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PRESIDENT GATES ADDRESSES SENATE

Calling for more direct and intimate contact between students and administration, Dr. Edward Gates, President of Beaver College, kicked off his annual State-of-the-College address to the Beaver Student Government Organization Tuesday afternoon. Ironically, Dr. Gates was a last-minute replacement for Maintenance Director Jon West, who was originally scheduled to appear before being dispatched to New Jersey to handle some emergency

college concerns.

But despite the last-minute invitation, Gates was in fine form as he joked with the senators, discussed the college's enrollment and financial status and then fielded questions from the floor.

"Our college is in a continuing process of change," Gates told the Senate. "We have many problems, as all small private institutions do, but we're always moving forward." Dr. Gates noted that

Beaver now serves almost 3,000 full and part-time students, as opposed to only 800 in 1968. He attributed the dramatic increase to the inception of the evening college, graduate program and accelerated continuing education program.

"The number of traditional aged (18-22) students is on a steady decline," Gates noted, "so we have to shift some emphasis to the older, non-traditional aged students." "But," he added, "the heart of

Beaver College will always be with traditional aged, full-time students."

When it came time to field questions, Gates appeared ready for the barrage of queries concerning the Maintenance Dept. And as was expected, most of the questions posed by senators and visitors revolved around the maintenance problems at Beaver. Gates admitted that maintenance is one of the most crucial problems for the college, "especially deferred maintenance. We're finding it very, very difficult to get caught up with all that needs to be fixed," Gates added.

The senators seemed please that Gates did not evade the issue. "It's a hard fact of life, this maintenance thing, but the problem is with us and we have to tackle it head on," Gates said, firmly. "Perhaps in the past, we might have made budget cuts in the wrong places. We've obviously short-changed the Maintenance Department." Gates estimated that it would cost Beaver College nearly half-a-million dollars to catch up on all the deferred maintenance that has been put off or ignored for so long.

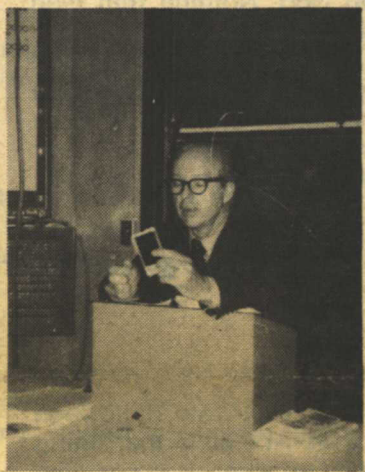
"We operate on a budget of eight million dollars a year,"

Dr. Gates explained. "We're doing all that we can right now to simply balance the budget." Gates added that any additional funds for maintenance repairs would have to come in the form of donations and gifts.

The toughest critics of college conditions were senators Art Walters and Pumpkin Allen, both of whom complained of bathroom conditions and general maintenance needs in Dilworth Hall. Gates responded by having S.G.O. Vice-President Sherry Herring draft a list of senators complaints, to be forwarded to Dr. Gates for immediate action.

But it was Senator Ellen Greenspan who had the biggest impact on President Gates, when she presented to him a series of photographs of an overflowing garbage chute in Heinz Hall, an overflow that resulted in ants and garbage littering the hall. Gates seemed appalled at the conditions and vowed "to work on this right away."

Gates promised that the complaints would not be ignored or forgotten. "Your concerns are our concerns," the college president concluded.



The Many Faces of Dr. Edward Gates: Some Opening Remarks...Viewing The Evidence...And Taking On Questioners.

"Madwoman of Chaillot" Gets Mixed Review

By Mike Kirby

If one were to properly label last weekend's Theatre Playshop production of "The Madwoman of Chaillot," the correct term would be "hectic." And that, I fear, is where most of its problems lay. It resembled more of a mish-mash of vaudeville, burlesque, and comic melodrama put together at the spur of the moment.

But, lest I sound too negative here, the show definitely had a plethora of good qualities. Renee Aldrich is slowly emerging as one of the finest, most versatile talents ever to grace the Beaver stage. She was superb in her role of the Madwoman, since she is at her best playing prim but comical characters. Trudy Berkowitz also displayed a fine knack for comic performance in her role as Constance. She refreshingly did away with her tired Barbara Streisand routine and the audience saw a talented side of Trudy that had previously been overshadowed.

Among the major male roles, both Ronn Tombaugh and Jim Kahn were lively and

boisterous in their portrayals of unscrupulous double-dealing businessmen. Nick Defino, who played the under-handed prospector, looked the part but did nothing more. Michael Lindht was his usual outrageous self but unwisely played the Ragpicker in almost exactly the same fashion in which he did Malvolio in last Spring's "Twelfth Night." The rolling eyes, the loud, moaning inflections all sounded like a carbon copy. The same affliction befell Pete Taraschi, who also duplicated his style of "Twelfth Night" with wide-eyed, little boy innocence. It was nice, but it's all old hat now.

On a more positive note, the four-star acting performance for "The Madwoman of Chaillot" belonged to Janice (Pumpkin) Allen, who frequently had the audience in stitches with her bit as the harried police sergeant. She came off as a female Flip Wilson in a cop's uniform, with her soulful struts and sassy back-talk. Pumpkin's "funky" stage presence and refreshing style ought to make her a favorite in future

playshop productions.

Another bonus occurred during the Friday night performance when professional juggler Jay Green teamed with his daughter Lisa Sappin (a Beaver student). The pair electrified the crowd with some first-rate juggling and capped off their portion of the show with a stylish flame-swallowing routine that had the crowd mesmerized.

So "The Madwoman of Chaillot" gets mixed reviews. The story itself was humorous, the acting competent, the sets and lighting creative. But the whole production could have been shortened by half-an-hour and nothing would have been lost. Director Rosary O'Neill did her usual excellent job, but she could have tossed out a lot of the excess baggage (the deaf mute, the hookers, the drawn-out dance numbers, and Peter Kent's inappropriate song). Then we might have been able to more thoroughly enjoy what author Jean Giraudoux had intended to be an experience in which the viewer "gets in touch with a living soul."

The Beaver Health Center:

What You're Covered For

By Judy York

With the cold of winter soon approaching and with many colds and flues coming with it, **The Beaver News** interviewed Mrs. Marcella Wall, one of the nurses at the Health Center, to clear up some popular misconceptions surrounding the Health Center.

Some students had complaints about the drugs which the nurses distribute, but Mrs. Wall explained that "the only medications given out are mild doses of drugs for nausea, vomiting, and menstrual cramps. Most of these are only given out after the student has seen the doctor and has received instructions from him." If any other medications are needed, they are ordered from Limekiln Pharmacy. Students must pay for these medicines in addition to any labwork which must be done.

Staying overnight in the Health Center is free. So are

any medications coming directly from the Center. These privileges are covered by the activity fee each student pays along with tuition. Gale DiGiorgio, Director of Student Affairs, said that twenty-five dollars of the fee goes directly to the Health Center to cover the operating costs. These include the medical staff salaries, laundry, office supplies, and other miscellaneous expenses.

"The most important thing to remember is to ask the doctor questions if you don't understand the instructions given," added Mrs. Wall. She further stated that a problem with many students is remembering the instructions for medication once they return to their dorm. So, ask questions when you come to the Health Center and remember that the Health Center is there for you to use. If you're feeling down, there is always a place for you at the Health Center.



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EDITORIALS

Within any ordered society, such as Beaver College, there are always pertinent and effective mores established out of the need for proper ethics and stability. But the Beaver College Honor Code is not among those campus mores. In actuality, the Honor Code is little more than a laughing stock among many students. Professors, more often than not, play along with the ruse and weakly enforce it. Some ignore the code completely. The issue at hand is not whether there ought to be an honor code. Most would agree that there should be, especially in light of the fact that a recent study at Penn indicated almost 40% of the students there have cheated. The problem for Beaver College is that the Honor Code in its present form is ineffective and potentially harmful to the innocent. For example, according to Beaver's code, a person who fails to bring up a suspected cheater on charges is just as guilty as the cheater himself. That sort of rule is tantamount to saying that if you fail to rat on a pal, the school will burn you instead of him. Now assuming that Beaver is no different than any other college, at least a third of the students probably have cheated here at one time or another. Yet, only one cheating case was brought to Judicial Board during all of last year. In other words, the Honor Code was applied one time, by one student, over the course of an eight month school year involving some 700 students. So how seriously can anyone be expected to take our hallowed Honor Code? The Beaver College S.G.O. has taken the initial step towards solving this problem with the imminent formation of an ad-hoc committee to investigate viable alternatives to the present code. We wish the committee well, because at this point, it's easier to cheat here than it is to get a parking space.

M. K.

Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

The following is addressed to John Holton and is in response to Holton's Corner of October 18.

It is beyond me how John (the prime candidate for the Gap's "nerd of the year") can possibly consider his column above editing.

John wrote that "Bruce Silverstein was whimpering that his article had been edited," when, in fact, the situation was quite the opposite. Two weeks ago, after the release of *The Beaver News*, I entered the Day Student Lounge and found John huddled in the corner sucking his thumb and crying. I approached him and asked what the problem was. He wiped his eyes and slowly ceased snivelling. Then he explained in a professorial tone that he was extremely upset that Kirby had the nerve to edit his five page copy which he had submitted for publication. (After all who's Kirby, a mere Editor-in-Chief, to go and edit John Holton's column?)

If John can be so ridiculous as to expect his five page column to be printed, he is sicker than I had figured. I have had my articles edited in the past and will continue to have them edited in the future. However dissatisfied I may be, I can do nothing about it, because once I turn in an article, I leave it to Kirby to decide what will be printed (that is the job of the Editor).

In conclusion, I would like to state that I do not appreciate being described as "whimpering," especially be a wimp such as John.

Sincerely,
 Bruce L. Silverstein

Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

John Holton's attempt to ridicule the Sunday morning religious programs contained a number of interesting observations, some pertinent to his criticism, some irrelevant to it, and some as unsupported and illogical as he asserts the religious claims are.

Perhaps Mr. Holton has missed the purpose of these programs while being relieved of his boredom and amused by them. I, at least, was not aware that they were being produced with the intent to provide a rigorous defense of Christian doctrine. Rather, these TV preachers are encouraging and exhorting those who already believe in Christ for their salvation and are seeking support and teaching of their faith.

Now what Mr. Holton has observed and pointed out so succinctly is that one's conclusion is based on and determined by the premises that one accepts as true. And why should anyone's whims, excuse me, I mean presuppositions or premises, be accepted as true and someone else's premises as not true? Mr. Holton appeals to the hard truth of logic and rationality. Who's logic and rational? Man is logic and rational, of course. But doesn't that leave us on somewhat shaky ground? Logic and rationality are the work of Man but we have no "rational" basis for choosing to believe man's works as true rather than false. Majority opinion has been wrong too often to appeal to consensus for a final decision. If man is the final arbiter of truth, then there is no truth.

Since that is obviously true, we must have some firm basis for not only truth but logic and rationality as well. We do indeed have that in the self-revelation of the self-authenticating, infinite, personal God. Nothing that man can do or say can refute that, for to refute that is to deny the existence of truth, logic, rationality, purpose, and meaning. At most, man can deny God's existence and live in a spiritual vacuum (see Ps. 14:1 and Rom. 1:18ff). Even then, man lives by God's grace and can seek and find truth only because he lives in God's creation and is made in God's image.

Sincerely,
 George Sanders
 Beaver Staff

To the Editor:

We would like to invite everyone to celebrate Halloween with us on Wednesday, October 31st. At 6:30 in the Dining Hall, there will be costume judging, so wear your costume to dinner. Judges this year will be Drs. Hearn and Matthews, Jack Davis, Gale DiGiorgio, and Benny Tate. After the judging, the evening continues with the showing of *The Wizard of Oz* in Stiteler at 8:00 P.M.

Hope to see you there.

Residence Hall Council

To the Editor:

In response to *The Beaver News* editorial last week, I agree that John West deserves positive recognition for the maintenance work he has done on campus. However, the *News* seems to have overlooked a very important part of the school, Dilworth Hall.

Our dormitory has not been touched by John West's staff in over a year. The bathrooms are literally falling apart. Almost all of the windows in the stairwells are broken and cannot be closed, and the R.A.'s spent the Saturday night before school painting the halls so they would not be ashamed when they met the freshmen and their parents the next day.

The excuse John West gave me for not doing anything in Dilworth was the fact that the dormitory was occupied this summer. Being one of the students living here this summer, I can honestly say that it would have been of little inconvenience to the residents to have people painting the halls or to have a bathroom closed one day for repairs. Now John West is faced with Dilworth having 97% occupancy and a lot of disgusted people.

We have been very patient this semester, but John West is stretching it too far. Why must he wait until he has totally aggravated everyone to do his job?

Sincerely,
 Susan Cocco
 President of Dilworth Hall

To the Editor:

We would like to thank all those who participated in the October 11th Bloodmobile. Seventy-three pints of blood were collected from the 93 people who signed up.

Thank you once more and we hope to see you all again in the spring.

Sincerely,
 Residence Hall Council

News Shorts

Can a person be perfectly at home with the data of science and still have a serious positive opinion about Christianity? Do we learn from the history of conflicts between science and the church? Basic principles will be presented for the consideration and evaluation of those present when Dr. Frank Roberts of the American Scientific Affiliation comes to Beaver. The lecture will take place on Friday, October 26 at 7:15 P.M. in Boyer Hall. Everyone is invited, especially students and teachers of science, mathematics, philosophy and religion.

Spend a semester studying, working, and living in Philadelphia. For several years, Beaver students have successfully tackled urban issues first hand through the Germantown Semester. Representatives of the Metropolitan Collegiate Center will be on campus Monday, October 29, to explain their offerings. See them outside the Dining Hall from 11 to 2.

Heinz Hall's residence staff is sponsoring the first annual Beaver Marathon. The five mile race will be run Sunday, October 28 at 1:00. All applicants must register in Heinz lobby today at 1:30. Entry fee is \$1.50. Prizes will be awarded to top three finishers in the men's, women's and over-25 divisions. Even if you're not running, come on out for the action.

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Question of the Week:

Honorable Intentions

By Roberta Lewis

Within any college environment, an atmosphere of achievement and competition may prevail, Beaver being no exception. Consequentially, cheating or other dishonest methods are employed by students who have a fear of failure or the desire to excel without effort. To enforce rectitude, Beaver College maintains an Honor Code which all students are expected to uphold. In this way, the reliance on integrity may foster honesty and high standards.

This week's question was, "Do you think that the Honor Code is effective?" Some of the responses follow.

- 1. Marc Simon, sophomore
2. Maryann Sary, freshman
3. John O'Connor, freshman
4. Paul Radest, senior
5. Raj Chauhan, junior
6. Claire Hadida, junior
7. Cindy Burgess, sophomore
8. Kelley Ewing, freshman
9. Karen Gill, sophomore

David Seitchik's Sixth Sense: Courage

By Al de la Cuesta

Most of us walk through life taking our five senses for granted. But for some of us the world is silent. Talking to friends then becomes a great difficulty. Class note-taking becomes a complex production.

Deafness is a handicap that has crippled many people. Much of the deaf population believe that their deafness prevents them from reaching the goals that people with normal hearing reach. They feel defeated before they start. This is evident in the fact that only three percent of the deaf attend college. This is not the case, however, with Beaver's David Seitchik.

David is a very confident person who frowns at a defeatist's attitude toward his handicap. Now a junior biology/premed major, David has shown his tremendous will to overcome the odds set against him.

We talked to David to get his reaction to being deaf in a college situation:

BEAVER NEWS: Dave, what's it like for you when you meet someone for the first time and they don't know you're deaf?

DAVID: Many people are taken aback and become uptight at first. They might not understand what it is I'm saying. So, I try to make them as comfortable as possible in the situation by smiling and being pleasant.

B.N.: What happens when someone doesn't understand you?

D: It's funny. I know when someone doesn't understand me because they get this funny blank look on their face and just nod. I guess they're embarrassed, but they shouldn't be. They should just ask me to repeat what I said.

B.N.: Do you find that people think you are "different" because of your handicap?

D: No, not "different," but I do get an occasional funny stare.

B.N.: What's your reaction?

D: Well, I feel that it's silly for me to get upset over others' opinions of me, for whatever reason. That would just hinder my progress as a human being. There are things about normal hearing people which are "different" to me like to everyone else. That's individuality.



David Seitchick can telephone home via a special tele-type communicator.

B.N.: Okay, how about classes? Are they the same for you as for everyone else?

D: To an extent. I attend lectures like everyone, but I do bring an interpreter, Kathleen McCartney, with me to classes.

B.N.: Do you find a great need for an interpreter?

D: Well, even though I can pick up about 85 percent of what's said through lip reading, it's essential to get everything said in a lecture in order to get good grades. Kathy's invaluable to me in that way.

B.N.: Is note taking difficult for you?

D: Well, there's no way for me to pay attention to Kathy and the professor and take notes at the same time. I usually ask for two volunteers from the class to assist me by agreeing to take notes for me. I'm really indebted to these people for their kindness and generosity.

B.N.: Do you ever feel hesitant about asking questions in class?

D: No, I really want to enjoy life and learn as much as I can while I'm here at Beaver. I'd never be able to do that worrying about how I "sound" to everybody.

B.N.: Do you have an advantage listening to people in noisy situations?

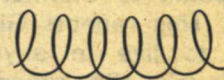
D: (With a chuckle) Well, at band parties I feel that I'm at a slight advantage because everybody's yelling "what?" and "what did you say?" All I have to do is read their lips.

B.N.: Do you think that you miss a lot because you can't hear someone's tone of voice, like sarcasm?

D: Yes, sometimes I do miss the real meaning or intention behind what someone says because of not hearing the different inflections in his voice, but not often. See, people really tend to give themselves away through non-verbal language and facial expressions. Everyone knows the signals. I guess that I'm more attuned to these signals because I rely on them more.

B.N.: David is there any mofo or special belief that you have when times get rough?

D: Well, I feel that some people just accept their handicap, but I don't. I think it's more exciting and fulfilling to overcome them.



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Life Is No Fantasy

Holton's Corner

By John Holton

The rich and the poor,
The rich got a maid, and she takes all the kids to the zoo.
The poor got no maid, so they pack up the kids and go too.
And I ask myself what it's all about.
If the things that I want, are the things that really count.
Merry-Go-Round, Merry-Go-Round, Yea Merry-Go-Round.

The good and the bad.
Seems like there ain't much difference between the two.
The bad cheat someone and get caught while the good never do.
And I'm wondering, and I start to doubt.
I been running so long ain't had time to turn around.
Merry-Go-Round, Merry-Go-Round, Yea Merry-Go-Round.
Neil Diamond

Diamond's lyrics capture both the thesis of Jean Giraudoux's play The Madwoman of Chaillot and the manner in which it struck me. The play was a merry-go-round. All sorts swirled across the stage. Each one living in his own dream world, each sharing his fantasy with other like-minded individuals. Questions are asked about life, reality, and the place of reality in man's life.

Slowly, it dawned on me that I was quite unsatisfied by the theme of Giraudoux's work. The thesis is often unclear and unfocused, but it is a comment on the fantasies in which so many people live. Giraudoux portrays the Madwoman as no less sane in the end than anyone else. He pictures the businessmen, the prospectors, the press, and their women as all enveloped in their own dreams. He suggests that the beggars, waitresses, and harlots are less deluded. Many questions are asked, and the tone is cynical. Is civilization and all the industrialism and rat race that surround it a dream? Is it really civilized? Are those that drive this civilization machine any more sane or in touch with reality than those that are run over by it? Is sanity a fantasy?

Diamond's song presents a similar view. Are the differences between the rich and the poor, the good and the bad, real? Or are they arbitrary conventions?

Of course, such questions are in themselves quite legitimate. Giraudoux's answers are the problems. He sees a solution in fantasy. To conquer the evils caused by the businessmen's fantasies, he offers the fantasies of the Madwoman and her campfollowers. I dislike this view.

If one spends one's life living a fantasy, one will never be really happy or successful. Reality is only too real, and it is only too ready to punish those that ignore it. No one in The Madwoman of Chaillot was consistently in touch with reality. This reflects Giraudoux's cynicism about man's ability to live in anything but a dream world. But Giraudoux's play proves nothing. It simply shows the futility of dream worlds. The Madwoman achieved nothing by sending her enemies into never-never land. If one is angered by unsmiling shop clerks, polluted air, and grounded pigeons, the sensible plan is to take practical action to solve the problem. Reality, to be commanded, must be obeyed. Insofar as it ignores this fact Giraudoux's The Madwoman of Chaillot offers little help in meeting the world's problems.

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Beaver Soccer "Points" To Victory

By Laura Hitchcock

Last Tuesday, Beaver delt Cabrini a 4-1 defeat as the two teams met for the second time this season. While both sides played hard, the officiating had a big influence on the game's outcome. Beaver's first two points were the result of penalty kicks awarded after fouls made by Cabrini. Abdulla Kashim put the first ball in low and close to the goalie where it's almost impossible to save. Minutes later, Khalid Nweji scored on another penalty kick looking like an instant replay of the first.

Pete Betetgas did a suprisingly good job as a first-time sub for goal-keeper. Making some excellent saves, Cabrini was only able to score once on a penalty kick.

Despite the fact that Cabrini was hungry for revenge, a more creative Beaver mid-field opened things up by adding two more points through Mohammed Al Busidy and Khalid Nweji.

Parents Weekend saw the Beaver Soccer Squad "just barely" win over Williamson Trade. The first half was extremely frustrating with Beaver showing little of the flair they've exhibited earlier this season.

While Beaver didn't give away any points the first half, neither did they get any. There seemed to be a general lack of planned purpose and wasted energy in the mid-field and front line allowing Williamson to penetrate repeatedly into Beaver territory.

But early in the second half, a mistake by Williamson's goalie gave Beaver's Tom Bryant the chance to put one in for the first score of the match. This proved to be the turning point in the game and soon afterwards Khalid Nweji put in a cross kick from Eric Yanez. Beaver finally came alive and even though Williamson tried to make a comeback, Beaver held the score to a final 2-1 victory. This latest win brings Beaver's season record up to 9-0-1 with five games to go.



BEAVER-ALA: A FAMILY AFFAIR

By Jeff Neuhauser

If you are ever lying around wondering what to do, maybe the solution is now at hand. How do bowling, cocktail, and ice-skating parties sound? Well, if this is your kind of enjoyment, perhaps you should consider joining the Beaver ALA Brother-Sister program.

The Brother-Sister program runs in eight week sessions during the Beaver semesters. During each session, Beaver students are grouped with ALA students. Together, they enjoy different activities such as ice-skating, bowling, and trips. At the end of eight weeks, there is a farewell cocktail party.

The benefits make this program really worthwhile. The hardest problem ALA students have is meeting people because of their

insecurity with English. The Brother-Sister program gives the ALA students interaction with Americans and therefore a chance to practice English in social situations. On the other hand, Beaver students get to meet foreign students on a more individual level and gain a "better understanding of their culture."

The Beaver ALA Brother-Sister program was organized last spring by Gale DiGiorgio, Debbie Miller, and Piky Krairiksh. It was organized so that Beaver students would meet one new and one old ALA student. However, this did not work well due to "personality conflicts." the program was then restructured to work through group sessions and it was full steam ahead from there.

Debbie Miller, the ALA Activities Director, works with

students outside the classroom. Through this program, she has gotten to know more Beaver students and keep up with what's happening on campus. Debbie enjoys seeing Beaver and ALA students getting to know each other. If there is anyone interested in getting involved, contact Debbie at ext. 458.

On the agenda is an ice-skating party set for November 17 from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. and a trip to Virginia coming up soon. If this sounds like your kind of fun, get involved. It's worth your time!

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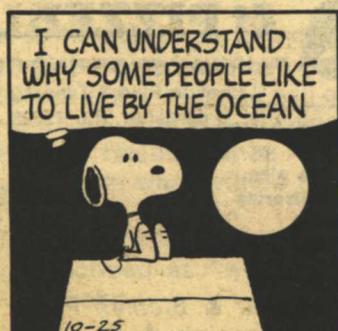
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