

# Comedy group to perform here

by Michael Piwonka  
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A rapid-fire collage of spicy comedy will hit Texas A&M when the Second City Touring Co. comes to Rudder Auditorium Sunday.

Second City is a group of six or seven actors who present topical — some say "irreverent" — comedy sketches. The improvisation-rooted comedy act, which originated in Chicago in 1959, pokes fun at current political and social issues.

The troupe lampoons modern living, using ideas suggested by the members and the audience. The material is developed in a performance situation, then refined in rehearsal to be included in Second City's

fast-paced commentaries. Second City has a resident company in Toronto, two tour-

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ing companies, and hosts workshops to train aspiring perfor-

mers. It has developed an international reputation sparked by engagements in London, Los Angeles and on Broadway, the nationally syndicated "SCTV" television series, and has an impressive list of former members who helped shape the distinctive Second City style.

Second City, which is in its 24th year, has become recognized as a starting place for new talent and has such names among its alumni as Peter Boyle, Valerie Harper, Robert Klein, John Candy, Joan Rivers and Avery Schreiber. Many of NBC's "Saturday Night Live" stars, including Dan Aykroyd, John Belushi, Bill Murray, Gilda Radner, Tim Kazurinsky, Mary

Gross, Robin Duke, and Tony Rosato, began their careers in Second City.

In 1963, Second City moved behind the television cameras with "Second City Reports,"

States and Canada. The cast of "SCTV" attracted an enthusiastic following, particularly for Dave Thomas and Rick Moranis, who played Bob and Doug McKenzie.

But even with its television success, Second City's touring company is still its trademark. In 1976, Second City's soaring number of booking requests required the formation of a second company.

Second City, which is being sponsored by the MSC Base-ment Committee, will bring its stage show to Rudder Auditorium for an 8 p.m. show. Tickets are on sale at the MSC Box Office for \$4, \$5 and \$6.

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produced in England. Production of "SCTV" began in 1976, and was picked up by NBC in 1981 after five years of syndication throughout the United

## Alabama to perform Friday

# Air Supply concert postponed

The Air Supply concert, scheduled for tonight, has been postponed so that Russell Hitchcock, lead singer of the Australian group, can recover from laryngitis.

The concert has been rescheduled for October 28 at 8 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum. Air Supply, known for such easy listening songs as "Lost in Love," "All Out of Love" and "The One That You Love," began their 1983 World Tour in April in Japan. The North American portion of the tour started May 17 in California.

Ticket refunds will be available until Oct. 7.

On Friday, Sept. 30, at 8 p.m., the country group Alabama will play at G. Rollie White. Alabama has been nominated for or has received most major music awards since signing with RCA Records in April 1980. Their

songs include the hits: "Feels So Right," "Why Lady, Why," and "My Home's in Alabama."

Three members of Alabama are cousins — Randy Owens, lead vocals and rhythm guitar, Teddy Gentry, vocals and electric bass and Jeff Cook, vocals, lead guitar, keyboards and fiddle. The fourth member is drummer Mark Herndon.

Opening for Alabama will be Janie Fricke, the Country Music Association's 1982 female vocalist of the year.

Fricke began her career as a jingle singer and back-up vocalist and in 1977 signed with Columbia Records as a solo artist.

"It Ain't Easy Bein' Easy," "Down To My Last Broken Heart" and "Don't Worry 'Bout Me Baby" are just a few her hit songs.

Tickets are available at the MSC Box Office.



# Theater group opens season with comedy

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StageCenter, a community theater organization, will open its 1983-84 season Thursday with "Sly Fox," a two-act comedy.

The play portrays the life of a con man, Foxwell J. Sly, played by Bryan resident Jim Burford. Sly tries to mooch as much money from his "nearest and dearest" friends by pretending he is on his deathbed preparing to write his will. These friends in turn are convinced he is dying and therefore offer their most prized possessions in the hope of being the sole heir to his estate.

The comedy features a cast of 15 Bryan-College Station residents, as well as two faculty

members and one student from Texas A&M.

Dr. Edd Bowdon, associate professor of engineering technology, plays one of Sly's friends — friends who resemble vultures awaiting the death of their prey. Bowdon has a master's degree in theater to accompany his engineering doctorate.

Also cast in the play is Dr. Wendell Landmann, professor of animal science by day and actor by night, in addition to being a 1965 charter member of StageCenter. He directed "Life With Father" last year and is a major character in this season's opener.

Directing "Sly Fox" is Sharon Barrow, a recent graduate from the University who has played lead roles in many of the Univer-

sity's productions.

Other cast members include active community residents who work full-time, moonlighting as actors and actresses for the non-profit organization.

"None of us are professional actors — we do this for the love of it," says Monica Fernandez, the only University student in the production.

Fernandez, a senior English major from San Antonio, says for a time she wanted to be an actress, but didn't want to starve. Now she is studying to be a lawyer.

"Besides, every good lawyer is a good actor," she says with a laugh.

To learn more about StageCenter or to make reservations for the show, call 846-4436.

## MSC Craft Center

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| Stained Glass (suncatchers)          | Drawing    |
| Beginning Airbrush                   | Batik      |
| Matting and Framing                  | Watercolor |
| Pottery - Beginning and Intermediate |            |
| and several others...                |            |

For more details call 845-1631, or come by the MSC Craft Center in the basement of the MSC.