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USITT ANNUAL **CONFERENCE**

SHOW BIZ: THEATRE PLUS A SMASH HIT!

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TIME: Seven O'clock a.m., March 12, 1975.

LOCATION: Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim, California.

Exterior shot: Sunrise over snow capped mountains (or was it the Matterhorn at Disneyland) set against the cyclorama of a cloudy blue California sky. Weather: seasonal. Pan to the Convention Center for panoramic sweep of laborers uncrating sophisticated theatrical equipment from huge vans. MUSIC UNDER: "Anaheim", to the tune of "California Here I Come", building, building for quick dolly in on arriving "conventionees" -- all singing:

> Anaheim, we've all arrived For our Conference Seventy-five,

Close-ups of smiling faces, sleepy faces, jet lag faces; short happy people, tall happy people, thin happy people, fat happy people; then fade in to Interior shot of the California Room.

SCENE 1: A beehive of activity -- exhibitors setting up, electricians laying cable, people scurrying about. There is a sense of organized chaos. Rush shot framing Bernard Skalka paging Richard Thompson via walkie-talkie.

> SKALKA: Dick Thompson, please report to the Conference office.

Cross fade: Richard Thompson hurrying toward the Conference office, intercepted by a dozen or more people -- all frantically asking questions; then a zoom shot on Peter Frink setting up the Architecture Exhibit. Panoramic sweep of the California Room to a crew setting up the Student Design Competition, and the arrival of canteen trucks and people breaking for coffee and danish.

It would be impossible to report on all the Programs, Demonstrations, discussions and meetings which took place at the Anaheim Convention Center and the Royal Inn of Anaheim, March 12-15, 1975.

This reporter will try to relate highlights of the Conference, and further information, and photographs hopefully, will be included in the May/June issue of the Newsletter.

KEYNOTE LUNCHEON

The opening day luncheon session was keynoted by Gordon Davidson, Artistic Director of the Mark Taper Forum, Los Angeles Center. He pointed out that perhaps Gordon Craig was right, i.e., "the theatre would work all the time, if it weren't for the actors and directors!" Mr. Davidson was concerned because there is an "energy crisis" in the theatre, and there is also an "exploration gap" -- no one, anywhere is involved in the serious process of progressing the art of theatre with any degree of continuum. And, this is not only true for theatre, but also for science. The researcher is another class of the underprivilidged in this country. The terms, "success", "failure" and "socio-economic value" are irrelevant to either science or art. Search is the key, and the researcher must be able to pursue his research wherever it may lead him. The "exploration gap" must be brought back to the theatre.

We need three things: We need money to keep research going as process only -- Second, we need space, suitable space -- Third, we need the explorers themselves. Mr. Davidson continued: "We in the theatre should not consider ourselves to be 'creators', but rather developers, experimentors, researchers and explorers. Our ideas can become concepts that will change perception, alter life and lead to extension after extension. Ultimately, in our work in the theatre, unless we take the time to work and protect our search, the energy we waste is sure to be our The full text of Mr. Davidson's speech will appear in THEATRE DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY.

At the General Membership Meeting held at noon on Friday in the Santa Ana Room, President Arnold announced the results of the election of Officers and members to the Board of Directors. Minutes of the last General Membership Meeting were read and approved. Al Cohen presented the Treasurer's Report, and President Arnold pointed out some of the outstanding achievements of the Institute throughout the past year. (Membership Directories and copies of the Annual Report of the Institute will folflow to each member in a separate mailing).

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SECTION AND COMMISSION REPORTS

ALLEGHENY WEST VIRGINIA U. HOSTS SECTION MEETING

West Virginia University's Creative Arts Center was the scene of the February 22nd meeting of the Allegheny Section. Over sixty people from a dozen schools around the Region attended the all-day meeting. The topic of the meeting was $\underline{\text{SCENE SHOP LAYOUT AND EQUIPMENT.}}$

Registration commenced at 9:00 a.m., and the day was highlighted by demonstrations and discussions in the shop: A bandsaw technique for cutting sweeps; the use of motorized mitre box saws for operations usually done on the radial arm saw; and set-ups for cutting circles, grooving dowels, etc.

Everyone had the opportunity to see the theatres and other production facilities and browse through the tech. book shelf. Many who attended stayed to see the production of FOLLIES that evening.

NEW YORK AREA TWO SYMPOSIUMS SCHEDULED

Under the joint sponsorship of Montclair State College and the USITT/New York Area Section, a continuing symposium concerning <u>CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN THEATRE</u> will be presented at the College on Tuesday, April 8th, at 8:00~p.m.

Guest speakers will include Mr. Joe Bella, Costume Designer, and Clarke Dunham, Scenic Artist and Costume Designer. Both gentlemen are members of the United Scenic Artists, and their discussions should prove the evening to be an exciting and stimulating experience. This is the first meeting of the New York Area Section in 1975.

The second meeting of the Section will be on Sunday, May 11th, in conjunction with the $\underbrace{\text{OPERA SCENERY PRO-JECTIONS SYMPOSIUM}}_{\text{Jersey.}}$ at Symphony Hall, Newark, New Jersey. The election of new officers for the Section will take place at this meeting.

Refreshments will be provided at both meetings.

OPERA PROJECTIONS SYMPOSIUM USITT Members Urged to Attend

USITT members are invited to attend a free two-hour <u>SYMPO-SIUM and DEMONSTRATION</u> on Sunday, May 11, 1975, 10:00 a.m., at Symphony Hall, 1018 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey. This <u>SYMPOSIUM and DEMONSTRATION</u> is presented under the joint sponsorship of the <u>USITT New York Area Section</u>, Strand Century Inc., the New Jersey State Opera, and the I.A.T.S.E. Local #21 (Newark).

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INT'L. LIAISON PRAGUE QUADRENNIAL

The Executive Committee and the Program Commission of the OISTT (Organization of International Scenographers and Theatre Technicians), held a joint session in Prague, January 25th and 26th, and confirmed that the Pradue Quadrennial and the Fourth Congress will open January 5th through January 9th, 1976.

The theme of the Quadrennial will be $\frac{\text{WORLD THEATRE IN THE}}{\text{FIGHT FOR PEACE}}$ and the theme of the Congress will be THE TRAINING OF SCENOGRAPHERS AND THEATRE TECHNICIANS.

Dr. Joel E. Rubin, Chairman of the International Liaison Commission reports that the USITT delegation will be limited to select students, and possibly a few observers. Dr. Rubin appointed Ms. Deborah Dixon, State University of Pennsylvania, as Student Coordinator for a project that will enable ten students from the United States to attend the Congress. The Ministry of Culture has agreed that because of the theme of the Congress, it is desirable that students attend, and will supply student hostel accommodations.

The general theme of the Congress, TRAINING OF SCENOGRA-PHERS AND THEATRE TECHNICIANS, is divided into four general discussion areas: 1) Special concentrated training seminars, 2) Training systems in schools and academies, 3) Training systems in the theatres for theatre workers, and 4) Training systems integrated between disciplines. The Program Commission of OISTT suggests that the main task of the Congress is to provide examples, experiences and contradictions between the training systems of the various countries, not to provide pat solutions. It sees the Congress as a congress for teachers on the one hand (since the Congress should yield them much material to make for better teaching) and for students on the other (an opportunity to meet and compare notes on the student level, hence a fine opportunity for international exchange).

The U. S. exhibit of scenic and costume design at the Quadrienniel has been formulated by the U. S. Center of I.T.I. under the title <u>DESIGN 70's</u> and is currently on exhibit at Lincoln Center, New York. Dr. Rubin suggests that while the exhibit space within the Brussels Pavilion is limited, a small space could possibly be obtained for an exhibit of U. S. theatre architecture, and suggests further that USITT's Theatre Orientation Package might be the basis for this exhibit, or alternately, perhaps the architecture panels on exhibit at the Anaheim Conference. The A.I.A. Commission on Architecture for Arts and Recreation have offered to collaborate with USITT.

NATIONAL LIAISON

Through the good offices of Paul G. Birkle, a Masters Claswas established, utilizing Jules Fisher, for the Midwest Section, February 28 - March 2, 1975.

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The major feature of this meeting will be a demonstration of the new Ludwig Pani Metallogen Scenic Projectors from Vienna. These powerful wide angle projectors utilize the Metallogen HMI 4000 watt arc lamp first developed by Osram of Holland in 1969. In 1973, Kurt Winter, Lighting Designer for the annual Wagner Festival at Bayreuth, West Germany, adapted these lamps (more than twice the light output per watt of power consumed and with 6000° Kelvin temperature), to wide angle scenic projection. Last year, Ludwig Pani, Inc., of Vienna began producing the first commercial units, now widely used in Europe, most notably at the Paris and Berlin Operas.

The Pani Projector has not been seen, up to this time, in the United States.

Lee Watson, Lighting Designer, has arranged to demonstrate two of these projectors at Trenton and Newark for the New Jersey State Opera's new production of "CARMEN". Mr. Watson has designed the sets and lighting for this new production and all five scenes will be shown with full scenery and projections.

With particular application to opera, guest speakers Jo Mielziner, Broadway Designer and Theatre Consultant; Shep Kerman, Creative Director, In-Terspective Communications, Inc., and Projection Designer for "SEE SAW"; George R. Snell (who will demonstrate his firm's new 1000 watt Metallogen Arc Carousel Projector); and Thomas M. Lemons, P.E., of TLA Lighting Consultants, leading expert in the United States on Metallogen HMI lamps, will speak about projected scenery and projection equipment.

Clear, sharp, bright wide angle background projection has not been possible until now. The tremendous new possibilities that this opens to the theatre designer is the subject of this Symposium. The four sponsoring organizations urge you to attend. For further information, please contact:

Lee Watson, Lighting Designer 2387 New York Avenue Huntington Station, New York 11746 Tel: (516) 549-8925

The New Jersey State Opera production of "CARMEN" and the importation of the Pani Projectors has been made possible by a grant from the National Foundation for the Arts in Washington, D. C., as a test project to discover new, more economical means of providing scenic backgrounds for operas.

NOR-CAL 4th ANNUAL TECHNICAL THEATRE CLINIC PLANNED

The FOURTH ANNUAL TECHNICAL THEATRE CLINIC will be held Saturday, May 24, 1975, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., at San Jose State University, Department of Theatre Arts, Speech and Drama Building, where leading manufacturers will have on display some of the latest developments in theatre technology.

Demonstrations of specific "home brew" solutions for any number of technical theatre problems; Rap Sessions on problems faced by the designer; Tours of local theatre plants and facilities; Special Sessions on the basic theme of the Clinic: SHIFTING OF SCENERY IN THE THEATRE: AN OLD PROBLEM REQUIRING NEW AND INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS, with special emphasis given to electro-mechanical, hydraulic and pneumatic power applications relating to scenery shifting, are just some of the scheduled events.

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COMMISSION REPORTS

With the realization of the Fisher Masters Class and the ur ging of Edward F. Kook, the National Liaison is now in the process of studying the demand and feasibility of establish ing a series of domestic masters classes to be made available to the Sections and USITT membership. To this end preliminary contact has been established with Jo Mielziner, Donald Oenslager, Ming Cho Lee, and Mordecai Gorelik. Details of these Master Class opportunities will be made available to the membership at the earliest possible date. The National Liaison would, of course, welcome indications of individual and sectional support for these Master Classes.

Following last summer's successful cooperation between ATA and USITT in forming the A.T.A. Design and Technology Convention Program, the Presidents of both organizations have established a joint commission to study future cooperation efforts. As a wing of A.T.A., the American Theatre Student League has appointed Ms. Deborah G. Dixon to represent its interest to USITT. Consequently, Ms. Dixon has been appointed USITT/ATSL Representative to both the National and International Liaisons. Student members of USITT who wish to assist Ms. Dixon in her liaison efforts may contact her at Pennsylvania State University, Theatre Department. The National Liaison welcomes student participation in its activities and hopes to see more students become active in it programs

Van Phillips, Director of Theatre Design and Technology at Purdue University has announced that the National Congress on DESIGN TECHNOLOGY IN THE PERFORMING ARTS scheduled for the Spring has been postponed.

"Although the economy and the quick fall of the stock market has forced the postponement", Van stated, "the importance of the Congress remains".

It is hoped that funds will be made available so that the Congress can be held this Fall. The objective of the Congress will of course, remain the same. It is also hoped that those who have expressed an interest in attending or participating in the Congress, will keep their Fall Calendars relatively free. As soon as specific information can be made available it will be forwarded.

PATE PROJECT IS "ALL SYSTEMS GO"

The "NATIONAL INTERNSHIP CLEARING HOUSE FOR STUDENTS IN THEATRE DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY", is a project of USITT's Performing Arts Training and Education Commission, the Florida State University School of Theatre, and the Charles MacArthur Center for American Theatre. This project brings together as part of an educational experience student artists/technicians and their professional counterparts.

This bridge between academic and commercial theatre people has been at the heart of the USITT and integral to many academic programs across the country. By placing students in the working profession for a period of time, certain benefits are realized: (1) A more realistic understanding among students about the profession; (2) A stimulation of attitudes and techniques in the academic community from returning students; and (3) A clearer definition of the professional needs which can be met by improved training in schools.



SHOWBOAT'S A COMIN'

Innovative New Project Underway

Currently under construction in New London, Connecticut, SHOWBOAT, a 156 foot long and 40 foot wide floating theatre complex, will be piloted by tugboat through New York harbor from one playing site to another, offering a wide variety of performances and programs by some of the most notable theatre companies around the world. This innovative traveling theatre was conceived by David Hays, Director of the National Theatre of the Deaf, and is a project of the Eugene O'Neill Theatre Center, in association with the City Center of Music and Drama, the South Street Seaport Museum, and the United States Committee for UNICEF, designed to meet the critical need for an imaginative center for quality children's theatre in the United States.

SHOWBOAT'S auditorium and horseshoe balcony will have a seating capacity of 234, and a 700 square foot performing area. Dressing rooms, control and projection rooms, rehearsal space, box office, lobby and cloakroom have been designed. In addition, SHOWBOAT will contain a fully equipped classroom. Specialists in theatre, dance, music, visual arts, media and education will conduct training sessions for student teachers. Participatory theatre workshops for children and teachers; workshops in puppetry, dance, opera and instrumental music will also be offered.

It is hoped that a minimum of four sites per borough in New York will be developed, with SHOWBOAT remaining at each site for one to two weeks. The projected opening date for this floating theatre complex is Fall, 1975. The dock site for SHOWBOAT will be the South Street Seaport Museum. Further details are available by contacting David Hays at the Eugene O'Neill Theatre Center.

SCENOGRAPHIC CONFERENCE AT DENISON U. SVOBODA WORKS EXHIBITED

On April 6th, Denison University, Granville, Ohio hosted a Scenographic Conference while exhibiting the work of Czech Designer Josef Svoboda. Top representatives of the theatre scenographic movement were drawn to the Denison campus where over 80 large photographs of Svoboda's design work were exhibited. Svoboda, Chief Designer and Technical Director of the National Theatre of Prague since 1950, attended the exhibit opening and took part in the Conference.

Ten panel members were featured at the Conference: Ming Cho Lee, principal designer for the New York Shakespeare Festival; Dr. Robert Scales, Technical Director of the Stratford Shakesperean Festival, Miroslav Pflug, a Montreal Projection and Lighting Consultant; Nicholas Bryson, head of reseach and development for Rosco Laboratories; L. L. Funtek, Artistic Director and Manager, Banff Center; Van Phillips, of Purdue University's School of Fine Arts; Peter Perina, head of scenographic

studies, Dalhousie University; Dr. Joel Rubin, Kliegl Brothers Lighting; and Calvin Morgan, Technical Director of the Denison University Theatre.

The events at the Conference were sponsored by the Ohio Theatre Alliance, the Ohio Arts Council, Denison, and 17 other colleges, universities and art-theatre groups. In conjunction with the Conference and Exhibit, the 150 member Ohio Theatre Alliance held its Annual Meeting.

1st NATIONAL BLACK TOURING CIRCUIT

Twelve theatres across the United States will act as participating producers for the first $\underline{\text{NATIONAL BLACK TOURING CIRCUIT}}$, for the purpose of touring significant productions to regions where Black audiences seldom have the opportunity to see plays and performances other than commercial or local resident productions.

The theatres listed are congratulated by USITT for their cooperative effort to provide these regions with productions that will advance the art of the theatre:

AFRICAN REVOLUTIONARY THEATRE, Newark, New Jersey AFRO-AMERICAN TOTAL THEATRE, New York, New York BILLIE HOLIDAY THEATRE, Brooklyn, New York CONCEPT EAST, Detroit, Michigan D.C. BLACK REPERTORY THEATRE, Washington, D.C. FREE SOUTHERN THEATRE, New Orlenas, Louisiana HARLEM CULTURAL COUNCIL, New York, New York INNER CITY REPERTORY, Los Angeles, California KARAMU HOUSE THEATRE, Cleveland, Ohio NATIONAL CENTER FOR AFRO-AMERICAN ARTISTS, Boston NEW FEDERAL THEATRE, New York, New York SPELLMAN COLLEGE DRAMA PROGRAM, Atlanta, Georgia

For additional information about the first <u>NATIONAL BLACK</u> <u>TOURING CIRCUIT</u>, contact: Ms. Joan Sandler, <u>Black Theatre Alliance</u>, 162 West 56th Street, New York, New York 10019. (212) 245-8125.

HOLOGRAM WORKSHOPTung Hon Jeong to Direct

Lake Forest College will offer three consecutive hologram workshops during Juné, 1975. Each workshop consists of five days of classes and laboratory practices, with specail emphasis on basic procedures and applications.

The workshops will be offered during the weeks of June 9, June 16 and June 23. Total cost, including tuition and laboratory fee, is \$300.00. Room and board are available in the College.

Like introductory photography workshops, artists and scientists alike can participate without having prior experience in the field. Tung Hon Jeong, internationally recognized authority on holography and professor of physics at Lake Forest College, will direct the workshop.

For further information, write to: Hologram Workshop, Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045.

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Perhaps, because New York City is the "hub" of theatrical activity and news of this activity is not readily accessible or does not reach some regions throughout the country, many members of the Institute are unaware of some of New York's "acclaimed" theatrical companies whose services are available outside of the "Big Apple".

One such company is THE PUERTO RICAN TRAVELING THEATRE, a bilingual, professional company founded by actress Mariam Colon in 1967. Productions are presented both in Spanish and English, THE OX CART, DOCTOR IN SPITE OF HIMSELF, WINTERSET, EL MALEFICIO DE LA MARIPOSA (The Evil Spell of the Butterfly) by Federico Garcia Lorca, THE GOLDEN STREETS, by author Piri Thomas (Down These Mean Streets), are just a few of their past productions. The works of Puerto Rican playwrights Jaime Sanchez, Jaime Carrero, Luis Rafael Sanchez, Gerard Paul Marin and Pedro Juan Soto have been given very careful, touching and loving productions by this highly talented group.

At its 17th annual presentation, the International Film and TV Festival of New York, awarded a gold medal to the company's Channel 4, NBC-TV production of THE GUEST (El huesped), by Pedro Juan Soto, directed by Paul Freeman and produced by Ms. Colon.

THE PUERTO RICAN TRAVELING THEATRE has for the last three years conducted a training unit where more than 100 students from low income homes are receiving training, free of charge, in several disciplines of the theatre. Both their Experimental Laboratory and the Training Unit are located at 124 West 18th Street, in New York City. The Theatre sustains its activities through grants and the assistance of private foundations, and performs in financially deprived neighborhoods throughout New York City and, lately, at selected colleges and other out of town locations. Information about bookings and tours are available from PUERTO RICAN TRAVELING THEATRE, 141 West 94th Street, New York, New York 10025.

EAA NAT'L. CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT SEATTLE

140 guest faculty members of national and international prominence will attend the 1975 EDUCATIONAL ARTS ASSO-CIATION NATIONAL CONFERENCE, to be held at the Seattle Center in Seattle, Washington, June 25th - 28th.

The four-day ACTION Conference will focus on the most effective ways to integrate the arts into the classroom, a wide variety of alternative approaches to "traditional" education, and ways to meet the needs of special educa-

Included in the wide array of sessions will be: "Development through Drama", "Drama for Teaching Other Subjects", "Drama and the Secondary School", "How to Use Improvisation and Theatre Games Successfully in the Classroom", "Social Drama" and "Improvisation and Dramatization Involving Movement and Speech: Open Staging and Media".

The EDUCATIONAL ARTS ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CONFERENCE gives specialists, teachers, administrators and parents the opportunity to choose from among some 300 workshop

sessions a program to best meet their individual needs. Further information may be obtained by writing, 1975 EDUCATIONAL ARTS ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CONFERENCE, 90 Sherman Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02140.

THEATRE CRAFTS

May/June Preview

Dr. Joel Rubin, Vice President of Kliegl Brother Lighting, joins the rostrum of speakers on computerized lighting control systems in Q-File and Q-Level.

Glenn Loney examines the 12-hour production design -- focusing on costumes -- in "Costumes For the Byrds Dressing Robert Wilson's $\underline{\text{Life}}$ and $\underline{\text{Times}}$ of $\underline{\text{Joseph Stalin}}$ ".

Randy Davidson of the International Safety Institute in OSHA and Show Biz gives a detailed study of the frequently ignored safety hazards in theatres -- How does the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 effect the entire entertainment industry?

PUBLICATIONS And New Editions

The first edition of a new annual Touring Directory of the Performing Arts in Canada, 1975, has been issued by the Touring Office of the Canada Council to meet the demands for complete and factual information on sponsors, facilities and attractions involved in touring the performing arts.

Published in both English and French editions, the first issue contains over 300 pages of valuable information on the availability of performing artists and companies; on established and potential sponsors; on technical specifications of performing facilities; and on available touring services. The Touring Office plans to update and expand each issue of the Directory. It will be published annually in the Fall in order to enable artists, companies and sponsors to plan their season more in advance than has been possible up to now.

The Touring Directory is available from the Touring Office of Canada Council, 151 Sparks Street, P. O. Box 1047, Ottawa, Ontario KIP 5V8, or any Information Canada outlet at a cost of \$5.00.

The American Theatre Association (ATA) has just published its annual SUMMER THEATRE DIRECTORY, which lists over 300 summer theatres auditioning throughout the United States and Canada.

Types of theatres, capacity of the theatres, length of season, types of plays performed, salaried and unsalaried positions, application and audition procedures, acting and technical availabilities are all included in the Directory.

Copies may be obtained from ATA, 1317 F Street, N.W. Washington, D. C. 20004. Cost to ATA members is \$2.50, and \$3.00 for non-members, and must be prepaid.

The new 1975 edition of the Encyclopedia of the U.S. Government Benefits has just come off the press. Containing over 1000 pages and 750 photographs, the new edition presents, in easy form, over 5000 services and

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James Randy Earle, Jr., Theatre Arts Department, San Jose State University, invites YOU or YOUR FIRM or INSTITUTION to actively participate in this very important day. For firms and manufacturers, tables, display space, and suitable power will be provided for any displays or demonstrations they might wish to provide and/or tables and bulletin boards will be made available for distribution and display of literature and specification sheets.

Individuals who wish to participate are asked to bring their latest creation, solution, or invention and let other technicians and designers <u>see</u> what you are doing. Where possible, bring slides for presentation. If you wish to participate in a special discussion group and/or suggest a topic that needs covering, write to Mr. Earle and let him know your feelings.

IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND begin planning NOW! Reserve the above date and tell others in your area who might be interested about the program AND about USITT and NOR-CAL USITT.

Guests of members are welcome.

TEXAS SECTION SECTION NOW IN ITS FIFTH YEAR OF OPERATION

Completing its fourth year of operation, the Texas Section has increased its membership, and has become an "official" participating organization in the annual Texas Theatre Council Convention.

The Convention was held January 23rd through January 26th in San Antonio, at the El Tropicana Motor Hotel. A two-hour seminar "LOW-BUDGET PRODUCTION" was conducted by Barry Sutton and Robert Wenck, and the Student Chapter of Stephen F. Austin University, Nacogdoches, Texas, gave a presentation on "STAGE MAKEUP TECHNIQUES". "MAKING SCENERY JOINTS" was the topic of another presentation given by the Southwest Texas State University Student Chapter, San Marcos

The past year, the Section was extremely active. During June, an exciting technical short course was given at SWTSU, and was attended by twenty state-wide high school teachers. Testimonials were given as to the value of the USITT/Texas Section and its program in the state --testimonials prompted by the excitement generated at the meeting. The faculty included: Andrew Gibbs and Frederick March, and presentations were given by Gene Emerson Diskey, Ken Miller, Kay Butler, and Robert Howery. In October, at SWTSU, the Student Chapter gave a presentation on "FIBERGLASS MASKS AND ARMOR" followed by a luncheon business meeting at which time the Texas Educational Theatre Association Convention was discussed.

The Section anticipates another year of dynamic activity and growth. It is playing a very real role in the improvement of the status of the performing arts in Texas.

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1. A "Go-fer" program in which interested and able students are available for a maximum of six weeks to serve a company or a master artist/ technician as needed. The host provides clearcut supervision of the student's work, but has no further obligation to provide anything other than moral and civil support to the student. This short-term relationship may serve as the initial contact before either Internship or Apprenticeship takes place.

Apprenticeship takes place.

2. An "Internship" program in which particularly skilled students serve for a minimum of three months in whatever capacity is desired by a company, so long as it relates to the student's abilities and professional goals. There must be a precise idea of exactly what work the student would be expected to perform and to whom he is to report. While there might well be acquisition of new skills involved in this program, the student would be certified by his home institution as being capable of performing the normal skills required of one in the proposed position.

3. An "Apprenticeship" program in which a particularly skilled student is allied to a recognized master artist/technician for a minimum of three months to serve in whatever capacity is desired by that master. There must be a clear-cut idea of exactly what the student will be expected to do and what goals might be realistic to the situation. The student would be certified by his home institution as being capable of performing the normal skills expected of one in his situation.

The National Internship Clearing House (NICH) will make available information about internship possibilities by matching student requests to professional needs. All negotiations beyond the initial matching will take place between the outside parties, consistent with the guidelines established by USITT. No agency can supplant this personal contact.

Students enrolled in an institution must be certified by a USITT member as being capable of working at an indicated level of competency before NICH can match their skills to the stated needs of a working situation. Persons or shops which need or will accept student interviews must supply necessary information to NICH for processing.

In its broadest interpretation, education can mean any enrichment of information, attitudes on skills already present in a person. This is not a program for neophytes, nor is it for the experienced professional. Interns are not to be used to replace or supplant regularly employed persons, but they must be capable of making a worthwhile contribution to their host.

Three relationships have been defined to provide a variety of experiences for students and to meet a variety of needs for professional institutions. A "Go-fer" program provides on-the-job experience for a student with no previous contact in a professional production situation, while "Internship" and Apprenticeship" programs are for students with experience and/or exceptional skills and insights and who would profit from a longer working relationship.

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In evaluating, the host professional or individual provides the sponsoring school a written, audio-taped or telephoned report on the student's work with them immediately upon a completion of that work. The report should cover 1) the level of the student's competency at the outset of the program, 2) a listing of the precise work undertaken by the student, 3) the degree of success of the student's work, 4) the attitudes expressed by the student, 5) the degree of learning that took place by the student, 6) the adaptability demonstrated by the student, and 7) an overall comment on the value of the student to the theatre community.

The student will provide his sponsoring school a written report on his work with the host institution immediately upon his return to school. The report should cover 1) a listing of the actual work engaged in, 2) how closely the actual work done related to the expected work as stated by the host, 3) the appropriateness of the work undertaken to the needs of the student, 4) the attitudes of the host institution towards providing opportunities for new experiences and for learning, 5) an evaluation of the quality of work produced by the host institution, 6) a statement of the value of the Off-Campus experience to the student in his growth.

Evaluations will be exchanged between the host and the student after they have been received by the sponsoring school.

The sponsoring school is not obligated to support a student during any of the three programs. The host is not expected to finance the short-term "Go-fer" because of the transient nature of the relationship and because the student would probably not have the time to develop into an indispensable resource. Professional companies and master artist/technicians would be expected to support a student during the "Internship" and "Apprenticeship" programs because of the time required of the student, the inconvenience of his shifting his home base, and, basically the fact that he should be fulfilling a significant and valuable role in the work to be done.

The interning or apprenticing student should not be used to replace regular permanent staff members and therefore should not expect the full remuneration normally paid company members. This remuneration is considered a fellowship rather than a salary.

The schedule of progress for the NATIONAL INTERNSHIP CLEARING HOUSE FOR STUDENTS IN THEATRE DESIGN AND TECH-NOLOGY began in February, with a preliminary statement distributed to PATE Commission members, prospective schools and hosts, requesting response to strengths and weaknesses. In March, the Commission, USITT members, prospective schools and hosts conferred to solidify the statement distributed, and to develop preliminary forms containing queries appropriate to students and to hosts. During April through August, mailing lists will be developed of prospective hosts and forms sent to them, and information will be disseminated through the USITT Newsletter on how students and hosts might participate in the project. Proposals for grant support for supplies, printing, mailing and handling expenses will be prepared and information compiled as received and handling techniques refined. By September, it is hoped that the project will be fully operational.

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The PATE Commission requests that you offer yourself as a member of the project, respond with your ideas and suggestions for improving the statement, supply names and addresses of possible host institutions, and encourage students to use NICH once it is fully function-

All responses should be sent directly to Dan Stowell, NICH Project, School of Theatre, Florida State Univer-

sity, Tallahassee, Florida 32306.

USITT STUDENT CHAPTERS - WHY and HOW-

USITT By-Laws establish Student Chapters to fill a specifi need within the Institute. The By-Laws state that the pur pose of the Student Chapter is to "stimulate activity ... at an institution or within a limited geographical area".

Precisely what is a Student Chapter? It is at least eight student members of USITT and one regular member who wish t meet and work together to further the general goals of the Institute.

The question is asked as to the difference between a Regional Section and a Student Chapter, The fundamental difference relates to the implied permanence of the groups The Section's charter is without term and thus establishes an on-going organization. The Student Chapter's charter i for one year and must be renewed by application each year. This provision permits the Student Chapter to die gracefully and be quickly buried if interest suddenly evaporate due to graduation of key persons or any other reason. It is assumed that a Regional Section has a hard core of personnel that will give it continuity, whereas a Student Chapter is almost by definition made up of short term mem-

Is there a need for Student Chapters where Regional Sections already exist? Maybe yes, maybe no. It depends on many factors, but the most important is service. Does the Regional Section serve the interests of student members of USITT in its area? If not, and a Student Chapter could, then there is every reason to establish such a Chapter. If, however, students play an active role in the Regional Section, then there is probably not a need for a Student Chapter.

How does one go about establishing a Student Chapter? USITT By-Laws specify that the application must list the names and addresses of at least eight (8) USITT student members (or persons who become members simultaneously with the submission of the application) and one regular member of USITT to function as a sponsor. Further, the application must spell out a project or program that the Student Chapter will undertake during the forthcoming year.

Student Chapters may apply for a charter at any time. The application is sent to the First Vice President for submission to the Board of Directors at the next Board meeting. Renewal applications should be submitted in October for submission to the winter Board meeting, regardless of the date of the original application and charter.

There it is. The procedure is simple, the rewards can be great. If you have further questions, send them to the First Vice President, USITT.



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resources available from the government and should be particularly useful in these unsettling times.

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That possibility has become real and we are looking for new offices.

The chaos of re-locating presents many problems. There are files to be emptied and packed into cartons, equipment to be crated etc., and it is a necessary precedence over routine and not-so-routine office duties.

Many of our members and subscribers have written to us and prompt replies have not been forthcoming. We ask that you bear with us until the relocation is completed.

We are very sorry for any inconvenience our relocating may cause you due to unanswered correspondence. We anticipate that our move will be completed by the end of the month, and our new address published in the May/June Newsletter.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED

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After four days of "Conventioneering", your Editor was exhausted, but happy for this first experience with the real working of the Institute and happy to have had the opportunity to meet the real foundations of the Institute - its members.

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