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Exciting programs, exhibits, tours and performances will be some of the highlights of the 21st USITT Annual National Conference. In case you are thinking of waiting this one out consider some of the programming for 1981. The variety is truly a marvel. The Hands-On Sound Workshops, the Costume Roundtable events, the General Electric Tour, the Renovation of Cleveland's Playhouse Square, and how to cope with the stress and pressure of theatre are only a few of the many sessions planned for the 1981 Con-ference. Exhibitors, Design '81, the Cleveland Ballet, the Cleveland Orchestra, and the Cleveland Playhouse will round out your conference experience.

REGISTRATION

Your Registration Card must be returned with your check to the USITT National Office by March 16, 1981. DO NOT INCLUDE membership dues or hotel reservation re-quest with this form. Your hotel reservation card MUST be sent to Stouffer's Inn-on-the Square. A separate check for membership should be sent to the National Office.

FEE STRUCTURE

4-DAY PRE-REGISTRATION (Until March 16, 1981) INDIVIDUAL MEMBER (With Banquet)	
INDIVIDUAL MEMBER (With Banquet)	\$45.00
SPOUSE (With Banquet)	30.00
NON-MEMBER (With Banquet)	70.00
STUDENT (Without Banquet)	20.00

4-DAY REGISTRATION (At Conference)

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER (With Banquet)	\$55.00
SPOUSE (With Banquet)	
NON-MEMBER (With Banquet)	
STUDENT (Without Banquet)	20.00
BANQUET TICKET	

1-DAY REGISTRATION (At Conference)

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER (Without Banquet)	\$15.00
SPOUSE (Without Banquet)	10.00
NON-MEMBER (Without Banquet)	20.00
STUDENT (Without Banquet)	5.00
BANQUET TICKET	

IMPORTANT

Canadian registrants are reminded to make their Conference Registration payments in U. S. Funds, both to the USITT and to Stouffer's Inn-On-The-Square.

Registrants who do not use their Banquet Tickets are encouraged to turn in their tickets so a student volunteer may use it. There are no banquet ticket refunds at the Conference.

NO REFUNDS ON PRE-REGISTRATION WILL BE GIVEN AFTER MARCH 16, 1981.

EXHIBITORS - please refer to your Exhibitor's Manual for registration information. (see page 5)

TOURS AND PERFORMANCES

There are a limited number of spaces available on busses to and from the Conference Tour Events. These busses are free to Conference Registrants.

<u>GENERAL ELECTRIC TOUR, Nela Park, Cleveland</u> There will be two complete tours of the General Electric facilities on THURSDAY, APRIL 2nd.

WESTERN RESERVE COSTUME COLLECTION, Case Western

University. The THURSDAY, APRIL 2nd morning hours will include a tour of the Costume Collection of the Historical Society's Costume Collection.

J. THOMAS PERFORMING ARTS HALL' AND USITT ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

On SATURDAY, APRIL 4th, busses will start leaving from Stouffer's Inn-on-the-Square at 11:00 A.M. for the E. J. Thomas Performing Arts Hall, University of Akron, Akron, Ohio. Box lunches will be avail-able for a small fee. Your program schedule details the day's activities at this spectacular performing arts hall.

SPECIAL NOTE: Both General Electric and the Historical Society have limitations on the number of people they can accommodate on their tours. If you find you are closed out at this time from attending these tours, check at the CONFERENCE INFORMATION DESK when you arrive in Cleveland. Someone may have cancelled and you might be able to go on these extensive tours after all.

PERFORMANCES

During the '81 Conference you will be able to sample some of the finest theatre, ballet, and music by Cleveland's major arts organizations.

TRANSPORTATION

Travel - by air ... The Cleveland Hopkins Airport is serviced by most major airlines. Check with your tra-vel agent or call any of the following airline companies: Air Canada, Air Wisconsin, American Airlines, Braniff, Delta, Eastern, Midway, National, Northwest Orient, Pan Am, Republic, Trans World Airlines, United Airlines, and U.S. Air. There are no group flight arrangements for this Conference. Contact your local travel agent to make these arrangements.

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Travel - from the Airport ... The Rapid Transit station at Cleveland Hopkins Airport is located on the lower concourse of the terminal. The <u>exact</u> change fare is \$.50. The Rapid departs every 15 minutes for Public Square and arrives in the Terminal Tower complex which adjoins Stouffer's Inn-on-the-Square. Service runs until 12:08 AM and will resume at 4:31 AM the next morning.

The Airport Limousine Service, Inc., at 267-8282 has regular service until 6:00 P.M. Fare is approximately \$4.50 per person. Taxi service by Yellow-Zone Cab Company (623-1500) would cost approximately \$12.00 to the hotel.

Travel - by bus or train ... Greyhound, Trailways and Amtrak service is available to Cleveland. From the bus station take an RTA city bus to Public Square (bus #426, or 38, or 75). From the Amtrak station take the A-loop bus to Public Square.

HOTEL

Stouffer's Inn-on-the-Square has a large number of newly remodeled rooms set aside for the '81 Conference. Return the Hotel Reservation Card <u>directly to Stouffer's</u>. Please note that there are a variety of rooms (by size) available as singles or doubles. The Conference discount room rate will apply to the Hollenden House in the event Stouffer's is totally booked. Please return the reservation card by March 2, 1981.

ROOM RATES

Single Room \$42.00 - \$46.00 - \$50.00 Double Room \$52.00 - \$56.00 - \$60.00

ATA PLACEMENT

The American Theatre Association Placement Service will provide three (3) days of service during the USITT Conference at Stouffers. Ms. Amy Harbison of ATA will schedule interviews and provide information about the service for several hours each day of the Conference.

EMPLOYER REGISTRATION

Wednesday, April 1, 1981 ... 2:00PM - 5:00PM

<u>APPLICANT REGISTRATION</u> Thursday, April 2, 1981 9:00AM - Noon

INTERVIEWS

Thursday, April 2, 1981 2:00PM - 5:00PM Friday, April 3, 1981 9:00AM - Noon Friday, April 3, 1981 2:00PM - 5:00PM

Applicants to the ATA Placement Service must be a member of either USITT or ATA. Therefore, USITT members need not join ATA to take advantage of the service.

SPECIALS

SOUND WORKSHOPS

Throughout the Conference Sound Workshops will be open to a limited number of people. The workshops are 4-hours long and will be repeated three times on Thursday, April 2nd, and Friday, April 3rd. The spaces will be filled on a first come first served basis.

RECORDING OF SESSIONS

Cassette tapes of all sessions will be available from Stanley Kozak, c/o Phil Reddish Sound, 6234 Pearl Road, Parma Heights, Ohio 44130. (216) 885-3030. EXHIBITS

The commercial exhibits, the Cleveland Section's "Design '81" (an exhibit of Ohio designers), the Theatre Architecture Exhibit, and the Claude Bragdon Exhibit will be open to the Conference attendees on the following schedule:

Wednesday, April 1st 1:00PM - 6:00PM Thursday, April 2nd 9:00AM - 6:00PM Friday, April 3rd 9:00AM - 6:00PM

EXHIBITORS

At publication of this Newsletter the following Exhibitors will be displaying their products at the '81 Conference. Take some time to stop by the Exhibit Hall and see what is new from a wide variety of manufacturers.

Peter Albrecht Corporation Belden Communications, Inc. Berkey Colortran Bump Lighting Techniques Cal-Western Paints, Inc. J. R. Clancy Company Clear-Com Crown International, Inc. Dimatronics (varalight) Electro Controls Corporation Electronics Diversified Grand Stage Lighting Company Grosh Scenic Studios H & H Specialties Integrated Sound Systems I.P.A.S. International Corporation The Joyce-Cridland Company Kliegl Bros. Lighting Company, Inc. Krause Costume Company Kryolan (California Theatrical Supply) Lighting Dimensions Magazine Major Control Products Newth Lighting Company Pyro Tech, Inc. Rainbo Products, Inc. Rosco Laboratories, Inc. Rose Brand Textiles Fabrics R.T.S. Systems (Compact Video Systems, Inc.) Rubie's Costume Company, Inc. Sanders Lighting Templates Skirpan Lighting Controls Corporation Spectra Dynamics Stage Engineering and Supply Co., Inc. (Theatre Development Associates) Stage Lighting Discount Corporation Strand Century Inc. Syracuse Scenery and Stage Lighting Co., Inc. Teatronics, Inc. Tech Theatre, Inc. Telex Communications, Inc. Theatre Crafts Magazine Tiffin Scenic Studios, Inc. Times Square Lighting Company Union Connector Company Valley Forge Fabrics

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DAI	LY PROGRAMS	2:15PM - 3:45PM	- CYLINDRICAL PERSPECTIVE AS AN AL- TERNATE TO THE MODEL WHEN DESIGNING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL THEATRE (Sceno-
PROGRAMS ***	*** Subject to Change		graphy Commission) - BEST OF USITT/CLEVELAND: HUMAN
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1st 9:00AM - 10:30AM -	Graphic Standards Meeting (Education Commission)	4:00PM - 5:30PM	- <u>RESEARCH PROJECTS</u> (Education Com- mission)
-	Finance Committee Meeting Publications Committee Meeting Scenography Exhibit Meeting (Scenography Commission) Nominating Committee Meeting		 SCENERY MOVEMENT: MACHINERY AND APPLICATION (Technical Information) HAZARD IDENTIFICATION, RECOGNITION, AVOIDANCE TRAINING FOR ENTERTAIN- MENT TECHNICAL PERSONNEL (Health
- 1:00PM - 2:00PM -	Commission on Projects Meeting	•	and Safety Commission) - KINETICS IN DESIGN: A DESIGNER COLLOQUIM (Scenography Commission) - THE BEST OF USITT/CLEVELAND: IN- EXPENSIVE ACCESSORIES WORKSHOP
2:15PM - 3:45PM -	Designer and Consultant BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING I (Continues to 5:30PM)	5:45PM - 7:15PM	(Costume Commission) - MEET THE FELLOWS OF THE INSTITUTE (Cash Bar)
- - -	Student and New Members Meeting <u>THE FUNCTION, OPERATION AND APPLI-</u> <u>CATION OF MICROPHONES IN THE</u> <u>THEATRE</u> (Technical Information) <u>THE THEATRE MEETS THE FLUID POWER</u> <u>INDUSTRY APPLICATIONS</u> (Engineering <u>Commission</u>)	6:30PM - 10:30PM 7:30PM - 9:00PM	 <u>GENERAL ELECTRIC TOUR</u> <u>LE COSTUME C'EST MAGNIFIQUE</u> (Costume Commission) <u>SPECIAL EFFECTS AND PYROTECHNICS:</u> <u>HANDLING ACCEPTABLE RISKS</u> (Health and Safety Commission)
4:00PM - 5:30PM -	HANDS-ON SOUND MASTER'S CLASS AND WORKSHOP ON SYNTHESIZERS (Techni- cal Information Commission) MAKE-UP TECHNIQUES FOR FILM AND TELEVISION WORKSHOP (Costume Com-	9:15PM - 10:45PM	 RESTORED, RENOVATED AND FOUND SPACES (Architecture Commission) FUNDRAISING (Arts Administration) A CHROMA KEY APPROACH TO DESIGN- ING FOR TELEVISION (Scenography Commission)
5:45PM - 7:15PM -	mission) <u>WINE AND CHEESE PARTY</u> (Costume Commission)	9:15PM - 10:45PM	- USITT AND 1984 ELECTRICAL CODE (Engineering Commission)
8:00PM - 9:30PM -	<u>NEW PRODUCTS SHOWCASE</u> (Technical Information Commission)		
		FRIDAY, APRIL 3rd 9:00AM - 10:30AM	
<u>THURSDAY, APRIL 2nd</u> 9:00AM - 10:30AM - - - -	Scenography Commission Meeting Arts Administration Commission Meeting <u>PERMANENT RIGGING STANDARDS</u> (En- gineering Commission) Time, Place and Exhibits Com- mittees Meeting <u>WESTERN RESERVE HISTORICAL</u> <u>SOCIETY TOUR</u> (Continues to 12:00 Noon) (Costume Commission)		 Education Commission Meeting RESTORED, RENOVATED AND FOUND SPACES: PLAYHOUSE SQUARE (Archi- tecture Commission) USE OF COMPUTERS IN ADMINISTRATION (Arts Administration Commission) HOW MUCH LIGHT DOES IT GIVE? (Engineering Commission) Costume Commission Meeting National Liaison and Liaison With the Artist Meeting
	Technical Information Commission Meeting <u>RESTORED, RENOVATED AND FOUND</u> <u>SPACES</u> (Architecture Commission) <u>RISK CONTROL IN RIGGING OPERATIONS</u> (Health and Safety Commission) <u>NOT BEFORE THE CHILDREN</u> (Sceno- graphy Commission)		 Nominating Committee Meeting (New) DANCE FLOORS WE HAVE TESTED (Engineering Commission) GRAPHIC STANDARDS/SCENIC TECHNICAL STANDARDS: A DISCUSSION (Education Commission) CORSETTING WORKSHOP (Costume Commission)
12:30PM - 2:00PM - - - -	Fellows of the Institute Meeting Engineering Commission Meeting Architecture Commission Meeting NICH Committee Meeting (Technical Information and Education Commis- sions) <u>COMPUTER AIDS FOR THE DESIGNER</u> (Continues to 4:30PM) (Scenography	12:30PM - 2:00PM 2:00PM - 5:15PM	 International Liaison Commission Meeting Health and Safety Commission Meeting <u>COMPUTER AIDS TO DESIGNERS</u> (Con- tinues to 4:30PM)(Scenography Commission) <u>PLAYHOUSE SQUARE TOUR</u> (Architec-
1:30PM - 5:30PM -	Commission) <u>GENERAL ELECTRIC TOUR</u> (Continues to 4:30PM) (Scenography Com- mission)	2:15PM - 3:45PM	<pre>ture Commission) - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING II (Continues to 5:30PM)</pre>
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2:15PM - 3:45PM	-	THE THEATRE MEETS THE FLUID POWER
		INDUSTRY: PRODUCTS (Engineering Commission)
	-	THE BEST OF USITT/CLEVELAND: PUSH-
		ING IT IN AND PULLING IT OUT (Cor-
		setting Workshop) (Costume Com- mission)
	-	LAMINATING SCENERY USING HONEYCOMB
		PAPER PRODUCTS, Tom Corbett and Jack Neveaux
4:00PM - 5:30PM	_	COSTUME SHOP MANAGEMENT
		(Costume Commission)
	-	DIRECTOR, DESIGNER COMMUNICATION IN LIGHTING AND SOUND (Sceno-
		graphy Commission-Lighting and
	~	Sound sub-Committees) STEEL SCENERY: TECHNOLOGY, DESIGN,
		SUCCESS, FAILURE (Technical In-
5:45PM - 7:15PM	-	formation Commission) USITT/Cleveland Section Meeting
0.401H 7.101H	-	Technical Theatre Course Guide
		Editorial Board Meeting (Education Commission)
7:30PM - 9:00PM	-	SCENOGRAPHY HERITAGE SERIES IV:
		AILEEN BURNSTEIN (Scenography Com- mission)
9:15PM - 10:45PM	-	STRATEGIES IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS
		TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION MEETING LEGAL MANDATES IN SAFETY: A RISK
		MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP (Education
		and Health and Safety Commissions)
		BRAGDON LECTURE THE THEATRE MEETS THE FLUID POWER
		INDUSTRY: A DEMONSTRATION (Engin-
	-	eering Commission) Conference Debriefing
SATURDAY, APRIL 4t	h	
9:00AM - 10:30AM	<u> </u>	Sound and Lighting Committees
	_	Meeting (Scenography Commission) TECHNICAL THEATRE COURSE GUIDE -
		DRAFT PRESENTATION (Education
	_	Commission) STRESS: WHEN THE STRESS OF THE JOB
		BECOMES TOO MUCH (Costume Com-
		mission) (Dr. Kenneth Greenspan, Center for Stress Related Disease,
		Columbia University)
	-	INDUSTRIAL STUDENT INTERNSHIPS IN THEATRE: A REPORT AND A PROPOSAL
		(Technical Information Commission)
10:45AM - 12:15PM 12:30PM - 1:30PM	-	BUSSES TO AKRON AND LUNCH USITT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
1:30PM - 2:30PM	-	TOURS OF E. J. THOMAS PERFORMING
2:30PM - 4:00PM		ARTS HALL RIGGING SAFETY WORKSHOP
2.30FM - 4.00FM	-	PAINTING WORKSHOP AT MERRILL STONE
		ASSOCIATES THE BEST OF USITT/CLEVELAND: FABRIC
	-	DYEING AND GARMENT AGEING WORKSHOP
		(Costume Commission) LASER WORKSHOP
4:00PM - 5:30PM	-	BUSSES TO CLEVELAND
7:00PM - 8:00PM 8:00PM	-	CASH BAR BANQUET
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THEATRE ENGINEERING TECHNICAL INFORMATION

EDUCATION

Thomas A. Beagle, Commissioner

WRITERS NEEDED

The Education Commission needs suggestions for projects, activities and exercises, for students K-12, to be included in a Technical Theatre Course Guide. The fundamental goals of the Technical Theatre Course Guide are to inform teachers of basic concepts in technical theatre and design, and to suggest projects, activities and exercises for teachers to use to help students understand and use these concepts. When submitting material, please indicate:

- 1. What the student is to learn, and with what results.
- 2. What, specifically, the student is to do.
- 3. How the student's successful completion of the activities is to be measured and evaluated.

Projects, activities and exercises are needed in any and all of the following areas: Theatre Space, Scenery, Properties, Lighting, Sound, Costuming and Make-up.

All contributors will be credited. Include your name and address. Mail all material to John L. Bracewell, 225 Stone Quarry Road, Ithaca, New York 14850.

This project is sponsored by USITT in cooperation with International Thespians, Secondary School Theatre Association, and Children's Theatre Association of America.

RESEARCH

An Ad Hoc Research Committee was formed during the USITT Commissioner's Retreat in San Diego in August. James R. Earle, Jr., Vice President for Commissions and Projects, asked for volunteers to develop a set of rules and regulations including Research Committee composition, selection of projects and administration of projects through completion.

The Education Commissioners volunteers the services of the Education Commission as a "home" during the formulation period. The members include Thomas A. Beagle, Education Commissioner; Martin Moore, Engineering Commissioners; Jean Webster Tsokos, Arts Administration Commissioner; Douglas C. Taylor, Co-Chairperson, Publications Committee; Harvey Sweet, Technical Information Vice-Commissioner; and LeRoy Stransky, Health and Safety Vice Commissioner.

This committee is circulating a survey among its members as well as other selected USITT members. Results of the survey will be reviewed by the committee. Examples of established project committees from several national organizations will be researched for form and format we could follow.

The Ad Hoc Research Committee reported to the USITT Board of Directors meeting in December and will prepare a final draft for the President to review during the Cleveland Conference in April, 1981.

Forming the Research Committee has been a longstanding objective of several of our USITT members.

GRAPHIC STANDARDS

J. Michael Gillette, Graphic Standards Board Chairperson, has a survey titled "Graphic Standards Board Recommendations for Standard Graphic Language in Scenic Design and Technical Production". This survey will be mailed to active members of the Education, Scenography and Technical Information Commissions in January, 1981. This survey will have a "Response" page which should be mailed back to J. Michael Gillette.

This is the first of three proposed areas for the Graphic Standards Board to research. Scenic Design and Technical Productions is the first area for the Graphic Standards Board to review. As soon as recommendations have been received by the USITT membership, Lighting Design and Audio Design will be researched by the Graphic Standards Board for ultimate USITT membership consideration.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY Randy Davidson, Commissioner

COUNTERWEIGHTS MANUAL

The Health and Safety Commission under the direction of Dr. Randall W. A. Davidson, is pushing to have an operational manual in the draft stage for the 1981 Conference. Glenn Martin, Sr., of Texas Scenic Company, San Antonio, is heading the group writing the section for the operation of counterweight systems. Jay Glerum of the Peter Albrecht Corporation is heading the group writing the operation manual for motorized systems. If you wish to help or contribute ideas to either of these manuals contact either Glenn or Jay.

Dr. Davidson is looking for someone to write the section on the operation of hemp systems. The other part of Dr. Davidson's charge, compiling the maintenance manuals for all these systems, is in need of volunteers to write various sections. If you would like to help with any of these projects contact Glenn Martin, Sr., P. O. Box 5680, San Antonio, Texas 78201 or Randy Davidson, 522 Citadel Avenue, Claremont, California 91711, or Jay Glerum, Peter Albrecht Corporation, 325 East Chicago Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202.

SCENOGRAPHY Stanley Abbott, Commissioner

FIRST BIENNIAL EXPO.

The First Biennial Scenography Exposition 1980 is currently available to tour on a first come, first served basis. It is shipped in a box measuring approximately 4'6" x 3'0" x 9", shipped flat and weighs about 100 lbs. Its sole costs are for shipping from its previous setup and insurance. For further details and to reserve the Exposition, please contact Jean Webster Tsokos at 17822 Orville Road, Chesterfield, Missouri 63017.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION Allan M. Bailey, Commissioner

TECHNICIANS' TRICKS

By Harvey Sweet

SHEET GOODS SUPPORT

If you ever have to rip heavy plywood or fragile hard to support sheet goods (i.e. 1/8" masonite) you might might try our solution. We covered our 6' x 16' workbench with two layers of 3/4" plywood. The top layer has a 1-1/2" slot running the length of the table - 24" in from one edge. An operator, working from on top the table with a circular saw (depth of cut properly set) has no trouble cutting the now fully supported sheet material. We have not yet cut the table apart. And, the location of the slot has never seriously interfered with our framing operations.

Submitted by R. E. Reinecke, Technical Director, Kutztown State College, Kutztown, Pennsylvania

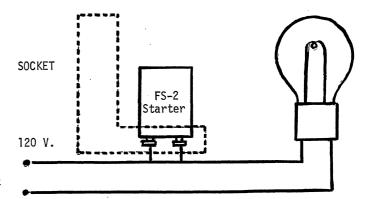
FIRE EFFECT

An occasional problem faced by the theatre technician is the creation of a realistic fire effect on stage. The usual solution involves a motor driven drum and reflector in front of a lamp. This, however, is not always practical. Such was the case in a recent production of <u>The Bat</u> at the Brown County Playhouse in Nashville, Indiana. The script called for a live flame effect flaring up on cue. This posed a problem since the Brown County Playhouse is a thrust stage, and the fireplace was a low box six inches high located in a downstage corner. The motorized drum was much too visible.

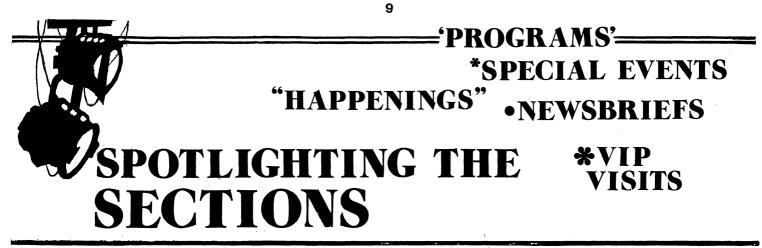
The solution turned out to be a very simple device: an FS-2 fluorescent starter wired in series with a colored incandescent lamp. Used this way, the starter acts much like a simple flasher, but operates irregularly, giving a realistic flicker. When three or more starterlamp units are used together, the effect is more convincing. It is not necessary to run individual circuits to each unit; merely parallel them into one cable.

Experimentation showed the FS-2 starter to be the best choice. Other starters may not operate. A 25 watt or 40 watt lamp also seemed to give the best effect, and is usually bright enough to carry. Increasing the wattage beyond this range increases the resultant flicker, while reducing the wattage tends to make the flicker slower and more regular. Slightly dimming the units also increases the flicker without sacrificing the irregularity, the best level varying with dimmer type. Total dim-out charactertistics are similar to those of fluorescent tubes, as the starters stop operating at around half intensity of a dimmer.

One more advantage of these units is the tailoring they allow in creating the desired flame type. Everything from the last tongue of flame of a dying fire (using a single unit at a lower intensity) to a large, cheery fire (using several units in combination with a constant lamp or two) can be simulated with the right combination of units. The flare-up effect, mentioned earlier, was achieved by using two units of 25 watts each for the constant flicker, then adding a third unit of 40 watts on cue.



Submitted by Mick Alderson Indiana University Bloomington, Indiana



SECTION HANDBOOK

Sarah Nash Gates is in the process of compiling information for a REGIONAL SECTION OFFICER'S HANDBOOK. The goal is to collect necessary and helpful operational information for the Regional Sections in one source (loose-leaf in form for easy revision and up-date.) Proposed topics include: Finance, Coordination with National, Who's Who: a guide to National Officers, Reports, When, What and How.

All interested members are requested to send suggestions, comments, ideas, questions, etc., to Sarah Nash Gates, c/o Theatre Arts Department., State University College, Fredonia, New York 14063.

ALBERTA '81 CONFERENCE

The Alberta Section will hold its 1981 Annual Conference in the new Reeve Theatre at the University of Calgary, May 21st - 24th. Theodore Fuchs, noted author, educator and lecturer will give the Opening Address, and will be on nand for the entire four-day event for various sessions. Some of the planned events will include sessions on Rigging, Acoustic Engineering, and Architecture and Design (especially related to the Reeve Theatre).

Another special event of the Alberta Section Conference will be a comparative demonstration of the major lighting boards directed by a panel of lighting designers. In addition to the major sessions of the weekend, hands-on vorkshops will be held in sound recording, cheap and easy theatre renovations, props, costumes and rigging.

At the request of the section membership, a trade ;how will be run at various times during the Conference.

PROJECTS

The physical dispersal of the Edmonton members of the Safety Committee has prevented a formal meeting since the Section's last Conference. With "the season" underway, arrangements are being made for more regular meetings. Some items of note:

- The Alberta Culture Library is starting to collect materials in the safety field for the arts. In Edmonton, a selection of Industrial Hygiene periodicals are available at the Millwoods Campus of Grant MacEwan College.
- Ron Fedoruk of University Theatre Services, University of Calgary, is looking into establishing a pilot project with the Faculty of Engineering,

measuring the stress capacity of standard lighting clamps. Currently, no material appears to be available on the actual load capacity for various clamps, which are so often used for other than just hanging lamps. This assumes no fault in the initial casting. Ron would welcome any information (or clamps) anyone has to further the cause.

- 4. John Madill, Grant MacEwan College, Theatre Production, is currently compiling a safety pamphlet for the Alberta Culture series for release in early 1981. The pamphlet is directed principally to the high school and community theatres. John would appreciate any thoughts or notes in reference to specific shop/assembly processes, lighting, sound, painting, stage management, or FOH practices.
- Sylvia Sunderland, W. W. Cross Clinic, Edmonton, is looking at compiling an outdoor staging checklist. With the plethora of outdoor productions this past summer, now seems an ideal time to compile, distill, and disseminate the collective experience of technicians throughout the province.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WORKSHOPS - MEETINGS

The PSA strike rearranged the October 4th <u>Toxins and</u> <u>Adhesives</u> session held at Stanford University, as Ted Pollock from Cal-Western Paints had trouble getting from Southern California. Those in attendance were very grateful for his efforts, however, for his discussion was excellent.

The day began with Paul Shattuck from Adhesive Products telling what adhesives the company sells to users in the theatrical industry. He also described many adhesives that are useful in other industrial applications. Paul related a great deal of information about adhesives, how they are formulated, and how they handle a request for stock or new items at Adhesive Products. They are willing to listen to all problems, are interested in their product, and looking for new products to engineer. No request is too small, and even though their minimum order is a fivegallon pail, they are willing to discuss a specific formulation if it appears necessary. When the session was arranged, Paul thought he could talk for about ten minutes; with questions, demonstration of materials, and the momentum created by the audience's interest, the discussion filled the morning.

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Dean Narahara, licensed flame retardant applicator from C. Talcott Company, discussed flame retardants (Di-Ammonium Phosphates) related testing procedures, and outlined pitfalls in the industry. Have your drapes reflameproofed every three to five years if you expect to meet the flame test. Fabric identification is clearly one of the problems facing the applicator and then, of course, choosing the salt that will effectively work on the material. See Title 117 for cigarette burn and Title 19 of H&S code for vertical burn and flame spread tolerances.

Ted Pollock did an excellent job of informing the attendees on the toxin issue. He came prepared with a wealth of information not only on toxins, but on paint formulation, procedures, and related products. His list-ing was by alphabetical toxin and what scenic material in which it is found; bodily organs and what toxins affect them; and by the artistic demands of the industry. He brought an obvious wealth of experience and personal resource. Ted freely advises the scenic artist to write the manufacturers for listings of their paint contents. If you have trouble with an apparent irresponsible product line, contact OSHA for reinforcement. He told why all paints are shifting away from oil base, spoke about the demise of Casein and pigment color systems, and even told why some colors are so difficult to obtain. Ted's information was of outstanding interest and his presentation was well-received. For more information, write for:

Cal-Western Formulation Spec. Sheet: 117 Slauson Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, California 90670

- Santa Fe Springs, California 90670 Art Hazards Project: Center for Occupational Hazards, Inc., 56 Pine Street, New York, New York 10005
- <u>Health Hazards Manual for Artists</u> by Michael McCann, Foundation for the Community of Artists, New York, New York
- Los Angeles School District has a toxins brochure published by its Business Division

See: <u>New York Times</u>, May 8, 1979 for an excellent article entitled "Hazards Cited in Widely Used Art Supplies".

MODEL SESSION

On December 6th, USITT/Northern California presented workshops on masks and model building techniques. Regina Cate, Costume Designer at California State University, Hayward, demonstrated her techniques using foam and spring steel to create masks and novelty costumes, which were used for productions at the Magic Theatre, and Eureka Theatre, as well as Cal State.

Following this, Nick Neklason, an architectural model builder and former partner in the firm Scale Models Ltd., conducted a workshop on model building techniques and materials. Mr. Neklason now teaches and oversees the new quarter million dollar model shop at Mission Campus of Foothill College, and is a private consultant in Lake Tahoe. In addition, Mr. Neklason has extensive community theatre experience and has just completed a new working model of his college theatre plant.

In the morning session, Mr. Neklason critiqued slides and actual models from his classes, requesting that those attending bring in examples of their model work to aid in the discussion. After lunch, the discussion shifted to more specific use of materials, techniques and suppliers.

SOUTHEASTERN S.E.T.C. CONFERENCE

The USITT/Southeastern Section will hold its Spring meeting on Friday, March 6th at 4:00 P.M. at the Sheraton Twin Towers Hotel in Orlando, Florida. As usual, the Section is meeting in conjunction with the Southeastern Theatre Conference (SETC) Annual Convention. Design and technical programs available at the SETC include the following:

Wednesday March 4th 10:00AM - 5:00PM -	WALT DISNEY WORLD BACKSTAGE TOURS. Open to registered adult individual members only. Disney Day tickets are required. Walt Disney World has requested that those invited to the tours be practicing professionals only.
<u>Thursday March 5th</u> 9:00AM - 10:20AM -	SCENERY FOR FILMING: A dis- cussion of the basic design and construction difference between scenery for stage and film. Presiding: Russell G. Whaley, Memphis State University. Par- ticipants: Peter Glynn and Paul Mazer of Propmasters, Inc., Miami, Florida.
9:00AM - 10:20AM -	ALTERNATIVE EMPLOYMENT OPTIONS IN COSTUMING: Exploration of job options open to the stage costumer with theme parks, film and TV, non-theatrical em- ployers. Presiding: Sylvia Hil- lyard, University of Georgia. Participants: Monica Weinzapfel, University of Virginia, and Larry Mullican, Southern Mis- sissippi University.
2:00PM - 4:20PM -	<u>COSTUME DESIGN FOR FILM AND</u> <u>TELEVISION</u> : A discussion of the principles and problems of de- signing for the camera. Presiding: Lucy Nowell, Lynch- burg College. Participant: Jean-Pierre Dorleac, Costume De- signer (<u>The Blue Lagoon, Buck</u> <u>Rogers in the 25th Century,</u> Battlestar Galactica, The Rebels,
9:00PM - 11:00PM -	Somewhere in Time). <u>SLIDE SHOW AND DISCUSSION WITH</u> <u>JEAN-PIERRE DORLEAC</u> . Lucy Nowell presiding.
Friday, March 6th 10:00AM - 12:00PM -	DESIGNERS PORTFOLIO CRITIQUE: Com- ments on Portfolios submitted by SETC designers (Scenery and cos- tumes). Participants: Jean-Pierre Depleze and Tony Walton

11:30AM - 12:20PM - POWDER, PISTONS AND PROJECTIONS: A demonstration of special effects using solonoids, air pistons and projections. The demonstration will also deal with other effects ranging from ghosts and illusions to blood and food. Presiding: LaVahn Hoh, University of Virginia.

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SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

2:00PM - 2:00PM -			FUNDING THE PRODUCTION SEASON VS. INFLATION: Methods of funding pro- duction programs in colleges and universities in light or increasing costs. Jon Whitmore, West Virginia University, presiding. SLIDE SHOW AND DISCUSSIONS WITH DE- SIGNER TONY WALTON. Tom Nowell, Lynchburg College, presiding.
3:30PM -	5:00PM	-	STAGE MANAGEMENT: THE JOB TRAINING AND THE PROFESSION: A discussion of the field and the job opportunities. Presiding: George Thorn, Virginia Tech.
4:00PM -	4:50PM	-	USITT/SOUTHEAST REGION BUSINESS
5:00PM -	6:00PM	-	MEETING SETC ARCHITECTURE AND TECHNOLOGY Paul Sweeney, Chairperson, Univer- sity of North Carolina-Asheville.
9:00PM -	11:00PM	-	DESIGNING FOR FILM AND THEATRE Tom Nowell presiding, Tony Walton participant
Saturday, 9:00AM -	March 7th	1	
9:00AM -			THE DESIGNER AND DISNEY: The de- signer's experience with East and West Coast Disney operations, oppor- tunities, problems, solutions, and thoughts for the future. Presiding: Russell G. Whaley. Participants: Lee Pharr, Walt Disney Enterprises; John Haupt, Disneyland and Walt Dis- ney World; Richard A. Rice, Eckerd College. LIGHTING, COSTUMING AND MAKING-UP THE BLACK ACTOR. R.L. Stevenson, Savannah State College, presiding. Participant: Winona Fletcher, Indiana University. A discussion/ demonstration of the practical appli- cations of make-up, costuming and lighting for the Black Actor.
10:30AM -	12:00PM	-	A COMPARATIVE AESTHETICS OF FILM AND THEATRE: A discussion of the two forms as both artistic pro- cesses and easthetic experiences. Jo Leslie Collier, Eckerd College
10:30AM -	12:30PM	-	presiding. <u>COSTUME DESIGN FOR THE CIRCUS</u> Slide show and presentation. Sylvia Hillyard presiding. Par- ticipant: Don Foote, Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey Circus.
1:00PM -	3:00PM	-	(Tentative) <u>NEW PRODUCTS AND TECHNIQUES FOR</u> <u>TECHNICAL THEATRE</u> : A presentation of products and new techniques new to theatre usage by manufacturers' representatives and SETC general membership. Harold Hunter, East
1:00PM -	3:30PM	-	Tennessee University presiding. <u>THEATRE FACILITY MANAGEMENT</u> : Edu- cational Theatre facility manage- ment for outside events, scheduling priorities, contract preparation, procedures, staffing and liabili- ties. Presiding: Niles Sayre, Norcostco/Atlanta Costume Company. Participant: Vincent Angotti, Auburn University.

Additional information and pre-registration materials for the Convention are available by contacting Mrs. Marion A. Smith, Administrative Director, Southeastern Theatre Conference, Inc., 1209 West Market Street. University of North Carolina-Greensboro, Greensboro, North Carolina 27412. Telephone: (919) 272-3645.

STUDENT CHAPTERS

SAN ANTONIO

Students from the USITT/San Antonio College Student Chapter worked with a High School Workshop sponsored by San Antonio College, November 22nd. High School students presented various scenes in which the members were assigned specific technical responsibilities for each scene. This gave members an opportunity to utilize and expand their knowledge of technical theatre.

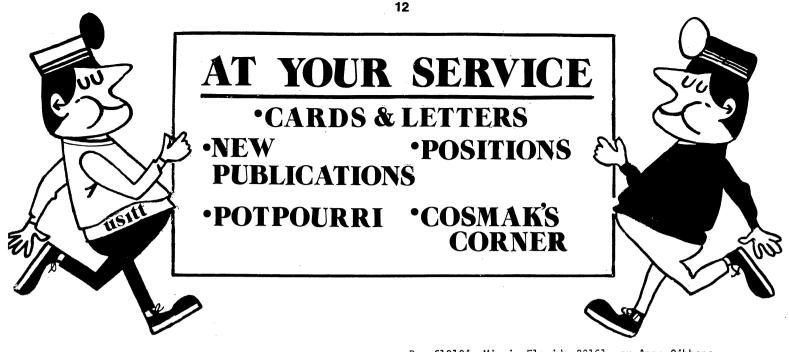
TARLETON STATE

At the first meeting of the USITT/Tarleton State Student Chapter for the 1980-1981 school year, a brief description of the organization was given for the benefit of new members. Candidates for offices were nominated and a meeting planned for elections. Joe Godwin was elected President, Melenda Pomykal was elected Vice-President. Richard Butler was elected Secretary, and Tom Collins was elected Treasurer. At a later date, Arthur Garcia was elected Executive Committee Member-At-Large.

By-Laws were distributed and discussed. Fundraising ideas were discussed and a committee was set-up to work with money making projects. Currently, workshops are being planned which would bring in funds and serve as worthwhile projects. National and State Convention were discussed, particularly the State convention in Corpus Christi, at which a good number of chapter members will be attending.

ENLIST A NEW MEMBER TODAY!

+ CONTRIBUTING	\$500.00				
SUSTAINING	\$225.00				
ORGANIZATIONAL	\$ 40.00				
INDIVIDUAL	\$ 30.00				
STUDENT	\$ 15.00				
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SAN DIEGO CONFERENCE

The San Diego Conference on "Culture and Communication will meet Friday, February 20th, through Sunday, February 22nd, 1981. Potential participants are invited to submit proposals. The College of Professional Studies and Fine Arts at San Diego State University will host the Conference at the Hotel San Diego, 339 West Broadway, near the seafront in downtown San Diego.

Topics will include American Culture, popular arts, popular media, communication reform, media theory, and community media. Videotapes will also be featured.

The Conference will be a combined meeting of the West Coast Critical Communication Conference (fifth annual meeting), the American Culture Association/Western Division (second annual meeting), and the Popular Culture Association/West (ninth plenary meeting). Registration is \$15.00, and hotel rates are very economical.

Registration fees or proposals for panels, workshops, papers, or video showings should be sent to:

> Michael R. Real Department of Telecommunication & Film San Diego State University San Diego, California 92182 (714) 265-6575

SHOWLIGHT

The 7th International Film and Television Technology Conference and Exhibition will be held June 29th to July 3rd, 1981, at the Royal Lancaster Hotel, London, England. An International TV, Theatre and Film Lighting Colloquium, <u>SHOWLIGHT '81</u>, will be held July 6th and 7th. This colloquium, organized by the National Illumination Committee of Great Britain in association with the BKSTS-'81, will enable Lighting Designers, Directors, Technicians, Equipment Designers and Manufacturers to meet and exchange information.

Call for papers and exhibit information available from George Gill, International Liaison, TTFL Committee, Illuminating Engineering Society of North America, P.O. Box 610124, Miami, Florida 33161, or Anne Gibbons, SHOWLIGHT '81, c/o CIBS, Delta House, 222 Balham High Road, London SW12 9BS, England

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HAPPY NEW YEAR! The old and new are always with us. Let's make them work for us in our lives as costume and make-up artists.

OLD RESOLUTIONS

We are all guilty of making resolutions and neglecting to keep them. "Anna's Basic Training" list reminds all of us what we each must do to help keep our shops from becoming "chaos".

- 1. If you open it, close it.
- If you turn it on, turn it off.
 If you unlock it, lock it.
- If you break it, repair it.
 If you can't fix it, find s
- If you can't fix it, find someone who can.
 If you borrow it, return it.
- 7. If you use it, take care of it.
- 8 If you make a mess, clean it up.
- 9.
- If you move it, put it back. If it belongs to someone else and you want to use 10. it, get permission.
- If you don't know how it works, ask. 11.
- 12. If it doesn't concern you, don't mess with it.

(Thanks to Anna Levin-Ware, California State University, Fresno.)

If you look back to a couple of frustrations in costuming, it will help you look forward:

- Unless you are perfect, choose sewing stitch length 1. with great care. Remember ... you may have to rip that stitch out one day because of cast member losing or gaining weight, recasting of part, or (heaven forbid!) a mistake. If you have ever tried to rip out teeny, tiny stitches without mutilating the fabric, you will know what I mean.
- 2. Clip with caution. Where and how far you clip will dictate how and when you can re-use a particular costume, by letting it out. Before you clip, consider true necessity. Alternative to clipping could be steaming or pressing to stretch or shrink fabric that demands a "clip".

(Thanks to L. Lane, Fresno, California)

NEW PROJECTS

In COSMAK'S "Costumers, Act Now!" column (May/June Newsletter), a costume rental information center was suggested. The plan to date is to list rental-trade information in COSMAK'S CORNER as the information is received.

Depending upon quantity of lists received from you readers, the future of this project will be dictated. If amount of lists inhibits proper functioning of COSMAK'S CORNER, a noble volunteer is "waiting in the wings" to compile and duplicate rental-trade lists to be available upon request COSMAK'S by mail or at conferences. It's up to you and you to make this a possible, workable, valuable project. Mail lists to COSMAK, c/o 3553 East Brown, Fresno, California 93703.

With the beginning of 1981, let's start with:

Sharon McDade, Assistant Professor/Costume Designer, The University of Evansville Theatre Department of Drama P. 0. Box 329 Evansville, Indiana 47702 (812) 479-2744

Information dated September, 1980.

COSTUMES FOR COMPLETE SHOWS:

A Little Night Music Annie Get Your Gun Anything Goes Brigadoon Carousel Charlie's Aunt Iolanthe Madwoman of Chaillot

Private Lives She Stoops to Conquer The Boy Friend The Christmas Carol The Country Wife The Importance of Being Earnest The Pirates of Penzance The Sorcerer

STRONG IN FOLLOWING AREAS

Animals Children's Show Characters Indians Moliere plays 17th and 18th Century Men's Shirts 18th Century Women's Dresses (paniers) Turn of the 19th Century Women's Dresses 1930's Women's Day Dresses and Evening Gowns 1950's Women's Dresses (Crinolines)

Basic rental price is \$15.00 for an entire costume (including hat, shoes, underwear, and jewelry. (Note date of information. Prices could change.) Rental for a show, or part of a show, is based on the number of pieces rented, the percentage of the total show we can help with, how long costumes will be gone, and age of costume.

SET FOR A COMPLETE SHOW A Little Night Music (Popular)

With OLD RESOLUTIONS and NEW PROJECTS, let's make this a good and Happy New Year.

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