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"The Proposition," the National Theatre Company in New York, will be presenting an off-Broadway production in Murphy Hall on Monday, November 26 at 8 p.m.

National Theatre Company To perform here Monday

by Kathy Sullivan

On Monday, November 26, at 8 p.m., the National Theatre Company will present an off-Broadway production of *The Proposition*. The imaginative production, directed by Allan Albert, creates a fast-moving musical imitation of sports, politics, religion and modern American rituals.

The talented cast of *The Proposition* spontaneously improvises upon audience requests. Following the production in Murphy Hall, a workshop will be held displaying the educational techniques of this type of show.

The National Theatre Company's producing team, Barry and Fran Weissler, employ Broadway and off-Broadway writers and designers to work with over 60 actors. The theatre organization also employs over seven companies with their own sets, lighting equipment, music, sound system and costumes for nine non-stop months.

The National Theatre Company

is currently the largest touring company of schools in the country and *The Proposition* is one of 14 touring productions this year.

The Proposition will be shown in Murphy Hall and sponsored by the All-College Forum. The production is free of charge and promises to be very enjoyable.

The All-College Forum is part of the co-curricular program geared toward bringing outstanding speakers and groups to Beaver College and to extend the educational program. This semester the Forum sponsored Dr. Kramer, chairman of the history department at Cheltenham High School, who spoke on classical art and ideas; and a concert by the Amado String Quartet.

Future Forum plans include an art exhibition with a guest speaker, a jazz concert, and a seminar-lecture with possible guest speakers Leonard Bernstein, George Fennell and Milton Babbitt.

College changes academic policies

Earlier this semester in response to recommendations by the educational policy committee which were subsequently approved by the faculty, the College changed its academic policies concerning freshmen mid-term grades and incompletes.

Under the new policy concerning freshmen midterm grades, reports of freshmen students' progress at the mid semester will no longer be sent home to the students' parents. "The educational policy committee voted to change the policy of sending freshmen grades home because the grades have always been meant to be only an indication of the students progress for her benefit and sometimes parents don't realize this," said Dr. Bette Landman assistant professor of anthropology, advisor to the Student Senate and a member of the educational policy committee at an October Senate meeting. Dr. Landman also noted that there is often a drop in freshmen morale after the grades are sent home. At the mid point in their first semester in College many students have even begun to realize their full potential," continued Dr. Landman. "It's important that these grades be interpreted as progress indicators and in no way a measurement of the students actual ability."

"We sent a letter to all of the freshmen parents explaining the change in policy, and frankly I was expecting a deluge of complaints and protests," said Dr. Robert L. Swaim, Dean of the Faculty. "I am happy to say that I haven't



Dr. Robert L. Swaim, Dean of the College.

had one complaint and have received several good comments about the change. "I am very pleased that we have gotten no adverse reactions to the change and that I have received a number of positive comments. The mid term grades were always meant to be something between the student and her instructor in terms of both progress and potential."

With regard to incompletes, the College is now recommending that the "last day for completion of course work be one day before the final day for withdrawal for classes in the following semester." If a student has not completed the incompleted work by this time either the incomplete grade will be

changed to an F, the student may petition the educational policy committee for an extension or the time for completion may be extended with a concomitant reduction in course load for the current semester.

"In previous semester too many students had been receiving incompletes and this indicated an academic situation we didn't feel was good," said Dr. Swaim. "Incompletes are for students who become ill or who are the victims of some catastrophic situation not for dilatories or because of procrastination. This new policy will restrict the number of incompletes given to only those instances where they are really justified," he concluded.

News Shorts:

Senior class to sponsor all College dance

The Beaver College senior class of 1974 will sponsor an all College mixer for students, faculty, and members of the community and their guests on November 30 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Music for this affair which will be held in the Castle Rose and Mirror Rooms will be provided by William Frabizio, chairman of the music department and the Beaver Jazz Quintet.

"In addition to being a traditional activity which the senior class sponsors every year, we would like to take this opportunity to sponsor an activity for the entire College community where everyone can have a good time," said Effy Nicas, president of the senior class.

Because of Castle fire regulations, only 454 tickets will be available for the dance. Tickets are currently on sale for \$1.50 per person or \$3 per couple during lunch in the dining room lobby. Students are urged to buy their tickets early and should contact ticket chairman Marlo Cohen if they have any questions or are unable to buy tickets during lunch.

Although dress for the dance is informal, student will not be permitted to wear jeans. Modeled after the highly successful student faculty dance that the Dean of Students sponsored last spring, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic will be available.

"If this dance is successful we will plan another one for the spring," said Effy. Students are urged to buy their tickets early so they will not be closed out of this affair.

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Ron Ludwig, a contemporary folk singer, will present popular music at a coffee house, sponsored by Cultural Affairs Committee, tomorrow, Wednesday, November 14, at 9 p.m. in the Faculty Chat. Some of the music Ron will play

include current songs such as, *Father and Son*, by Cat Stevens, *Mr. Bo Jangles* by Jerry Jeff Walker, *Yesterday* by Paul McCartney, and *You've Got a Friend* by Carol King.

Ron, who plays the acoustic guitar, has been performing professionally for approximately ten years. In previous years, Ron appeared at the University of Pennsylvania and Temple University. More recently, Ron was featured at The Main Point on the Main Line. Presently, Ron is appearing at The Crescent Moon, a coffee house-bar in Gloucester County, New Jersey.

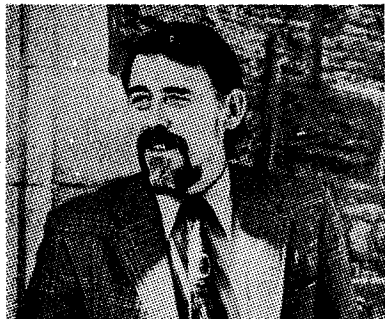
All Beaver College community are invited to Ron's performance.

The Philadelphia Section of the American Chemical Society will hold an Award Dinner here on Thursday, November 15, to commend the ACS Student Affiliate Chapter at Beaver. The chapter, advised by Dr. Arthur C. Breyer, chairman of the physics and chemistry department, is one of 31 chapters out of a total 579 chapters, nationwide, receiving this honor. This is the third consecutive year that the Beaver Chapter has been selected for an award.

The Beaver Chapter meets 15 to 20 times annually to discuss various scientific problems of interest to students, to help students in the study of chemistry, and to plan trips to see experiments not possible in a regular laboratory.

Mimie Salter will be accepting the award for the chapter this year.

Ceramics show to run through December



Mr. Jack Davis, chairman of the fine arts department will be presenting a joint one man ceramic show through December 10 in the Atwood Gallery of the library.

like to take this opportunity to urge all members of the College community to visit this interesting and innovative show before it closes on December 10.

A joint one man show in painting and ceramics is currently in the Atwood Gallery in the library through December 10. The show is the result of joint efforts by Michael Smyzer who received his bachelors and masters degrees from the Tyler School of Art in Philadelphia and was an instructor in ceramics at Beaver last year and painter Edmund Ferszt who has requested that no information about him be published.

For his part Mr. Ferszt has contributed eight large modern paintings illustrating depth and perspective through bright colors and geometric shapes. The works are currently on loan to Langman Gallery in Jenkintown and represent "a series of paintings done developed from 1969 to 1972 which have culminated is another series of

paintings in several directions which is still currently in progress."

Mr. Smyzer has contributed a wide range of art pieces representing all forms of ceramics. His show includes two trophies of war ranging from a dead cherebucilly created dead baby to the bust of a haughty war general to a complete set of ceramic dinnerware. He is exhibiting a wide range of casseroles, mugs, tea pots, planters and even a ceramic wash stand. Using both traditional and modern components, Mr. Smyzer has created several beautiful and provocative bird baths and even a decorative chair.

Currently a ceramics and sculpture instructor at Montgomery County Community College, Mr. Smyzer has also taught at the Tyler School of Art, Skidmore College and the Cheltenham Art Center. He has exhibited in Fall River Denver and Corning Glass national shows.

Editor's Note: As a matter of efficient procedure the "News" was extremely sorry it failed to print a notice concerning the November 9 opening of the Michael Smyzer and Edmund Ferszt one man show in the Fuller Art Gallery. After attending the opening last Friday we are more than sorry and would

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What!! No Beaver News

Due to the upcoming Thanksgiving holidays, this will be the last issue of the *News* before vacation. Publication will resume on Tuesday, November 27.

The editorial board and staff of the *News* would like to take this opportunity to wish all members of the College community a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

What Honors

There is an extreme need for the faculty and administration of the College to take a hard look at the Honors Program and decide if they are willing to take the immediate action that is necessary to keep the Program the highest expression of academic freedom and innovation at Beaver.

Since its inception in 1969, the Honors Program has given highly motivated students with interdisciplinary interests the opportunity to expand their academic knowledge and experience to the farthest stretches of their imagination. Now it seems that the Program has no teachers, colloquia are overcrowded and there is the possibility that qualified students will be denied admittance to the Program because of lack of space.

The decisions which will effect the future and at this point even the very existence of the Honors Program are the responsibility of the administration and to a lesser degree the faculty itself. Do they really want an Honors Program? Not just a program in name but a truly demanding educational experience which is of ultimate value to the College itself. If so there must be a redirection in priorities and goals.

Faculty members and especially department chairmen must be willing to work a little harder to keep the Program. But the Program is not just the responsibility of the faculty, it benefits the College and in turn the administration should exert itself to save it. The Honors Program can no longer be regarded as a luxury or an extra frill. It is an integral part of the College curriculum and it deserves a budget and a full time staff. The Program can no longer exist on "favors." The present situation allows the curriculum and possibly even the quality of the program fluctuate with department enrollments.

If the College wants an Honors Program, they must decide now, not next semester or next year but now. It would see that the College should be recruiting funds for curriculum development rather than new buildings and refurbishing projects. The exterior of an institution is important but not at the expense of the internal workings. —P. R.

Rape: A Growing Crime

Rape is Philadelphia's most prevalent violent crime. In the United States, this crime increased 11 per cent in 1972—the largest increase of all violent crimes that year. Of 860 reported rapes last year in Philadelphia, only 44 men were brought to trial and just 22 of them were sentenced to prison terms. These figures are outrageous.

There are, nonetheless, reasons for these unusually low numbers. When a woman in Philadelphia goes to report a rape, she knows that she is inviting extra aggravation. Police are known to question victims of rape disbelievingly as though they (the victims) are the ones being accused. Brutal treatment of these women by policemen (there are no female detectives on the Philadelphia police force) can cause victims to become discouraged and embarrassed to discuss the situation further. Possibly, if females could handle these cases, there would be more sympathy extended.

During court questioning, a woman is subject to further humiliation. Since the history of her sex life may be used against her, a woman may hesitate to press charges against the offender. Determining if the victim is promiscuous should not be the mat-

Unemployment paychecks Considered very essential By government commission

The Governor's Commission on the Status of Women today took action on several pieces of legislation pending before the State legislature.

First, the Commission went on record with a strong endorsement of SB1221 which would eliminate disqualifications from unemployment compensation due to pregnancy. At the present time, a woman is unable to collect unemployment compensation, regardless of the reason for her unemployment, for 30 days prior to and 30 days after giving birth.

In a letter to Senator Herbert Arlene, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Labor and Industry and chief sponsor of the bill, Executive Director of the Commission, Arline Lotman stated: "This legislation will go far to correct one of the most egregious wrongs perpetrated against women. Since over 70 percent of the women who work outside the home do so out of economic necessity, the 60-day disqualification due to pregnancy and child birth has not only fallen exclusively on one group in the labor force, women, but has created economic hardship for them."

Writing to Senator Louis G. Hill, Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee which will consider SB1185, legislation which sets standards to which insurance companies must adhere in order to qualify to grant insurance in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Ms. Lotman stated, "One of the crucial standards that any organization doing business in Pennsylvania should adhere to is that public businesses treat everyone they serve fairly, regardless of sex, race, national origin, religion or marital status." The Commission will go on record to favor the inclusion of a non-discriminatory injunction in this legislation, in keeping with its investigation into discriminatory insurance practices.

The Commission also endorsed HB1450, which would bring county burial assistance provisions into line with the Pennsylvania Equal Rights Amendment by providing for county assistance in the burial of all spouses of service personnel rather than limiting it to the widows of service men.

"The Commission believes strongly in the Equal Rights Amendment to the Pennsylvania Constitution and adheres to the notion that all people, men and women, should be offered the same rights, privileges and responsibilities under the law," stated Ms. Lotman.

The Commission has asked for the revision on HB1433 which would prohibit all collection fees for abortion referral services. In light of the recent Supreme Court decision permitting abortion, the Commission takes the position that regulated non-profit abortion referral services are legal and should be allowed to continue.

The Commission also initiated action on HB1386 which establishes the Pennsylvania Minority Business Development Authority with its purpose to alleviate and overcome the barriers that have handicapped minority entrepreneurs. "We feel that it is particularly important to have women as a class included in the definition of disadvantaged persons; they have not had the same advantages as men, no matter what their color or religion or background; they have indeed been handicapped in their pursuit of economic equality," Ms. Lotman said.

ter at stake nor should information about her past sexual relations even enter the courtroom. This seems to be a major fallacy of our system.

Another unfortunate fact is that victims of rape must prove the credibility of their stories for the judge as if they were on trial. Rape is the only crime for which Pennsylvania allows the victim to be subject to this type of harassment. This is obviously a slap in the face to members of the female sex.

And, possibly because most of the law-makers in this state are male, the penalty for rape is not handled harshly enough. Although rapists face the possibility of a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison and a maximum fine of \$7,000, most are released on probation and, indeed, repeated offenders are free to roam the streets. The law-makers do not seem too concerned about the growing number of rapes, perhaps because men cannot recognize the severity of this type of crime.

Women must unite to demand their constitutional rights as American citizens. They should no longer stand by, being pushed aside as second class members of society. Because statistics on rape show a growing trend in the United States recently, this crime is becoming increasingly taken for granted. Rapists continually are receiving lighter sentences with each succeeding case. They must be stopped, now. The government should not be permitted to shirk the responsibility of ending this violent crime. Rape is a serious problem and must be dealt with in a severe manner. —K.R.S.

Letters to the Editor

Please return wallet

To the Editor,

On Monday, November 5, between 11 a.m. and noon, someone removed the wallet of Mrs. Eleanor Wilson, the education department secretary, from her handbag. It is extremely difficult to believe that any individual would do such a deed to such a wonderful person.

We request that the wallet be returned through campus mail in an envelope addressed to Dr. Patricia Alpern of the education department. Not only was a monetary injustice done to Mrs. Wilson, but there were also precious, sentimental pictures and other valuables which cannot be replaced. The identity of the sender is unimportant. We are only concerned about the great loss which Mrs. Wilson has suffered.

Sincerely,
Concerned Students

Contact: Informative

To the Editor:

On Thursday, November 1, a representative from Contact came to speak with our hall. She asked us to view whatever opinions we have about the Contact series in the *Beaver News*. Because we believe that these Contact articles should continue, we have decided to voice our opinions.

We believe that these series of articles are strictly informative. At no time have these articles appeared to be "how to" articles, but merely explanations on how to prevent a pregnancy.

These articles are not meant to condone pre-marital sex. For those who do not engage in pre-marital sex, these articles could only add to one's general knowledge. Since the situation does exist, we would think that these articles would not be offensive to anyone because they differ with his or her beliefs. However, everyone has a choice. No one is forcing anyone to read the articles. Those who find them informative should definitely not be penalized by those who don't.

Respectfully,
Gail Garfield
Pam Richards
Leann Trentalang
Marsha Francis
Sandi Glass
Jane Blend

Change for Spanish 4

To the Editor:

The foreign language department is working on a new approach for one of our intermediate Spanish courses, Spanish 4. Specifically, we are attempting to redesign the course along occupational lines in order to prepare students for a variety of careers: elementary school teaching, social work, hospital work, child guidance, tourism, business and many other fields in which a knowledge of Spanish would not only be useful, but in many cases a requirement for the job.

We are interested in hearing from students in other departments who feel that they might benefit from such a course, especially any students who have had field work in any of the areas mentioned. Your experiences would be of real value to us as we begin preparing materials for such a course since, to date, no textbooks exist for this kind of language study.

If you have suggestions, or if you have specific areas you would like to see covered for your own needs, we would appreciate hearing from you. Please contact Dr. Gerardo Rodriguez or Mrs. Anita Udell, Rooms 102 and 101, Classroom Building.

Thank you,
Anita Udell, Chairman
Department of
Foreign Languages

Many Thanks

The turnout for the November 5 Nucleus Orientation meeting was fantastic. Thank you all for expressing the concern and enthusiasm needed to get the organization off its feet.

Our three principal committees, child care, career curriculum revision, and organization were explained in greater detail by the chairpersons. In addition, proposed committees, health care, practical politics, public relations, investigating discrimination practices, budget, and membership were discussed. Women joined the individual committees at the end of the meeting according to specific interest and motivation.

The next Nucleus meeting will be announced in the *Beaver News*.

Nucleus Chairpersons

Greeting Cards

Need greeting and Christmas cards for the Holiday season? Why not buy beautiful cards and contribute to a worthy cause at the same time. Cards are currently available on campus which will benefit the SOS South Vietnamese Children's Village. If interested please contact Danielle at extension 288 or Thuan at extension 292.

Contact

A study concerning sexual attitudes and knowledge is being undertaken to help in the determination of Contact's services. A questionnaire will be distributed through the campus mail. It will be completely confidential. The cooperation of the student body is urged and needed in order to provide for a useful study. Please answer the questionnaires and return them to box 455 or box 35.

Thank you,
Norma Finklestein
Susan Savage

LIBRARY THANKSGIVING HOURS

Closed Wednesday, November 21 at 4:30 p.m.
Closed Thursday, November 22
Closed Friday, November 23
Closed Saturday, November 24
Closed Sunday, November 25, 1 to 6 p.m.
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