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THE PRESIDENT REPORTS ON THE STATE OF THE INSTITUTE

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The Denver Annual Conference was the most successful in the history of the Institute. The attendance was well over 1200, not including all the exhibitors and guests. Congratulations to all of the Denver Committee members who helped to make it smooth-running, exciting and profitable. Its success will certainly help improve our financial condition.

Recognition must be extended to Richard Arnold and his Committee for their fine work in drafting the budget for 1982-83, and while we all could wish for more funding, it was agreed that we could "get by" on the approved budget.

Special thanks must go to Past President Lee Watson for his leadership over the last two years, and for his contribution of many liaison activities which have brought more recognition to the Institute.

Congratulations to the new members of the Board of Directors. We certainly welcome them, and look forward to their individual contributions over the next three years.

In a separate section of this Newsletter you will find a listing of the Officers, Members of the Board of Directors and new Commission and Committee appointments. This section will also outline a new structure which should help to ease the burden for some and improve communications overall. Some of the new appointments will take several months to phase in, but those with specific tasks and those who are continuing in the same positions can get right to work!

We are most pleased after a long search that Arnold Aronson and Kate Davy have agreed to continue as editors of TD&T. They have made great strides in improving the Journal during their tenure, and we look forward to further changes which will help to enhance the image of the Institute through its Journal.

Bill Frein and Candace Jacob have been doing a great job for the National Office. In the future, Bill will also assume the responsibility of advertising manager for the Journal. Candace will continue to edit the Newsletter, and both will handle all the hundreds of other tasks for service to the Institute members.

We can be proud that we now have 19 active Regional Sections and 7 Student Chapters. Randy Earle reports that we can expect to see four or more new Regional Sections before the year is out. Please see the separate article in this issue for further membership information. The Institute belongs to all of you members out there, and I urge you to get involved with your Regional Section's activities and to contribute your specific talents to the projects of the various commissions. Only through our joint efforts can we move the Institute forward.

Again, our thanks to the Denver Conference Committee for their great work. We now look forward to Corpus Christi in 1983.

In the meantime, we face enormous tasks in each of our leadership positions, and look to the membership for their individual support and contributions on many levels. Let's all help to make this a fruitful and exciting year!

Signed,

Dr. Ronald C. Olson President, USITT

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COSTUME COMMISSION SYMPOSIUM

August 19-21, 1982

New York City

THE ANATOMY OF A BROADWAY SHOW

- PART I: A prominent Costume Designer will show and discuss sketches of a show currently running and discuss special problems encountered.
- PART II: A visit to see the actual wardrobe of the show under discussion.
- PART III: Panel consisting of assistants, shoppers, drapers and shop heads to discuss the workings of a Broadway shop set up.

ADDITIONAL EXCITING PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- Insights to Contracts, Fees, and Taxes presented by a theatrical accountant and/or attorney
- Hands-on Workshops in New Materials and Patterning Techniques
- Development of Accessories and Special Effects by a representative from THE MUPPETS
- Costume Properties and Accessiries presented by FREDERICK NIHDA and/or JANET HARPER

Evenings will be free for you to take advantage of your time in New York City.

Watch your mail for registration information; if you are not on the USITT Costume Commission Mailing List contact:

Joy Em'ery URI/Theatre Department Fine Ags Center Kingston, RI 02881

- Programming Subject to Change -

1982 CONVENTION — ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM

ALL DAY SESSION — Computers, hard and software for Administrators.

The sessions were chaired by Terry H. Wells.

Jack Head started the AM session with a discussion of what tasks computers could be expected to accomplish. It was a recap of the 1981 session for those who hadn't attended the Cleveland meetings and served to focus on the nature of the whole programming thrust which was to present the current State of the Art and alternative solutions to administrative problems of Performing Arts personnel.

Jean Webster then gave a report on Arts Income Management System (A.I.M.S.), a project funded by several Foundations, including the Ford Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts, which will provide a packet of software to non-profit organizations. The packet, which is scheduled to cost around \$200.00 will be distributed through the following organizations:

Theatre Communications Group 355 Lexington Avenue New York, New York 10017

American Symphony Orchestra League P.O. Box 669 Vienna, Virginia 22180

Assoc. of College, University and Comm. Arts Adm. 6225 University Avenue Madison, Wisconsin 53705

Chamber Music America 1372 Broadway New York, New York 10018

Opera Music America 1010 Vermont Ave., NW Washington, D.C. 20005

A word of warning — at this time, the system is programmed in Basic and designed to run on computers using the Pick Operating System. The hardware for the system runs between \$30,000 and \$75,000. This is not a system for smaller organizations. For further information concerning this system and whether your organization might qualify as a field test sight, contact one of the organizations listed above. George Spaulding, Guthrie Theatre, spoke of the horror stories involving too much money and too little thought process in the computerizing of the Guthrie. Perhaps better than any other panelist, he pointed out that "the alligators" can take over the swamp if the right questions aren't asked.

Lee Schugal of MEGA SYSTEMS spoke also of the questions to ask before deciding on system, programming and needs. Available programs to adopt versus special programs were a major point of lively discussion.

After lunchbreak, four computer systems, featuring bookkeeping, box office, mailing lists and design graphics were demonstrated and the demonstrations followed by a hands-on session that allowed participants to ask specific questions and actually use the equipment.

All speakers, each in his/her unique way, emphasized the following:

- 1. Consider a computer only after you have a complete list of what you want it to do.
- 2. Salesmen "sell" be sure you really have the flexibility you need.
- 3. Be sure the language is compatible to the program (see A.I.M.S. segment).
- 4. Computers may save money, but used properly they will maximize time usage.
- 5. Watch out for the staff reaction "I can do it better" — the computer only does what you want.
- 6. Expensive isn't always better, but neither is cheaper.
- 7. Be sure service contracts and manuals are explicit and provided.
- 8. Watch expectations, not all problems will be solved.

These panels, attended by between 100 and 150 people, concluded the Computer Programming and further assistance and update will come through newsletter information, or for information regarding specific products and programs, contact Terry H. Wells, 330 West 42nd Street, Suite 1800, New York, New York 10036.

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ANYONE CAN WRITE A GRANT IF THEY ONLY KNEW HOW

Lewis Leroy, Western Regional Representative of the National Endowment for the Arts, 548 West Seagoe, Coolidge, Arizona 85228, presented a start-tofinish look at grants writing including: Researching, the Funding Source, Developing a Strategy, Deadline Date, Support material, Writing the Proposal (Narrative and Budget), Presentation mailing, Followup and Final Report.

Particular cautions were given concerning:

- Be sure the proposal is neat and clearly presented.
 Support material should be clear and concise, but
- not so extensive as to overwhelm the funding source.
- 3 Prepare budget completely. General funding sources are looking for matching dollars — be sure that all match is not "in-kind" (or soft match). Generally, only 50% should be of that nature.
- 4 Start collecting support material for final report (budget items, press copy, visuals) immediately to facilitate the final report.
- 5 Research the source carefully and ascertain what the funding and project will mean in staff time and total project mix.

In addition, he gave an update on the NEA; changes are in the works including evaluation of all programs and services offered. I would suggest that if you have been a recipient of NEA funding, you might want to check with your local Arts Council to see what form of support NEA might take.

A handout covering (I) Proposal Writing and (II) General information on the NEA was prepared for USITT members and anyone who would like a copy should contact Jean Webster, 17822 Orrville Road, Chesterfield, Missouri 63017.

This panel, attended by between 70 and 75 people, concludes the "Grantsmanship" programming and further assistance and updating will come through Newsletter information, or contact Commissioner or Vice-Commissioner of the Institute and we will assist or put you in touch with people in your area who can do so.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Arts Administration and Health & Safety jointly sponsored a session on Emergency Procedures Training for Performing Arts Facilities Personnel. Chaired by Terry H. Wells, the session included presentations by Jay Glerum, of Peter Albrecht Corp., on Emergency procedures training in academic environments and Dr. Peter Papadakos, Supervisor of Medical Services at Radio City Music Hall, on the large facility. Dr. Randall Davidson summarized.

Everyone emphasized the value of training for every conceivable situation. Jay Glerum provided a check list of topics in which specific training was desirable, and suggested ways of integrating such training in all courses taught.

Dr. Papadakos recommended CPR training for all staff (all Rockettes are CPR certified, and some have saved lives with this technique), noting that their records indicate a likelihood of one medical incident per 1,000 admissions. He also presented a tabulation of typical problems with rock shows, etc.

ADMINISTRATION UPDATES

• 1980 Scenography exhibitors — letters have gone out to you at the most recent address we have available, but should you not receive it and read this, please contact:

Mr. Herbert Schmoll		Dr. Stephen G. Hild
DESIGN LINE		HOWARD AND ASSOC.
Suite 209	or	Suite 600
6204 Benjamen Road		7046 Hollywood Boulevard
Tampa, Florida 33614		Hollywood, California 90028

regarding the return of Exhibit items.

- Your Commissioners and Section Chairmen have copies of the Arts Administration Commission report, including a request for programming and project updating. If you would like input into the 1983 Convention, please contact one of them or Jean Webster, Administration Commission, 17822 Orrville Road, Chesterfield, MO 63017.
- Cassette tapes are available of the majority of the "Computer All-Day Session", the full "Grantsmanship Meeting" and the "Emergency Procedure" section. These are available from Jean Webster, TSOKOS & ASSOCIATES, 17822 Orrville Road, Chesterfield, MO 63017. Cost will be \$6.50 per tape. The Computer session is two tapes; the others are one tape each. Please include payment with your order.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Sarah Nash Gates, Chair

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that three longtime Sustaining Members have chosen to demonstrate their faith in the Institute by upgrading their membership status. We welcome as NEW CONTRIBUTING Members:

KLIEGL BROTHERS LIGHTING MENDENHALL & ASSOCIATES ROSCO LABORATORIES, INC. STAGE ENGINEERING AND SUPPLY COMPANY

We are also pleased to welcome the following NEW SUSTAINING Members:

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Everyone is feeling the effects of inflation and the economy these days, including USITT. As a result, at the December 1981 meeting, the Board of Directors approved dues increases. As of July 1, 1982, annual dues will be as follows:

Individual	\$ 40.00
Student	17.50
Organizational	50.00
Sustaining	250.00
Contributing	500.00

Membership dues are the primary source of income for the Institute and have not been raised for several years. The Finance Committee and the Board discussed the matter in depth before taking action.

HELP US HELP YOU: Please fill out a membership form whether you are a new member or renewing member. It is almost impossible to keep accurate records when a dues check arrives with a scrap of paper that has a name scrawled on it.

The National Office and the Computor Information Retrieval Company need the information on the Membership form — that's why we have them.

If you plan to collect National Dues at regional meetings please contact the National Office, Bill Frein will be happy to send you some membership forms.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Henry Tharp, Secretary, USITT

The 1982-83 Nominating Committee was formed and had its first meeting during the Denver Conference. In accordance with the Institute By-Laws, the committee consists of eleven persons selected as folows: Two from and by Commissioners, two from and by the Board of Directors, and four from and by Section Representatives, plus the President, Immediate Past President, and the Secretary of the Institute. See the Committee list on page 11 for this year's committee.

Committee procedure is as follows:

- 1. The first meeting of the Committee is during the Conference. At this time a Chairman is elected and a preliminary list of potential nominees is developed.
- 2. The Offices for which the Committee is seeking potential Nominees are: President-Elect, Vice-President for Commissions and Projects, and Secretary. The Committee is also charged to nominate 10 individuals for the 7 Director-at-large positions.
- 3. The membership of the Institute will be canvassed (by means of this notice in the Newsletter) for additional names to be added to the preliminary list of potential nominees. You are encouraged to send such names to Chairman, Tom Beagle, Box 638, Antioch, CA 94509, no later than June 1, 1982.
- 4. Each person named to the preliminary list will be asked in writing if they will permit their name to be placed in nomination. Each affirmative answer must be accompanied by a biographical sketch to be used both by Committee members in evaluating persons, and, if nominated, to be published along with the ballot. This all must be completed prior to the August meeting of the Committee to be held in New York in connection with the ATA Convention.
- 5. The Committee will meet in August to reduce the list of potential nominees to the official slate. In the votes and discussions that will occur during this meeting such matters as the geographical distribution of the carryover officers and Directorsat-large, balance between educators and commercial/professional men and women, professional interests, service to the Institute, will all be considered. Such considerations are mandated by the By-Laws.
- 6. The preliminary slate will be presented at the August meeting of the Board of Directors and in the following issue of the Newsletter to the membership in order to permit names to be added by petition to the ballot.

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- The official ballot will be sent to the membership at least 60 days prior to the annual membership meeting and returned to the National Office at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting.
- 8. The election results will be announced at the annual meeting and the new officers and directors-at-large will take office upon the conclusion of the Annual Conference.

The intent of the By-Laws with regard to the Nominating Committee and the Nomination process is to provide an open process by a broad based committee that represents as many constituencies as possible. Much of the preliminary gathering of potential nominees is done by mail with the final winnowing process done in a face-to-face meeting in which the various considerations for developing the slate can be discussed.

Scenography Announces the Third Biennial Scenography Exposition 1984

Plans are already underway for the next Scenographic Exposition to be held in Orlando, Florida in conjunction with the 1984 National Conference. The advent of the purchase prizes, headed by Dr. John Rothgeb, and the strong possibility of the Smithsonian Institute Traveling Exhibition Service touring the 1982 Exposition has brought about an even greater excitement for the biennial event conceived by Ed Kook and Don Stowell several years ago.

The committee has asked that anyone with suggestions contact someone on the operating committee as soon as possible. Those to contact are:

> Vice President for Commissions and Projects Richard Devin 1508 Fifth Street Kirkland, Washington 98033 (206) 543-2735

Exposition Coordinator Stephen G. Hild George Thomas Howard Associates 7046 Hollywood Blvd., Suite 600 Hollywood, California 90028 (213) 462-2343

Financial Officer Tom Bliese 1412 Carney Ave. Mankato, Minnesota 56001 (507) 389-1418

SCENIC DESIGN COMMISSION

A current project of the Scenic Design Commission is a survey of computer technology usage in scenography. The objective of the project is to collect information on research and projects involving computer technology in scenography (Examples might be: Using the computer to generate Light Plots or Three Dimensional graphic representation of Stage Settings or even computer aided instruction in optics) and to make this information available to other people working in similar areas. Communication between people doing like research would be encouraged. If you are involved in such current research or have completed a project please write to:

J. Mark Kelman Project Director c/o Drama Dept. Queen's University Kingston, Ontario K7L 3N6 CANADA

The survey is co-sponsored by the Scenic Design Commission and the Queen's University Office of Research Services.

THEATRE DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY INTERNSHIP CLEARINGHOUSE REPORT

The TDTICH listing will be available through the National Office. A master list of names and addresses will accompany an individualized print-out containing detailed information related to each experience provider in a specific area.

Requests, accompanied by a \$3.00 fee, should indicate which area(s) should be included in the printout: Admin; Scenic Design; Technical prod; Cost. Des: Cost. Tech; Prod. management; Light Des; Light Tech; Stage Mgt; Manuf. & Sales. The list will contain names of theatres and firms which accept as interns bonafide students enrolled in an academic program of study. The list should be available by mid-May, 1982.

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* No this is not a joke.

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If you are interested in developing a section in your area contact: Randy Earle, Theatre Arts Department, San Jose State University, San Jose, CA 95192.

ALBERTA SECTION — ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Grant McEwan Community College will host the Third Annual Alberta Section Conference on May 21-24. Section members say it will be one of the best.

Special guests include David Collison of Theatre Projects, London, and author of *Stage Sound;* Jean Webster, USITT Commissioner, Dr. Robert Scales, and Dr. Randall Davidson.

Workshops on the "Principles of Rigging Practice" and the "Technical Director — A Problem Solver" will be offered. Sessions on safety and management problems, microprocessors, and recording techniques are sure to be thought provoking.

Registration rates for USITT Members are \$25.00 if postmarked before May 14th and \$35.00 if postmarked after that date. Further information is available by writing Christine R. McLaren, Conference Registration, c/o Grant MacEwan Community College, P.O. Box 1796, Edmonton, Alberta, T5J 2P2 CANADA.

NEW ENGLAND SECTION

Installation of officers and executive board members for the New England Section took place on January 16th at Boston University/Boston College. Elected in December, by mail ballot, were:

Robert McCaw William Groener Erwin Steward Jan Fox John Howard Darlene Anatas Arthur Paquette Laura von Kaas Don Calvert Joy Emery William Beautyman Michael Carnaby Barbara Harris Co-Chair Co-Chair Vice-Chair, Programming Corresponding Secretary Recording Secretary Ex. Board Ex. Board Ex. Board National Liaison National Liaison Ex. Board Ex. Board Ex. Board Ex. Board Ex. Board

The Officers and Executive Board of the New England Section also serve as the Technical Theatre Committee of the New England Theatre Conference.

On Saturday April 24th the Section held its Spring Meeting at the Rhode Island College. Two sessions were devoted to Sound Systems, both their design and installation. The other sessions concerned portfolio presentation first through a panel discussion, and later during a workshop. The Board of Directors met following the meeting.

SOUTHEAST SECTION

The Southeast Section met in Louisville, KY in March. The agenda included a change in the by-laws by which officers would be elected for two-year terms. Officers were elected as follows.

Chairperson: Albert F. C. Wehlburg, Theatre Department, 485 West Little Hall, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611.
Vice-Chairperson: Tom Nowell, Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, VA 24501.
Treasurer: Deborah Bell, UNC-G Theatre Department, Greensboro, NC 27412.
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Development Chair: Albert F. C. Wehlburg (see above for address)
Development Chair: Jack Miller, School of Theatre, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306. September 10-12, 1982 are the dates set for the Annual Southeast Section Master Classes at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. For more information contact Deborah Bell at UNC-G Theatre Department, Greensboro, NC 27412.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SECTION

Recent activities of the Southern California Section include a "Safety Seminar", held on February 20th and a "Sound Seminar" on March 6th. Speakers at the Safety Seminar were Dr. Randall Davidson, "Theatre Safety"; George Thomas Howard, "Electrical Safety"; and Tom Newman, "Pyrotechnic Safety". Flame proofing products were shown and demonstrated by California Flame Proofing, Cal Western, Rosco Laboratories, and KC Turner Enterprises. BEST AUDIO hosted the "Sound Seminar".

COMING EVENTS

May 8, 1982 — Costume Symposium at the new Old Globe Theatre, San Diego.

May 22 (or 29) — "Unique Products for Scenic Construction", at California State University, Northridge.

STUDENT CHAPTERS

The following student chapters were recognized by the Board of Directors at the Denver Conference.

TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY TRINITY UNIVERSITY UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN WEBSTER COLLEGE

Previously renewed Student Chapters are located at Southwest Texas State University, Northern Arizona University, and Tyler Junior College.

Student Chapter charters are renewed annually, following the submission of a written report of the year's activities. Anyone wishing to start a student chapter should contact Randy Earle, Theatre Arts Dept., San Jose State University, San Jose, CA 95192. The rabbit is back! With diminishing budgets, increased costs, reduced work forces, tighter schedules and the general need to do more, faster, stronger, cheaper and quicker, there is increasing need to share ideas. Technicians Tricks will publish any reasonable time-saver, money-saver or means of making it happen. Designers, drafters, scenic artists, technicians of all sorts, we need your ideas to share. Send your "tricks of the trade" to Harvey Sweet, Strayer-Wood Theatre, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA 50613,

TECHNICAL DIRECTORS, have you lost keys, wrenches or small tools that are easily pocketed? The inadvertent wanderings of crescent wrenches, and other small tools can be reduced by attaching a key ring and a short length of chain or odd piece of steel to small tools that are put in pockets while working. The weight or shape of the "attachment" is usually a sufficient annoyance to remind a worker to return the tool or key to the proper cabinet.

DRAFTERS, those pesky dashed lines take so much time to draw. Try this alternative: draw a solid line of the proper thickness, then lay an erasingshield with a line of holes over the line. Using an electric or hand held eraser, erase out a portion of the line to create evenly spaced dashes.

PAINTERS AND PROPS PERSONS, doing a large mache project or mixing enormous quantities of paint? Try using a plastic garbage barrel for a mixing tank. A large board or a Jiffy Mixer can be used to stir paste or paint. This results in a large batch of evenly mixed material. Paper and fabric can be dumped into the barrel for mache work without spilling paste all over the floor.

CARPENTERS, remove the pitch on saw blades by spraying with Easy-Off oven cleaner and then rinsing with the hottest water possible. UNI Shop Foreman Shan Ayers has demonstrated that the cleaner easily removes the pitch and the hot water will evaporate rapidly to prevent corrosion on the blade.

ELECTRICIANS, Tom Pincu, Colortran suggests using vinyl cable tie-offs as tie lines for cables on pipes. The tie-offs are heat resistant, inexpensive and may be cut at strike for removal of cables. They provide a quick, sturdy means of attaching cables to pipe in a neat, orderly fashion.

EVERYBODY, send your Technicians Trick's to us for publication.

THIS AND THAT FROM HERE AND THERE

Wherever COSMAK goes, someone is doing something interesting. I don't know how you can make use of the following ideas, but tuck them away in your mental file. In these times of shrunken budgets, we must continue our recycling and substitution endeavors.

BACK TO EGG CARTONS:

- 1. WITCH'S MASK: Use cardboard egg carton with large pointed dividers. Cut portion with 4 depressions with 2 pointed dividers in center. Upper 2 depressions are eye sockets to be enhanced with lids, lashes, sunken eye balls, opened for vision. Pointed divider between eyes creates a pointed nose enhanced by shadowing. Add mole, hair. Lower depressions are for sunken cheeks; shadow and line accordingly. Lower pointed divider creates the witch's pointed chin. Add mole, hair. To complete mask, add hair and hat. (Thanks to Children's Hospital)
- 2. CATERPILLER: (Possibility for puppet or shadow puppet) Slice plastic egg carton in half, lengthwise. Fill depressions with dirt and rye grass seed. Allow to grow. Add head of your choice (egg stocking holder with features painted or glued on) or simply add antennas to carton to make frontal statement. One step further would be to make caterpiller more flexible by cutting and hinging carton sections together with wire, curtain rings, waterproof string, or perhaps colorful yarn. Great caterpiller! (Thanks to Sylvia Gamble, Fresno teacher)

PLASTICS GO TO "FOOT" OF CLASS:

- 1. BOOT EXTENSIONS: If boots are too short, add vinyl (or leather) extensions. Take two rectangular or shaped pieces, or 1 folder piece measuring the same width as opening of boot. Sew closed. Crush top of boot and slip this tube over it. Tube should fit snuggly enough to stay in place, elongating the boot. Tube length should allow for extension plus overlap long enough to grip to top of boot for control. Use same color vinyl as boot. Works great! A longer tube (perhaps with some stiffening) simply resting on the arch-ankle area of ankle high shoes also create inexpensive boots. (Thanks L. Lane, Metropolis)
- 2. SOLES: Saw an animal costume with soles that looked like they were cut out of plastic grip carpet runners for halls, stairways or autos. Why not!

Thanks to all for their contributions. Ideas breed ideas, and that's what we're all about...

CALENDAR

20-23 MAY

C.A.V.O.R.T. (Conference About Volunteers of Regional Theatre): Memorial Arts Center, Atlanta, Georgia. Contact the Alliance Theatre, 1280 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, GA 30309.

21-24 MAY

ALBERTA SECTION CONFERENCE: Grant MacEwan Community College, Edmonton, Alberta. Contact the Alberta Section, c/o Ken Hewitt, 2500 University Drive, N.W., Calgary, Alberta, CANADA.

4-6 JUNE

MICHIGAN THEATRE CONFERENCE: Muskegon Community College.

7-12 JUNE

CARE OF THE PROFESSIONAL VOICE SYMPOSIUM: Juilliard School, New York City. Contact the Voice Foundation, 320 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10022.

9-13 JUNE

23RD ANNUAL FLORIDA THEATRE FESTIVAL: Plaza Hotel, Daytona Beach Florida. For more information write: Bruce Simmons, Florida Theatre Festival, P.O. Box 5235, Daytona Beach, FL 32018.

18-19 JULY

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF AUDITORIUM MANAGERS: (IAAM) Exposition Convention Center and Arena, Milwaukee.

15-18 AUGUST

AMERICAN THEATRE ASSOCIATION: Sheraton Centre, New York City.

19-20 AUGUST

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