

Small audience appreciative

Play 'contrasts' U.S society



Elizabeth Harden does her needlepoint while Elizabeth Smith recites her lines in the play, *The Contrast*. The play will continue through Friday.

by Ruth Wedergren
Battalion Reporter

The Texas A&M Theater Arts production of "The Contrast"—an early American comedy set in New York in 1787—opened to an audience of about 15 people in Rudder Forum Tuesday night.

The play's first act began slowly, but the comedy's dialogue and actions grew in hilarity with each of the following four acts.

Charlotte Manly, portrayed by Elizabeth Smith, was reminiscent of Scarlett O'Hara. She batted her eyes, fluttered her fan and exaggerated everything. Her main concerns—beaux, gossip and the latest fashions—were shared with her close friend, Letitia, played by Liz Harnden.

Maria Van Rough, played by Laurie Allison, was a meek, idealistic American girl who was engaged to a man who was in love with her two friends.

Richard Strayer played the uppity Billy Dimple, the three-woman man. He continually laughed in a high pitch, dabbed his mouth with a lace handkerchief and daintily gestured in almost every space available to his reach. His flowery coat fitted his flowery personality.

The play's hero, a revolutionary war officer named Col. Henry Manly, was portrayed by Doug Golenski with gallantry and patriotic fervor. As his sister

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Charlotte said in Act II, Manly spoke sentiment in every sentence.

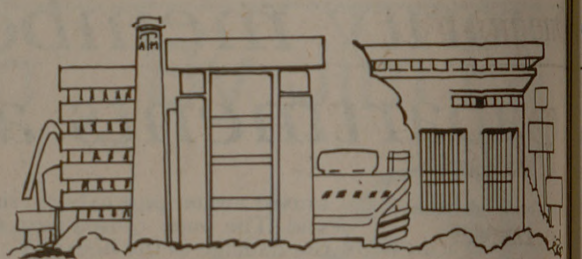
Some of the most humorous scenes were between the servants of Manly and Dimple, Johnathan and Jessamy, played by Peck Phillips and Allen Rudolph.

Jessamy was a carbon copy of Dimple, dabbing the mouth and speaking oh-so-Britishly.

One member of the audience said the bumbling Johnathan reminded him of Jethro from "The Beverly Hillbillies."

The players were heartily applauded by the small audience. The production delighted its modern audience as it must have in its original staging.

"The Contrast" is a comical, delightful play that is worth being seen—by more than 15 people. Performances are at 8 p.m. nightly through Friday.



Around town

Dance Society to give performance

The Dance Arts Society will close out National Dance Week with its annual spring performance Friday at 7:30 p.m.

The show, "Gotta Dance," will feature dances performed by the society's dance classes and by individuals. Aerobic, ballet, jazz and tap dances will be performed.

The performance is in Rudder Theater and admission is free.

Committee to host gospel concert

The Black Awareness Committee will present Springfield's free gospel concert, April 28 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 224 of the Memorial Student Center. The Texas A&M group, Voice of Praise, and the Evangelist Pentecostal Church Choir will be performing.

Class of '86 to hold spring picnic

The Class of '86 is sponsoring a class picnic, May 1 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Duncan Field. Come out and enjoy food, games and fun with the Class of '86.

Fire Department to hold barbeque

The Precinct 4 Volunteer Fire Department is holding the Volunteer Firemen's Fest to raise money to equip their trucks and purchase needed equipment. The event is scheduled for 3 p.m., May 14, at the S.P.J.S.T. Hall #99 on Highway 21 West.

The day's festivities will include: barbeque, sausage, corn-on-the-cob, homemade noodles, a country store, a cakewalk and lots of games and food.

A dance will begin at 9 p.m. with music provided by the New Generations. Tickets are \$3 per person, \$2 for persons over 65.

For information contact Chief Phelps at 822-0885 or Steve Nemecek at 822-4769.

If you have an announcement or item to submit for this column, come by The Battalion office in 216 Reed McNeal or contact Tracey Taylor at 845-2665.

Police beat

The following incidents were reported to the University Police Department on April 25 to 26.

THEFT:

• A black 10-speed K-Mart All-Pro bicycle from the Moses Hall bike rack on April 25.

• A blue 10-speed Myata 10-speed bicycle from the Academic and Agency Building bike rack on April 25.

• Rear window louvers from a 1980 Chevrolet Camaro in parking lot 30 on April 25.

• A wallet from a shelf in men's restroom in Helms Hall on April 25.

RECOVERY:

• A blue ski jacket and hat that was accidentally picked up by the Herman Heep Building on April 25.

• A 1981 Honda which was taken from between Wells Hall and McInnis Hall on April 25.

• It was found near the Laboratory Animal Resources Building on April 26.

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Service fraternity activates pledges

by Dayna Boren
Battalion Reporter

Alpha Phi Omega will activate 64 members into the co-ed service fraternity tonight during a closed ceremony.

The private ceremony is designed to officially recognize pledges who have completed a semester of pledging. In order to be eligible for activation, pledges must either complete 50 service hours of activities during the fall semester or 60 hours during the spring, said Robert Croom, vice president of programs for APO.

Some of the activities that APO has sponsored this semester include a blood drive, co-sponsored with Student Government and Omega Phi Alpha, Croom said. The fraternity also operated a night shuttle bus that runs between parking lot number 56 and 61—located across the railroad tracks on Wellborn Road—and the northside dormitories and sponsored a Muscular Dystrophy Association

dance-a-thon and a reception of the Quonset Hut.

One of the most successful APO service projects this semester was the operation of a campus computer dating service.

Croom said. More than 100 names were matched through the computer, with all proceeds donated to the handicapped scouts. Response was better than originally expected and more than likely be active again next year, he said.

In a separate ceremony held Friday night, APO will hold a banquet to officially induct new officers. Officially inductees will be the "passing of the torch" to the new officers. The banquet will be open to all activated members and pledges, which together total about 100 students.

The banquet also will commemorate the 21st anniversary of the Texas A&M chapter of APO. The chapter, along with several guest speakers will attend the ceremony.

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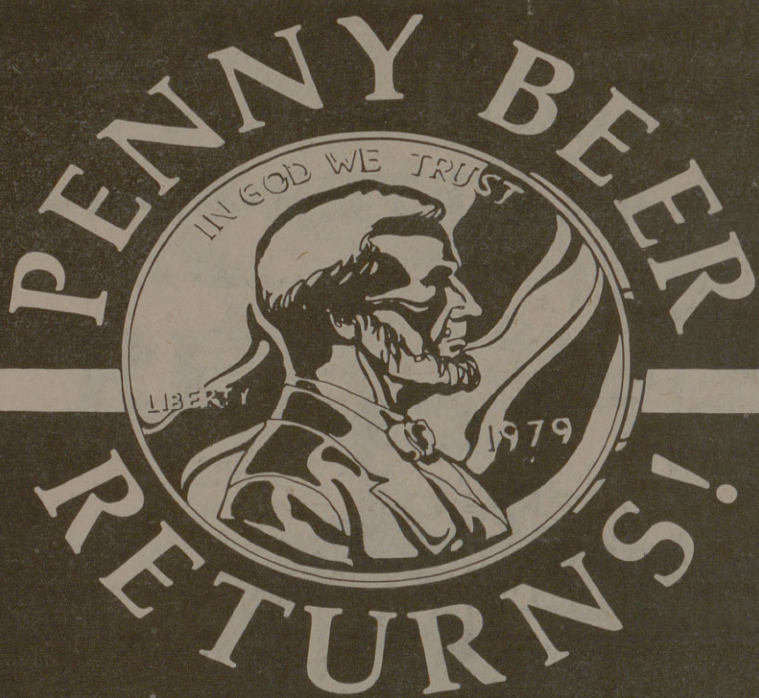
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