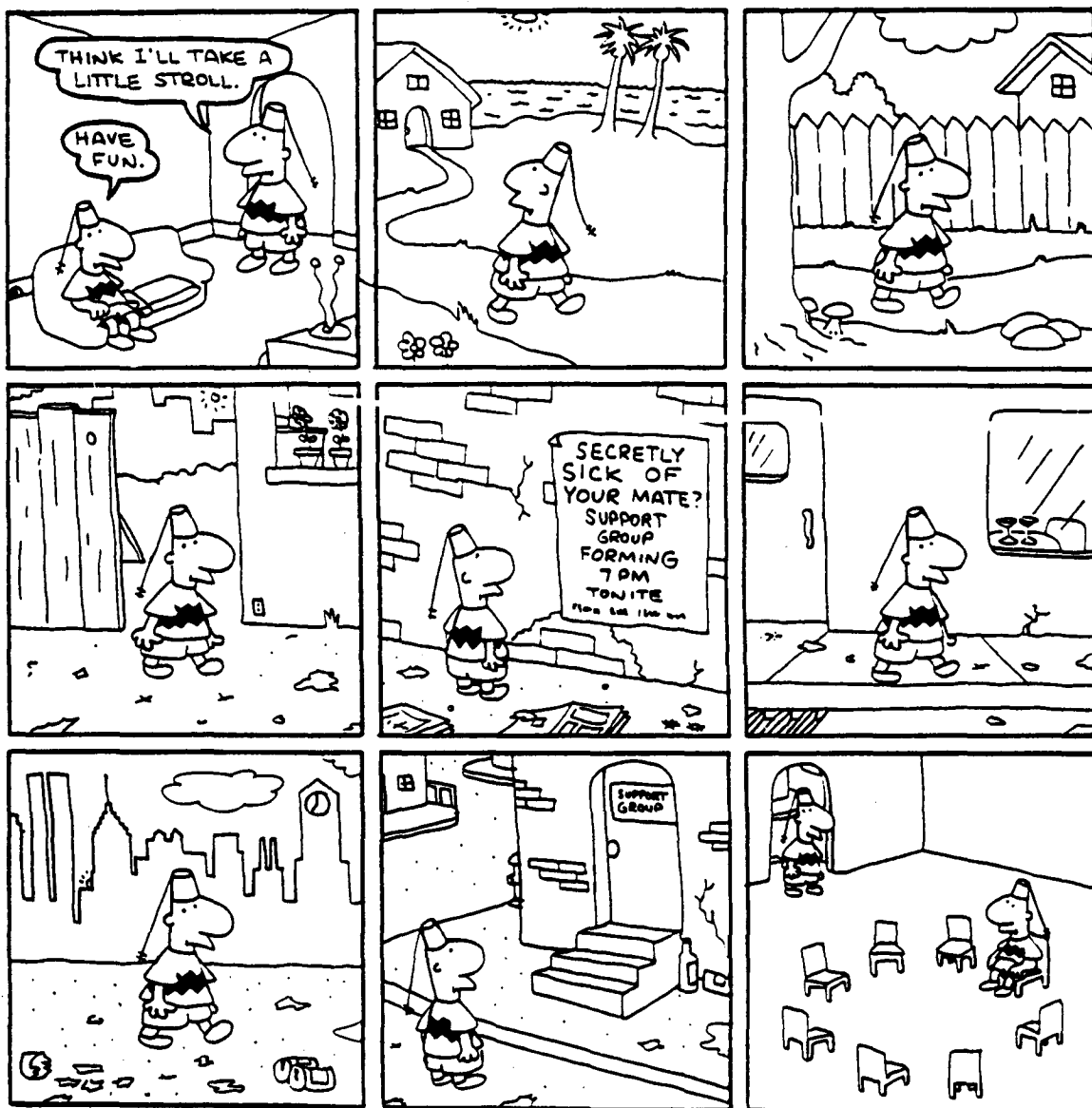
According to Buckwald, "It's just something for a lot of fun." He explains that this show should interest everyone on the Behrend campus. Furthermore, he described the show as containing a lot of "slapstick," and at various moments during the performance "both the character and actor himself shine through."

Actor Patrick Head, who performs in the first three comedies, is new to the Behrend theater this semester. "It's a constant challenge, but I feel that after working with such a great crew and cast, I will benefit as an aspiring actor," he explains.

The show opens March 27 at 8:00 PM and will run until April 8. Ticket prices are \$3.50 for students and \$5.00 for the general public. For additional information contact Norma Hartner at 898-6331.

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A recent *Collegian* poll found that 9 out of 10 NFL defensive linemen would read John Musser's *Sporting View* each week in the *Collegian* if in fact they could read.