

First performance of 'Luv' polished

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Opening night for "Luv," starring Texas A&M University's Aggie Players, was an example of how hours of rehearsal can produce a polished performance.

The MSC Dinner Theater production, set on a bridge in New York City, stars three Texas A&M students in roles through which they explore the emotional wonders and complications of love.

As "Luv," opens Harry Berlin (played by Dave Rich) is preparing to jump off the bridge. Just as he is about to jump over the railing to his death an old high school buddy, Milt Manville (played by Steve King) stops him. They recall high school days and recount the years since they last saw one another.

Harry is a poor, slovenly beggar who rummages through the garbage. Milt is a wealthy middle-class married man who

happens by the docks. They discuss why they turned out the way they did, one an obvious success and the other a failure.

Soon all pretense is gone and Milt confesses that his life is also "pure hell." But Milt inspires Harry to look for love and the enchanting things it can do for a life. He then sets Harry up with his own wife Ellen (played by Tricia Cox) because he wants a divorce so he can marry his girlfriend Linda.

Harry and Ellen are total opposites but love somehow develops between them. Ellen, an intelligent woman but distraught wife, knows her husband has been unfaithful. She is depressed until Harry reminds her that love can clear away the past. The two discuss how to break the news to Milt. When he returns Milt is delighted but pretends to be angry. Act One ends as Harry and Ellen leave together and Milt dances off to meet Linda.

Act Two opens several months later when the novelty has rubbed off the new relationships. Milt and Ellen are both dissatisfied with their new partners. The last act probes the reasons for their breakup and for their even-

his torturous childhood or suddenly fell into a trance.

Steve King as Milt Manville was a little extreme. Milt's character, though, was an exaggeration of the ambitious and selfish qualities in all people. The only fault in this portrayal was that it was so extreme it made the characters seem silly.

Tricia Cox gave the best performance as Ellen Manville. Cox's portrayal of intellectual, prim-and-proper Ellen was delightful. Her excellent perception of line timing was demonstrated throughout the play. Cox also sang a comic "What Is This Thing Called Love?" She was very entertaining.

The Aggie Players, with the MSC Directorate, the MSC Hospitality Committee, and the MSC Food Services, sponsored the dinner theater. Performances remaining are scheduled for June 28 and 29.

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tual remarriage. After some slapstick stunts made attempting to "help" Harry commit suicide Ellen and Milt leave Harry where they found him.

"Luv," written by Murray Schisgal, was directed by Roy O'Valle. The acting seemed to outshine the play itself.

Dave Rich as Harry Berlin was a comic character who the audience could sympathize with. Rich performed a few stunts and was especially effective in character when Harry recalled

\$23 million kept secret by Graham

United Press International

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Charlotte Observer said yesterday evangelist Billy Graham admits he kept secret the seven-year accumulation of a near \$23 million special fund in land, stocks, bonds and cash.

The newspaper, in a followup to a story last fall on Graham and his wife, said Graham Evangelistic Association (GEA), quoted Graham as saying he and his associates have never been anxious to discuss the ministry's finances primarily because they thought people will think the ministry was too rich.

Graham also said secrecy was necessary about the \$22.9 million fund to avoid being inundated with requests for help.

The seven-year-old fund, known as the World Evangelism and Christian Education Fund of Dallas, has most of its proceeds from the sale of land. The fund also gives money to several Christian causes, including the Campus Crusade for Christ and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

The Observer said single-year donations had amounted to as much as \$1.2 million, but last year, the fund distributed \$324,000. Fund assets in 1976 included 100 acres of undeveloped mountain land in Buncombe County, N.C., worth \$3.6 million, and a portfolio of blue-chip stocks and bonds including holdings in AT&T, Exxon, General Electric and IBM.

The paper said a Dallas lawyer, John Crawford, bought the

land in his name four years ago, using world Evangelism money. He did not use Graham's name or organization because Graham said he and his associates feared the price would increase if people knew he was buying the land.

Crawford transferred the land to World Evangelism in 1975. Until

last week, Graham associates denied they owned the land.

The Observer said Crawford bought the land from Edward Dawson Roberts, founder of the Bank of World Commerce, an organization law enforcement sources have linked to underworld figures such as Meyer Lansky.

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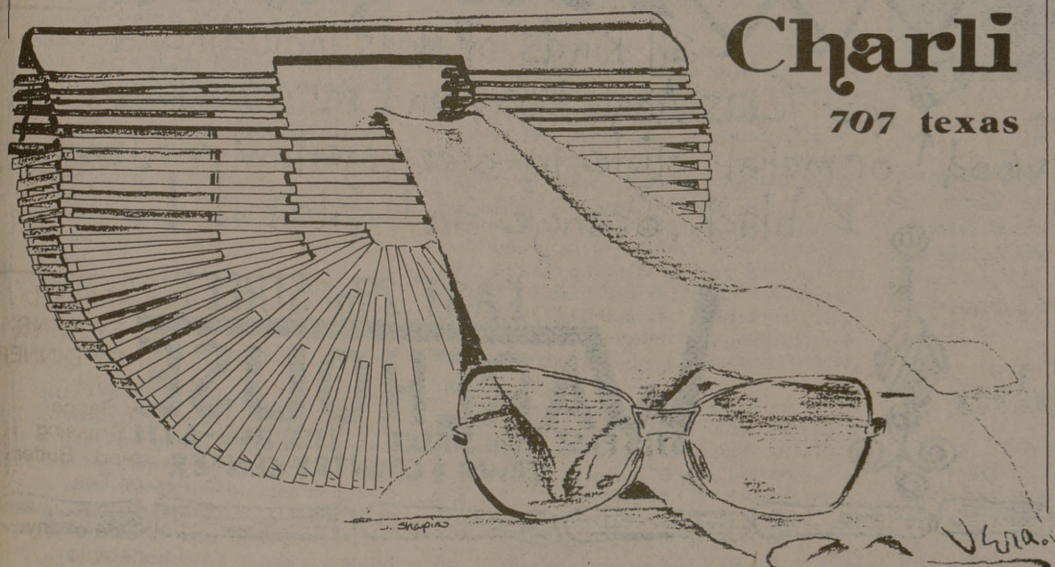
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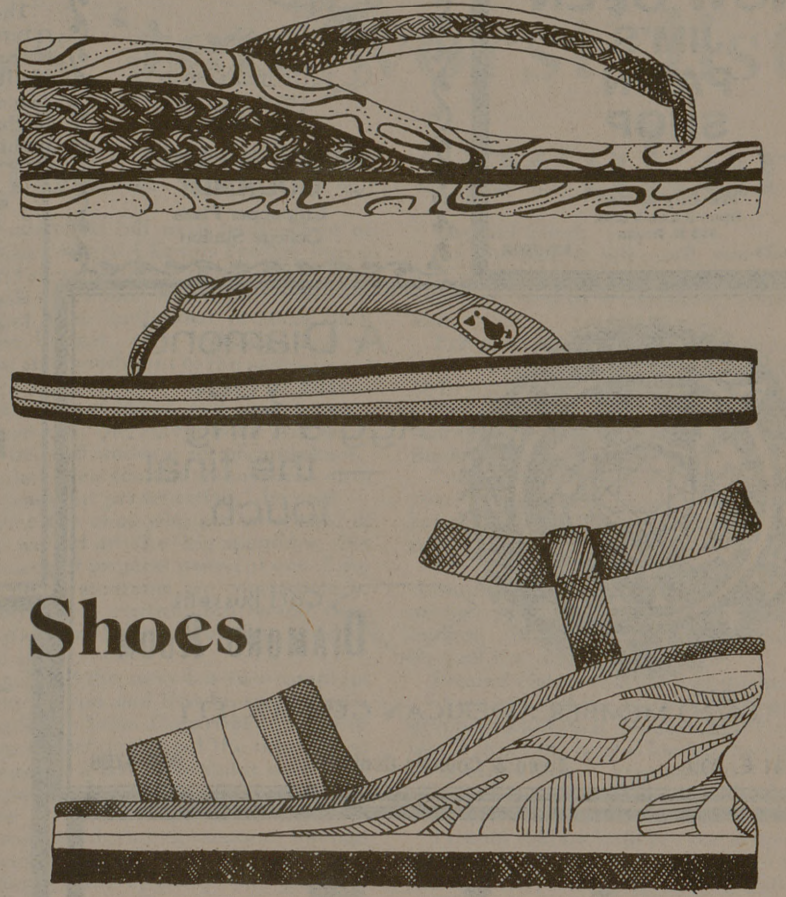


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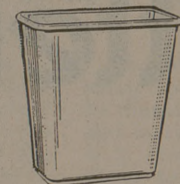
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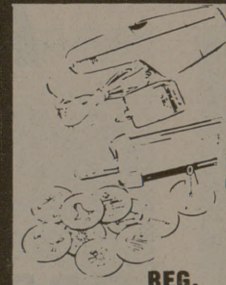
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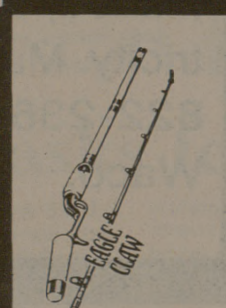
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