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USITT 1980 CONFERENCE March 12-15

COSTUMING

Major Session: "Costume Collections" Presented by

Jean Drusedow, Costume Institute, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City.

"Options, Alternate Employment Opportunities Major Session: in Costume" Presented by Gretel Geist,

Michigan State University, East Lansing,

Michigan.

Session: "Rendering Techniques Workshop" Presented by

Douglas A. Russell, Stanford University,

Stanford, California.

Mini Session: "Draping Workshop" Presented by

Kevin Seligman, Northern Illinois University,

DeKalb, Illinois.

The following represent program content which will be presented in Greater Kansas City by the various USITT Commissions at the 1980 Annual National Conference.

The Preliminary Program Schedule shown on page 5 of this Newsletter, indicates the type of session to be presented (Major Session or Mini Session), day of the session, <u>EDUCATION</u> and the time slot. At this early date, only business meetings of the various Commissions and Committees, Board of Directors Meeting, Annual Membership Meeting, New Products Showcase, and two Super Sessions have been placed into definite time slots. The programs listed below will be fitted into definite time slots and published in the January/February Newsletter.

To acquaint our new members with the definitions Major Session, and Mini Session, a Major Session is one which does not conflict with any other Major Session, but may conflict with Mini Sessions and/or workshops. A Mini Session is a small session and/or workshop which will attract a limited number of people. Mini Sessions will run opposite each other and opposite Major Sessions.

Preliminary Programming

EXHIBIT HOURS: (Manufacturer's Display)

Wednesday, March 12th: 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Thursday, March 13th: 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM. Friday, March 14th: 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM

SCENOGRAPHY EXPOSITION AND ARCHITECTURE EXHIBIT HOURS

Wednesday, March 12th: 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM.
Thursday, March 13th: 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM.
Friday, March 13th: 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM.

ARTS ADMINISTRATION

"Tax Workshop for Designers and Technicians Major Session: Major Session: "Handicapped Access to Performing Arts

> Spaces" Presented by Larry Molloy, National Endowment for the Arts.

Mini Session: "Survey of Arts Associations" Presented by Roy Helms, National Association of State

Arts Agencies, and Francis Poteet, National Endowment for the Arts. A representative of the American Council of the Arts will

also participate in this session.

Mini Session: "Update on Arts Legislation"

THEATRE ARCHITECTURE

Major Session: "An Update: The Status of the Theatre Consultant"

Mini Session: "Energy Conservation in the Theatre"

(In cooperation with the Arts Administration

and Engineering Commissions)
Mini Session: "Design Problem '80 and "Doodle Wall"

(A Continuing 3-day Workshop)

Major Session: "Report on the National Internship Clearing House Project" Presented by Douglas Taylor,

University of Missouri, Kansas City.

Major Session: "Community College Training: Terminal or Interminal?" Presented by Lawrence L. Graham,

University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, and David Sherman, Lane Community College,

Eugene, Oregon.

"Secondary Theatre Technical Theatre Course Mini Session:

Guide" Presented by John L. Bracewell, Ithaca College, Ithaca, New York, and Norman Potts, Northern Illinois University,

DeKalb, Illinois.

ENGINEERING

Major Session: "Demonstration of Dance Floor Test Equipment"

Presented by Nicholas G. Cristy, P.E.,

Pleasantville, New York. Major Session: "Heavy Stage Equipment"

Mini Session: "Pneumatics for the Stage"

Session: "Planning Stages for Video Simulcast" Mini

Presented by Michael F. Connell, Kliegl Bros.

Lighting Company, Long Island City, New York. Mini Session: "Sources for Theatre Plastics"

HEALTH AND SAFETY

"Disco Safety" Presented by Dr. Randall W.A. Major Session:

Davidson, Alexander and Alexander, Inc.,

Los Angeles, California. Major Session: "Concert Stage Safety" Presented by

Sam Schneiderman, Virgolight, Inc., Boston,

Massachusetts.

Mini Session: "The Nature and Effects of Toxic Substances

Used by Technicians" Presented by Ted Pollock,

Cal-Western Paints.

Mini Session: "Health and Safety Training for the

Technician in Entertainment"

INTERNATIONAL LIAISON

Mini Session: "Report on the Student Delegation to the 1979

Prague Quadrienalle" Presented by Ned Bowman,

Rosco Laboratories, Inc., Port Chester,

New York.

LIAISON WITH THE ARTIST

Mini Session: "Perspective Rendering" Presented by

Gene Gibbons, Dalhousie University, Halifax,

Nova Scotia, Canada.

Major Session: "Playwrights/Designers: A Discussion"

Presented by Frank Galliano, Playwright.

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Mini Major Sessions Sessions Business Meetings

1980 CONFERENCE

SCENOGRAPH	γ
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Major Session: "The Scenographic Heritage of America" (Edward F. Kook, Imagineering, Inc., possible participant).

Major Session: "European Scenography, The Past Decade -1970-1980" Participating: Bill Eddelman, Stanford University, Stanford, California; Richard Riddell, University of California, Davis, California; Michael McLain, University of California, Los Angeles.

Major Session: "How To, What To, Why to?: A session on the Presentation of Lighting Designs for Exhibition" Participating: Michael Corriston, Wheeling College, West Liberty, West Virginia, and Leland H. Watson, Lighting Designer.

Session: "Sound Design Workshop: A Continuing 3-day Workshop" Presented by John L. Bracewell, Ithaca College, Ithaca, New York.

Mini

Session: "KCPT-TV Scenography Workshop" Presented by Paul Hoffman, New Jersey Public Tele-

vision.

Session: "The Aesthetics of Television Scenography" Mini

Presented by Paul Hoffman.

Session: "Gallery Talks - 1980 Scenographic Exposition" (Each day of Conference)
Session: "The Needs of the Designer in the Commercial Mini

Mini. and Regional Theatre for a Scenography Com-

mission/Organization" Presented by John R. Rothgeb, University of Texas, Austin,

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Major Session: "New Products Showcase" Allan M. Bailey,

Chairman.

Major Session: "Graphic Standards for Designers"

Participants: Harvey Sweet, Northern Iowa University, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Stephen Zapytowski, University of Iowa, Iowa City; W. Oren Parker, Carnegie-Mellon University,

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
"Technicians Tricks" Presented by Harvey Sweet, Mini Session:

Northern Iowa University.

"Hexcel Fabrication Techniques" Presented by Mini Session:

Tom Corbett, University of California, Santa

Cruz.

Session: "Report on the Technical Information Filing Mini

System Project" Presented by Jay O. Glerum, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

MEETING REQUIREMENTS (Present Summary)

	Major	Mini	Business
COMMISSION	Sessions	Sessions	Meetings
ARTS ADMINISTRATION	2	2	1
THEATRE ARCHITECTURE	1	2	1
COSTUMING	2	2	1
EDUCATION	2	1	1
ENGINEERING	2	3	1
HEALTH AND SAFETY	2	3	1
LIAISON WITH THE ARTIST	1	2	1
SCENOGRAPHY	3	5	1
TECHNICAL INFORMATION	2	3	1

COMMITTEES		
COMMISSION ON PROJECTS		7
FINANCE COMMITTEE		1
INTERNATIONAL LIAISON	1	1

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PRE-REC	GISTRATION FEES MAILED PRIOR TO MARCH 1, 1980
Spouse Studen	dual Member (Banquet included) \$45.00 (Banquet included) \$30.00 t Member (w/o Banquet) \$20.00 mber (Banquet included) \$70.00
REGIST	RATION FEES AT CONFERENCE AFTER MARCH 1, 1980
Spouse Studen	dual Member (Banquet included) \$55.00 (Banquet included) \$40.00 t Member (w/o Banquet) \$20.00 mber (Banquet included) \$80.00
	DAY REGISTRATION AT CONFERENCE et not included)
Spouse Studen	dual Member \$15.00 t Member \$10.00 mber \$20.00
NOTE:	${\color{red} {\tt NO}}$ REFUNDS WILL BE MADE AFTER MARCH 1, 1980.
	Publication of the above costs is for your information only. The Official Conference Registration Packet will be mailed to the membership in January. Use these costs only as a guide. Do not, repeat, DO NOT ATTEMPT TO REGISTER AT THIS TIME!

Members are reminded that the Conference Registration Packet is intended only for Conference Registration.

DO NOT include your membership renewal dues with the registration fee, e.g. Individual Member Registration \$45.00

 Dues Renewal
 \$30.00

 Total
 \$75.00

All checks or money orders received in this manner will be returned to you. If you wish to send payment for both Conference Registration and Renewal of Membership, send two separate checks.

DO NOT include payment of hotel accommodations with your Conference Registration. The hotel rate cards which will be included in the Conference Registration Packet will indicate where payment is to be sent.

Accommodations will be at the Glenwood Manor Inn in Greater Kansas City.

SINGLE ROOM	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	\$28.00/Day
DOUBLE ROOM		\$34.00/Day

Hotel rate cards will be included in the Conference Registration Packet, with additional information for other hotel accommodations in the Greater Kansas City area.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

TIME	Wednesday March 12			Thursday March 13				Frida arch	_		aturc arch	
7:30 - 9:00 AM	PUBL. COMM. MTG.	٠		HEALTH AND SAFETY COMM. MTG. Cont. B	SCENO- GRAPHY COMM. MTG.	-9:00 AM	ADM. COMM. MTG.	TECH. INFO. COMM. MTG. Bkfst. 8	-9:00 AM	COST. COMM. MTG.	ENG. COMM. MTG.	
9:15 - 10:45 AM 1-1/2 Hours	COMM. ON PROJ. MTG.	FINANCE COMM. MTG.		SUPER SESSION #1 (European Scenography)			MAJOR #8	MINI #13	MINI #14	MAJOR #14	MINI #23	MINI #24
11:00 - 12:30 PM	(LUNCH) 12-1:00	NOM. COMM. MTG.	MAJOR #4	MINI #5	MINI #6	MAJOR #9	MINI #15	MINI #16	MAJOR #15	MINI #25	MINI #26
1-1/2 Hours				(LUNCH)			NOM.	(LUNCH	·		(LUNCH)	
1-1/2 Hours 2:00 - 3:30 PM	1:00 - NEW PR			SUPE	R SESSIC	ON #2	MTG.	MINI	BD.	FOR	SES LEAV UMKC UAL MEME	
1-1/2 Hours	SHOWCASE 2:00 - 4:00 PM			(Jo Mielziner)			#10	#17	OF DIR. MTG.		MEETII EL ON P. R OF P. <i>I</i>	A.C.
3:45 - 5:15 PM	MAJOR #1	MINI #1	MINI #2	MAJOR #5	MINI #7	MINI #8	MAJOR #11	MINI #18				
1-1/2 Hours				INT'L.		SECT.	LIA.		+			
5:30 - 7:00 PM	NAT'L LIA. MTG.	EDUC. COMM. MTG.	ARCH. COMM. MTG. IN SUITE	LIA. MTG. (DINNER		CHMN. MTG.	WITH ARTIST	(DINNER)		BUS	SES LEAV	/E AT
7:00 - 8:30 PM	MAJOR #2	MINI #3	BD. OF DIR. MTG.	MAJOR #6	MINI #9	MINI #10	MAJOR #12	MINI #19	MINI #20		0 - 8:00 CASH BAR	
1-1/2 Hours										8:0	O PM BAN	IQUET
8:45 - 10:15 PM	MAJOR #3	MINI #4			MINI #11	MINI #12	MAJOR #13	MINI #21	MINI #22			
1-1/2 Hours			+	Section	F AMERIO Meeting 11:30 F	7						

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CALENDAR

November

17th-19th:

INTERNATIONAL OUTDOOR AMUSEMENT TRADE SHOW

Rivergate Exhibition Centre, New Orleans,

Louisiana.

26th-30th:

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPO-SITIONS, MGM Grand Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada. 28th-30th: NATIONAL COMMUNITY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Boston Sheraton, Boston, MAssachusetts.

29th-to

December

1st:

THEATRE, TELEVISION & FILM LIGHTING SYMPOSIUM

Illuminating Engineering Society of North America, Bel Aire Hilton, St. Louis, Missouri. MINI THEATRE FESTIVAL FOR TWO YEAR COLLEGES

Pine Manor College, Brookline, Massachusetts

11th-14th: INTERNATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT EXPOSITION

Las Vegas Convention Center, Las Vegas, Nevada. ACUCAA 23RD ANNUAL CONFERENCE

15th-19th:

Sheraton Centre, New York City.

January

2nd:

USITT ENGINEERING COMMISSION MEETING

Metropolitan Opera, Lincoln Center, New York

9th-14th:

21st-24th:

24th-26th:

NATIONAL AUDIO-VISUAL ASSOCIATION CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION, Georgia World Congress, Peach-

tree Plaza, Hyatt Regency, Atlanta, Georgia. AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION MID-WINTER MEETING

Palmer House, Chicago, Illinois. NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL FESTIVAL/AMERICAN COLLEGE

THEATRE FESTIVAL, University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont, and St. Michael College, Winooski, Vermont.

February

12th-14th:

DISCO FORUM VII AND EXPOSITION Century Plaza Hotel, Los Angeles, California.

March

12th-15th

USITT ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE Glenwood Manor, Greater Kansas City, Kansas.

REPORTS FROM THE COMMISSIONS

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- *ARTISTIC LIAISON

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SELF-INSPECTIONS Management Control Areas

There are quite a few areas of concern to those who must manage or be in charge of entertainment facilities and equipment. It is incumbent upon them to develop a type of checklist or guideline set-up in order to keep abreast of the safety, fire prevention, and health areas under their jurisdiction. After all, it is management who in the long run must bear the responsibility for anything which happens to the facility or the workers. In point of fact, if anything does occur, it is management who must be faulted. They, in every instance, must put in motion the forces and the regulations which govern and guide the use of the facility and the conduct of the employees.

Management must develop the rules and the training for the operation which comes under his or her direction. From the beginning, with the hiring schedule and requirements or types of personnel or students allowed in the programs, it is the manager who must set policy and initiate a working philosophy. Without these preliminary steps the entire structure of safety or loss control is built upon a specious setting. Positive approaches must be put into motion at every turn. Each planning step can have solid ideas behind it and the end result will be a working, intelligent plan.

Self-inspections can aid in the safety approach. Inspections where all personnel are well-trained in what to look for. Inspections where a designated set of items are to be observed carefully each time one moves through the work and performing areas. Inspections are only as good as the quality of the inspector doing the inspecting. Too often, we have seen the careless inspections which occur in major facilities, and the aftermath when obvious hazards are allowed to remain. Self-inspections, therefore, should be scheduled on a daily basis, especially in this industry. There should be a schedule posted in the offices of the particular institution, organization,

or company for the entire year, and copies should be on file with the accounting and insurance personnel. Increasingly, the records and the accounting for safety and fire prevention procedures and practices rests with these offices. It is an excellent idea from the standpoint of letting others know that you are serious about not only scheduling, but actually implementing inspections. It is also a protective device. Should any disaster occur, you will have a record that you took every precaution to prevent this type of occurence. In law suits and liability cases, you must protect yourselves, individually and corporately.

All inspections should be realistic and cover those areas which are deemed most important to the well-being of the facility, the personnel, and patrons. No one must be left out. Every aspect of the operation must be carefully thought out.

A form should be developed clearly outlining those areas in full which you wish to inspect. Detail them and allow sufficient room for comment and recommendations. Remember, the purpose of self-inspections is to identify hazardous areas or equipment which could bring about a loss, materially or personally. Oftentimes, you must think beyond the ordinary, normal run-of-work that is accomplished. It is necessary to envision what might happen in a panic or fire situation. This in itself, with the frequency of accidents and injuries in the entertainment industry, should warrant a greater observation of the inspection regulations. List status as well as working situations and areas. Just because a costume room is there, locked up, does not mean that heat applications in the shop or building, or furnace set-up could not cause ignition in this area. Again, the nature of the storage areas and the items stored there, may increase the hazard.

The inspection is not a cursory visit nor a passing by with practiced eye. It is a checklist, item by item, to assess the physical area. Make the form detailed and realistic, giving yourself plenty of room to write. Record all material items you see which could be hazardous. Write legibly in order that the transfer of the information you have arduoulsy recorded, may be passed on and something done about each situation. Forms should be complete and dated and signed by the individuals making the self-inspections. This may be a matter of manpower, time and money, but the ramifications of not attending to this detailed inspection could, in time, bring deleterious if not deadly effects to your operation. It is better if

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two individuals can observe for inspections because everyone sees differently. It is not necessary, but it is recommended.

If there are areas which are extremely hazardous it is a good idea to photograph these areas for the record. Make sure that all items are dated. This is another protection for you. It does take time, but you will win in the long run.

Set-up the form as follows:

LOCATION: Exact location of the inspection.

DATE: Day, Month, Year, Hour.

ACTIVITY: If work is being accomplished, what work

is being done.

HOUSEKEEPING: Aisles, stairs, landings; all work areas; hemp and cable; lumber and metal storage; tool rooms; paint frame and hoist; toilets and make-up rooms; offices; all instruments, electrical devices, dimmers, sound equipment.

MACHINERY: Power tools and equipment; extension cords; drive belts; chains; gears; brakes; guard

on machines

TOOLS: Hammers, handles, chisels, chipped tools, storage areas; pliers, c-wrenches; screwdrivers; hand saws; various other special-

ty tools used in the shop areas.

ELECTRICAL: All wiring, plugs, instruments; grounding plugs; all extension cords; lamps; soc-

kets; special effects equipment.

FIRE PROTECTION: Extinguishers; fire blankets; exit signs and lights; emergency lighting systems; exits; sand in buckets; sprinkler systems; asbestos curtain; ceiling vents; trash containers; sprinklers unobstructed; flammables in correct storage cabinets and containers; extinguishers of correct type and filled and checked; posting of fire telephone number; no smoking signs, chemicals correctly stored; flame retarded scenery and drapes; orchestra lifts, trap doors, elevators, orchestra shells, moveable prosceniums.

MISCELLANEOUS: Compressed air cylinders; welding units; slings; hoists.

The form should be able to be read carefully and indicate conditions: Satisfactory, Unsatisfactory, Not Applicable.

Employee attitude: Those who are employed by or work under any supervisor should know that those who manage are vitally interested in the health and safety of each employee. The actions taken from the self-inspection forms should give an indication of the major intent and interest of management. All actions should be pro-positive, and affirmative.

Record keeping: The self-inspection forms should be kept from year to year, as a means of registering improvement and keeping track of the input from all personnel. It is extremely important that all movement in these areas be recorded and acted upon, with alacrity. No area of the Entertainment Industry is exempt from this self-inspection inquiry. In some states it is mandated by the state industrial code, in others by OSHA, some by NFPA, or some other authority in a town or county. The point that we are making, is that if it is not mandated, then the existing organization, corporation or institution, etc., should put it in motion.

Self-inspection at any level is one part of the total LOSS CONTROL PROGRAM which must be a normal module in any action oriented group. Only by this means can we effectively eradicate the devastating means of injury and accident, and the awful trauma that follows these incidents. It goes without saying that the people in every group are the most important element -- your trained personnel, your management, your patrons -- these are your valuable assets. It should not be necessary that a regulation or a governmental body tell you that these acts are necessary and others are unsafe. As you demand excellence in all areas of the Entertainment Industry from performance to design, then it is obvious you must also demand a safe environment for all people concerned. The working environmentmust be free of recognized hazards. Employees and students and volunteers must demand this type of hazardfree milieu and space from those they work for, and in turn management must demand from those who work for them, obedience to the guidelines of a healthful and safe en-

This is not a part-time business. It is a full-time, daily, hourly occupation. In order to make it that way, information and knowledge must be imparted. Training must be the normal way of doing things. Safety must be integrated into every work area and action in the Entertainment Industry. Self-inspections will aid in this approach, giving the individual self-responsibility, and pride in helping himself and the total organization.

Plan out the form you will use. Make it a realistic, practical, and useful tool. It must be able to be used. Perhaps everyone will have to be trained to use this form, and know how to fill it out correctly. In point of fact, they will have to. Whether there is a hard sell or a soft sell, the marketing of this type of exercise must be sold to all in the Industry.

Self-inspection should be part of the safety policy of any institution, If it is not, see to it that it is put in place with all the arguments and answers that you can muster. Perhaps some of the above information will be useful. You do want to lessen injury to people and cut short damage to property and machinery, don't you? Certainly. Because you are interested, does not mean that anyone else is interested. You will have to put forth the energy. You will have to motivate the people and you will undoubtedly have to push and push to get anything done. Plan carefully and stick to your guns. Your monthly evaluation and annual review will show results from having initiated and monitored the self-inspection technique of LOSS CONTROL.

New Members: Please try to obtain copies of past Newsletters from old members. These will give you some idea of the areas the HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION is attempting to cover and research. The Commission is an active commission There are committees to work on and projects in which you may want to become actively involved. Here is your opportunity to affect a large segment of the Entertainment World by your direct work. There are numerous areas to be considered as we delve into the health, safety and fire prevention areas of the Commission.

Old and New Members, please respond to ideas we may have engendered, both to the Newsletter and to me personally. We don't profess to have the last word, but we are constantly inquiring for a better, more professional, safe and healthful method to aid entertainment personnel. Write to me. Call me. Send me a tape of your idea, a cassette, a video. Let us develop a systems safety program for the Entertainment Industry.

Please write: Dr. Randall W. A. Davidson

Commissioner of HEALTH AND SAFETY Alexander and Alexander, Inc. 3550 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles, California 90010 (213) 385-5211 - Ext. 327

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The <u>Orchestra Pit/Lift Safety Survey</u> shown on the inside back cover of this Newsletter, under the asupices of the Commission on Health and Safety, is part of a thesis in which Mr. Robert H. Reid of Purdue University, is attempting to gather material which could be of valuable use to the Commission and to the Theatre Operations in this country. Please cooperate by filling out this survey and sending it to:

Mr. Robert H. Reid Purdue University Department of Creative Arts Stewart Center West Lafayette, Indiana 47907 in eight different configurations from a straight 14 ft. ladder to a 90-degree position for working over such things as step units and other types of scenery. I am constantly discovering new uses for this ladder and find that it is becoming an invaluable piece of equipment.

The quality of Brookstone's products are excellent and extremely durable. It must be mentioned that their prices are not cheap but, in most cases, the equipment is well-worth the investment. The catalog is available

> Brookstone Company 127 Vose Farm Road Peterborough, New Hampshire 03458 (603) 924-7181

Please send any information you feel should be included in this section of the Newsletter to:

> Jared Slatzman Bergen Community College 400 Paramus Road Paramus, New Jersev 07652

TECHNICAL INFORMATION Allan M. Bailey, Commissioner

SPECIALIZED MATERIALS **AND** WHERE TO FIND THEM By Jared Saltzman

This issue's column on Specialized Materials and Where to Find Them is devoted entirely to the Brookstone Company Catalog. Brookstone is probably the most unique company of its kind in that it specifically deals with "hard-to-find-tools and other fine things". It is impossible, in this short space, to list all the hardware and various tools contained in the catalog, but some examples include: a new type of snap fastener with a rated shear strength of 32 pounds; an offset 'multi-wrench' which handles nut sizes from 3/8" to 7/8" (including metric) and operates as a rachet; a 'thread restorer' which operates by simply tightening and rotating it on the damaged bolt; clamps of all kinds, from simple bar and pipe clamps to 3-way 'C' clamps and a fast action 'wood cam-clamp' that is designed to be used with small hard-to-hold objects.

Finally, for those who work in smaller, black-box, theatres where the standard 'A' frame and folding ladders cannot always get into the position that is needed, Brookstone Company has an '8-on-1 ladder' that can be set



Since the initiation of this column a few ideas have come in from our colleagues. Their ideas are listed below. You are encouraged to send materials in for this column which is intended to share those helpful hints that you have discovered in your own work. Mail submissions to Dr. Harvey Sweet, Strayer-Wood Theatre, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613.

Unraveled Spaghetti

John Howard, Technical Director at Mount Holyoke College suggests: To avoid frustrating spaghetti-like piles of cable, mark all cable with colored tape rings at the male end. One ring equals ten feet, two rings equals twenty feet, one-half ring equals five feet. In addition, an 18" - 24" length of mason line is tied to the male end of each cable with a granny knot that is hot melt glued in place. The mason line is then used to tie the cable in its coil. The cables are tied to pipes with yellow binders twine, not the mason line. The low cost of the binders twine makes it practical to cut the ties at strike.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Doorbrushing

Paint brushes can be used for more than painting, suggests Allan Bailey, McCain Auditorium, Kansas State University. A simple solution for providing door hold-opens on the stage is the installation of an inexpensive paint brush at the swinging edge of the door so that the bristles brush the floor as the door opens or closes. No door knobs to turn, no latches to foul, and the doors will not open or close mysteriously during performance. The brushes may be installed simply by screwing through the handle.

Easy Patterns

A quick and easy method for transferring patterns that we have developed at the University of Northern Iowa, is to cut a pattern in brown paper and then simply spray the pattern onto the work with any aerosol paint. The stencil effect can be repeated several times for duplicating patterns. If the designer provides a detailed drawing of a form in full-scale, a blueprint of the pattern can be cut to be used for the stencil and sprayed onto the work.

We look forward to including your ideas in this column. Let me hear from you.

EDUCATION:

Thomas A. Beagle Commissioner

Following is a copy of the NATIONAL INTERNSHIP CLEARING HOUSE QUESTIONNAIRE. This is a survey questionnaire of performing arts organizations who have an internship program to publicize.

The Education Commission Internship Project is under the direction of Douglas C. Taylor. This is a service project to the performing arts industry placing internship openings in the hands of people seeking internship place-

This project for 1979-1980 has four steps. They are: Step One: To send out the questionnaire to all known organizations with internship programs. This includes both direct mailing as well as a release in the "Newsletter" about the project. Returned forms to the Clearing House will be the projects only information base. Step Two: To publish a handbook with all the information sent to the Clearing House. Step Three: To release the handbook during the 1980 USITT Annual National Conference at Kansas City in March. A mini session program has been scheduled for this release. Step Four: To review this service to determine its value to the Institute and the performing arts industry. Continuation of this project in part will be based on this review.

The total value of this service is in direct proportion to the total number of responses the Clearing House receives. The closer the returns are to 100%, the greater the value the handbook will have. If YOU are an administrator of a program with internship openings, be sure to complete and return the form. If you KNOW of an internship program, send a copy of the questionnaire and encourage them to respond.

In an era of "back-to-basics, the 3R's should be applied to this project: READ, RESPOND, RETURN! Please RETURN FORM TO: Douglas C. Taylor 5036 Parish Drive Roeland Park, Kansas 66205

NATIONAL INTERNSHIP CLEARING HOUSE QUESTIONNAIRE

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	Does your organization take interns? [] Yes []
	If yes, please indicate what kinds:
	[] Scene Design [] Lighting Technician [] Lighting Design [] Sound Technician [] Stage Management [] Scene Painting [] Administrative Ass [] House Management [] Costume Construction [] Box Office [] Property Construction
	[] Other (Please describe)
	On the average, how many interns do you use each year?
	Are your interns paid? [] Yes [] No
	If yes, what is the average stipend? \$
	Do you provide, or assist in locating living accommodations? [] Yes [] No
	Please indicate the length of your internships:
	[] September-December [] January-May [] September-May [] June-August
	[] Other (Please describe)
	What, if any, are the credit hour limitations on your internships?
	Are you interested in listing your specific internship openings with the National Internship Clearing House? [] Yes [] No
•	Would you prefer to screen applicants yourself, or to have applicants pre-screened?
i	If you prefer pre-screening, do you have any suggestion how this process might best be accomplished? (Use additional sheet for suggestions).
	At what points during the year could you provide

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CLEVELAND SECTION PROGRAMS

A day of DESIGN AND TECHNICAL THEATRE WORKSHOPS, a wide variety of events geared to help theatre practitioners "fine tune" their skills and open new doors to techniques they may not have tried, was held October 13th at Oberlin College. Hosted by Bill Byrnes and Steve Lynch, seventy-four students, teachers, designers, technicians, and other interested people participated. The workshops included:

NEW MATERIALS

Twenty-five people attended this session held in the Dberlin Theatre scene shop. Jim Hickox, Technical Director of Merrill Stone Associates and Keith Nagy, also of lerrill Stone Associates, presented a two-hour workshop in foams and plastics they are currently using. The session began with a slide show depicting works in progress it their studio, and past productions. The Cleveland)pera production of The Magic Flute was used as an example und point of discussion, since several large drops were peing created using various foam rubbers for three-di-mensional effects. Jim and Keith demonstrated ways to exture, melt, and paint various materials. The workshop was informal and participants were urged to handle and liscuss points openly.

STAGE LIGHTING PRACTICUM

This practicum was conducted by Jim Robinson, Univerity of Toledo; Marc Rubenstein, and Dale Seeds, both of Lent State University, Stark Campus. A slide show started the morning session, showing some of the creative possibilities of lighting design. The session was concerned with the aesthetic training of the lighting designer with mphasis placed on teaching the designer to "see" and exmine design characteristics of light that were presented s a metaphor. A light lab was employed to demonstrate he effects of color, the effects of angle and position, nd was used in conjunction with music to show the possiilities inherent in cueing. The afternoon session onsisted of a discussion of stage lighting graphics -method of calculating throw distances of ellipsoidal potlights and culminated in a practical exercise in ttempting to duplicate the lighting characteristics ound in sample paintings supplied to the group. Fifteen eople attended the session.

SCENIC RENDERING

This workshop in scene rendering technique was conucted by Dr. Robert Hansen, Bowling Green State Univerity. Six participants were present. The first part of

the workshop was a presentation of materials and media available to the scene designer when doing a rendering. Renderings executed in three varieties of watercolor, pastels, oil pastels, inks and pencil were examined, and the use of these materials were discussed. The second part of the workshop consisted of the participants doing a rendering of a winter landscape on colored illustration board using black and white tube watercolors.

COSTUME RENDERING

Doug Marmee, Ohio University, conducted this session in costume rendering. Participants brought their sketch pads, erasers and color media. As they glanced over Mr. Marmee's portfolio, he talked about style and creativity, and encouraged each participant to sketch a design of their choice for individual critique. The workshop was informative and exciting for the beginner as well as the experienced.

SCENE PAINTING TECHNIQUES

Dan Hannon of Kent State University, and George Sampedro of the Canton Players Guild conducted this workshop and demonstration on practical painting techniques "to give your shows a little something extra". Dan demonstrated several of the techniques used this summer at Porthouse Theatre by guest designer Jim Bakkom. Generally they were the manipulation of various flexible white glues and cheap paper products to achieve readable threedimensional textures. The advantage of the texture is that it is waterproof and can be used outdoors. Also covered was the method for creating rough-hewn lumber by covering material with cardboard stapled down and the application of tissue paper and PVC glue.

The second part of the workshop covered more traditional painting techniques. George demonstrated the "dotting" method of painting to achieve three-dimensional carved motifs on two-dimensional surfaces. Mr. Sampedro favored this method because he felt it could create a high fidelity of light not obtainable with regular brush strokes.

SOUND WORKSHOP

Bill Byrnes of Oberlin College conducted this workshop in the sound booth of the Hall Auditorium. Bill discussed several basic assumptions the sound technician had to make before he started his work: the quality of the facility; noise and hum; expectations of the audience and director. Important terms were defined and the need to record live voices and effects in a space similar to the space used for playback were stressed. This "handson" experience covering noise reduction, mix-down techniques, recording techniques and sound reinforcement was informative. A careful examination of the remarkable

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sound system at Oberlin was given. Bill also explained the method he used to teach sound and gave a list of a few of the outstanding books he felt should be a part of the sound technician's library.

Spring Technical Workshop

Kent State University will host USITT/Cleveland's Spring Technical Workshop on Saturday, April 19, 1980. There will be a wide range of topics covered, with emphasis on the fields of costume and make-up. Workshops in armor construction, cobbling, and millinery, along with general areas of make-up, new materials, and scenography are currently being discussed.

Annual Design Exhibit

The fifth Annual Design Exhibit is currently being planned for April 14th and 15th, to coincide with the Spring Workshop. The 1980 exhibit will be displayed in the new art gallery now under construction at the Kent State University Student Center. Dr. Daniel Hannon of Kent State University will again act as the co-ordinator of this event.

MIDWEST

New Season

The curtain rose on a new season of USITT/MIDWEST activities Saturday, September 15th, with a program entitled POWER SCENERY FLYING BATTEN AND SPOTLINE SYSTEMS at the Oriental Theatre in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. A special session was presented by the Peter Albrecht Corporation of Milwaukee. Paul Birkle, Chief Machinery Designer for Albrecht, and Bruce Darden, Designer of Mechanics for the Spotline Sigma-pac System, shared an exciting new product with USITT/Midwest members. A new State Theatre is being built in Melbourne, Australia, and Peter Albrecht Corporation is designing and installing the power scenery flying batten systems. Members were treated to the demonstration of a full scale prototype of the winches and control systems under test for this new Melbourne State Theatre by Mr. Birkle and Mr. Darden.

In addition, there was an in-depth discussion of the uses of power flying systems in high schools, with particular emphasis on safety features (comparing power systems versus similar counterweight installations), and cost comparisons. As an example, studies were shared with the members concerning four high schools which have installed power flying equipment over the past four years.

Paul Birkle and Peter Albrecht Corporation arranged for a chartered bus to take members to and from Milwaukee for this informative program.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Programming for Fall '79, Winter-Spring '80 promises to be exciting and informative. Four sessions are scheduled, with a possible fifth to be held in March for those who will not attend the Annual National Conference in Greater Kansas City.

Lasers and holography

The first session was held September 29th at Mills College, Oakland, titled LASERS AND HOLOGRAPHY FOR LIVE PERFORMANCE. The day's program included: An introduction to lasers and holography, a tour of Holografix (a Bay Area holography firm), a discussion of laser safety and compliance with regulations for live performance, design of laser scanner systems, and the availability of laser components -- cost, utility, and accessories.

The introductory and holography sessions were led by Fred Unterseher, one of the Bay Area's prominent holography experts and a partner in Holografix of Emeryville. Mr. Unterseher conducts classes at California College of Arts and Crafts in holography as an art form and is a consultant on laser lighting for discos and light shows. Other participants included a representative from Spectra-Physics, the Mountain View based major manufacturer of laser components; a laser safety consultant; and several laser systems designers from the Bay Area.

MORE PROGRAMS SCHEDULED NOR/CAL-ATA

In November, a cooperative day of technical programming, in conjunction with the NOR/CAL Chapter-ATA Conference at the Vallombrosa Center in Menlo Park, will be presented. The theme of the conference is <u>OUT OF THE CLASSROOM - ONTO THE PAYROLL</u> and will include workshops on resume and portfolio preparation and the facts, pro and con, of union membership. The emphasis will be on the transition from the educational to the professional world. Sessions will be presented in technical and management areas. The ATA Conference is a three-day event.

January to May

January seems an appropriate time to consider taxes, copyright laws, and contracts, so a session with a representative from Bay Area Lawyers for the Arts (BALA) is well-timed. There will be a full day's programming with plenty of time for individual questions and answers.

The tentative March session would be one of the following: A workshop on model building; A planetarium presentation; A tour of Aero-Industries (a major amusement park ride manufacturer); A group show tour of a Civic Light Opera or similar performance; or a discotour to several prominent Bay Area boogie halls.

NOR-CAL

For the final May session, in Santa Cruz, the Section rill host an Artist's Master Class, either with someone made available through the National Liaison, or a removed designer.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN 1979-1980 PROGRAMS

The 1979-1980 Meeting Schedule is showing signs of eing one of the most interesting and informative in the hort history of the USITT/Rocky Mountain Section.

On September 22nd, members of the Section met at the kyline High School in Longmont, Colorado, for a Lighting eminar which focused on an exercise patterned after the nited Scenic Artists lighting examination. This served of outline the procedures taken in lighting design and ave the members a step by step look at the process.

Under the direction of Scott Roth, Lighting Designer the University of Denver; Bob Bauer, President of leatrix, Inc.; Kerry Commerford, Technical Director for le Denver Center Theatre Company; and Glen Epperson, NTSE Electrician and Lighting Designer, members were covided an exercise in evaluating each part of the probm of lighting a scene, and discussed the approach to le problems and solutions the "professionals" came up th. Some of the problems encountered by road electicians traveling with a show were also discussed.

The January meeting of the RM/USITT Section will ce again be held in conjunction with the Rocky Mounin Theatre Association Festivention, to be held at soula, Montana. The Festivention will be under the neral chairmanship of Dr. Jim Kriley of the University Montana. The Annual Spring Meeting will be held ior to the Memorial Day weekend in Wyoming -- this vering three of their member states during the year.

The Annual membership meeting and elections were ld in the Sangre de Cristo Fine Arts Center at Pueblo, lorado on May 19, 1979. Host for this meeting was winget, Technical Director for the facility. At the st session of the meeting, Jim explained a bit of the tory of how the facility came into being and a bit its current funding. David Hale Hand, consultant for facility, explained how some of the design/function de-offs were arrived at during the design phase of project. Members were divided into groups and took ull guided tour of the facility.

The business meeting was held before lunch and cussions centered on the current vitality and new rgy at the national, and various ways of tapping t energy at the local level. Elections were held, two-year terms, in accordance with the new By-Law nge enacted last May. The results:

CHAIRMAN: 1ST VICE-CHAIRMAN: 2nd VICE-CHAIRMAN: SECRETARY: TREASURER: MEMBER-AT-LARGE: Timothy L. Kelly Bruce Jackson Richard Kendrick Terry Palmer Pete Happe Robert Braddy After lunch, members attended a lecture/demonstration on Phlexglu by Ford Davis, owner of Spectra Dynamics. Phlexglu was developed by Mr. Davis through contacts with chemists, engineers, and his own work in theatre over the years. It is a truly remarkable compound, resembling the familiar white glue, but with many other properties. It will remain flexible even after drying. The amount of flexibility is controllable by adding more or less plasticizer to the initial material.

Some of the applications which Mr. Davis showed to the members were costume texturing, stained glass windows, bonding of almost any non-porous material to anything, and protective coating of foam props to prevent chafing and flaking.

SOUTHWEST

ACTF Regional Festival

The Southwest Section of USITT is sponsoring guest speakers and equipment displays in conjunction with the ACTF Regional Festival at Scottsdale Community College, Scottsdale, Arizona. This is the <u>first official</u> program by this newly formed Section.

Dates, times, speakers and list of display groups will be sent to all Southwest Section members. If you are interested and would like more information concerning the festival, please contact:

Geoffrey Eroe Phoenix College Theatre 1202 West Thomas Road Phoenix, Arizona 85013 (602) 264-2492, Ext. 542

or

Jeffrey L. Warburton Drama Department College of Fine Arts University of Arizona Tucson, Arizona 85721 (602) 626-1561

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TO: MAX A. BEATTY, EXPOSITION COORDINATOR CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS 4949 CHERRY UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI AT KANSAS CITY KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI 64110

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We all know that "necessity is the mother of invention". Here are two "inventions" which developed due to "necessity". Thanks to Anna Levin-Ware, California State University-Fresno, for this contribution.

TIGHT IDENTIFICATION

Items such as tights must be reassigned from show to show. Actors' names or initials are usually indelibly printed on waistbands or separate labels for identification. These can disappear or become illegible due to wearing, washing - - - color removing and/or dyeing. An easy ID system is to zigzag Roman numerals inside each pair of tights. This will never change (unless tights are discarded and new tights are assigned same number); the actor will change. A chart is needed. The Roman numerals will stay the same; actors will be assigned a particular pair of tights by number. New show, new mimeographed assignment sheet. Sheet should have space for name of play and after each Roman numeral, the name of actor wearing tights. This procedure will also facilitate finding tights to fit a re-cast actor by checking with tights assignment sheets of past shows. This technique could possibly be helpful in assigning other items such as hats, boots, etc.

LACING LOOPS

Grommets and eyelets are usually used for lacing. Though expensive, tend to fall out or destroy material imbedded in, grommets are often "the only way to go". However, there are other possibilities. Curtain rings can be attached quite securely and rapidly by using button zigzag techniques. Rings can be anchored directly to material with no fold-over, or with fold-over convering anchored half of ring with lacing half or ring protruding neatly and decoratively. Rings can also be anchored to a tape and later attached to garment (as when used for loops to create panniers or bustles). Metal rings are best but hard to find and expensive. Plastic rings can be quite successful, but have been known to pop under extreme strain. However, they are great for dresses (worn over corsets) and other laced garments including soft boots.

Another surprisingly strong lacing is of cord. Arrange cord in continuous "S" shape down opening with half of "S" extending out for lacing loop and other half of loop to be anchored with or without a fold-over. Loosely zigzag over anchoring loops. Now that cord is under control, adjust lacing loops to consistent sizes by tucking anchoring loops with pointed object (scissors, pencil, etc.) while adjusting lacing loops. After loops are aligned, zigzag over anchoring loop halves several times (at least 3) with a decorative stitch. The varying widths of a decorative stitch more thoroughly secures the anchoring portion of the cord. Also, the decorative stitch does not create a stiff line as the continuous zigzag satin stitch could create. This cord technique takes an amazing amount of abuse and strain and is easy and inexpensive.

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The Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers will have grants available for the academic year 1980-81. These will be either undergraduate or graduate students in engineering or the sciences related to motion pictures and television. Applicants may apply for any amount up to \$3,250 and the funds may be granted as scholarships for tuition, fees and/or living expenses or as "grants-in-aid" to assist in funding graduate research.

Qualified applicants will also be considered for grants related to motion picture engineering. These grants will be made available under the sponsorship of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

FIELDS OF STUDY

Applicants' interest should involve the sciences or engineering aspects of optics, acoustics, electronics or chemistry as related to the field of camera, sound, lighting and laboratory, but is not necessarily limited to the above. It may also include business management or standardization as related to these fields.

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- Evidence from the institution you plan to attend indicating that you are registered, or have been accepted for admission.
- A letter from the department head or student affairs office of the institution indicating their willingness to administer the scholarship or grant, if awarded.

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The completed application with the attachments must be received at the Society Headquarters at the address above by January 1, 1980 to be considered. Winners will be announced by March 1, 1980.

ORCHESTRA PIT/LIFT SAFETY SURVEY

	HOW MANY PEOPLE DOES YOUR HOUSE SEAT? A. Less than 300 [] B. Less than 1000 [] C. Less than 2000 [] D. More than 2000 HOW WIDE IS YOUR PROSCENIUM? A. Less than 30 feet. B. Between 30 and 35 feet. C. Between 35 and 45 feet. D. Over 45 feet.		HOW IS YOUR LIFT USED? (Check all that apply) [] A. Orchestra Pit. [] B. Scene Shifts. [] C. Elevator to Storage. [] D. Audience Storage [] E. Stage "Apron" [] F. Other (Explain) HOW MANY CONTROL LOCATIONS ARE THERE FOR YOUR LIFT? A. Are these controls keyed[] Push button [] [] Other B. Is the entire pit visible from all control panels?
	WHAT IS THE HEIGHT OF YOUR STAGE (Audience floor to Stage Deck)? A. Less than 3 feet. C. 4 to 5 feet. D. Over 5 feet.	15.	[] Yes [] No C. Is there a depth gauge on your control panels? [] Yes [] No ARE THERE OPERATIVE OUT LOCKS ON THE DOORS OPENING ONTO THE LIFT FROM BELOW STAGE LEVEL? (The lift will not work if the doors are open) [] Yes [] No
	HAS ANYONE EVER FALLEN OFF YOUR STAGE? Yes	16.	Are they functional? [] Yes [] No HAS ANYONE EVER FALLEN INTO YOUR PIT? [] Yes [] No A. How many? [] 0-2, [] 2-4, [] More than 4 B. When? [] Before 1960, [] 1960-1965
6.	HOW DEEP IS YOUR ORCHESTRA PIT? A. Less than 3 feet. B. 3 to 5 feet. C. More than 5 feet.		[] 1975-1979 C. Were they injured? [] Yes [] No (Circle) 1. Sprains 2. Broken bones 3. Other (Explain)
	DOES YOUR PIT HAVE A COVER? [] Yes		D. Was an accident report filed? [] Yes [] No E. Was legal action taken against the facility? [] Yes [] No F. Was legal action taken against the owner?
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	C. During Set-up:		DO YOU SEE A NEED FOR SAFETY DEVICES BETWEEN THE STAGE AND THE ORCHESTRA PIT? A. Strongly agree. [] B. Agree [] C. Disagree [] D. Strongly disagree
9.	IN WHAT WAYS IS YOUR PIT USED? [] A. Storage [] B. Orchestra [] C. Audience Seating [] D. Other (Please Explain)	19.	DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS OR RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WOULD INCREASE THE SAFETY OF ORCHESTRA PIT USAGE?
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