

Young Kansas

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PRACTICING for Sterling College's play, "Godspell," are (left) Bob Mitchell, Milpitas, Calif.; Lindy Smith, Jetmore; Eric Commer, Wichita; Ellen Shepard, Kansas

City; Laurie Brenner, Topeka; Tim Soule, Winfield; Marilyn Sullivan, Sterling, and Donna Brownlee, Sterling. Lying in front is Karen Dunn, Wilmette, Ill.

Sterling play 99 percent hard work

By Jean Buchanan
Sterling College

With less than two weeks before opening night, the production crews and cast of "Godspell," Sterling College's play, are pushing hard to fit the pieces of the show together. "Godspell" is to be produced at Sterling College Oct. 31, Nov. 1, and Nov. 2.

For those who have never been back stage or worked in a theatrical production, it's a little difficult to imagine the state of things at this point. Many areas must be coordinated in these last weeks in order to "bring it off."

Here is some of what's happening:

The cast continues to rehearse for three hours Monday through Thursday nights and Saturday mornings. With them are two rehearsal pianists, the director, the choreographer, and the stage manager.

These regularly scheduled rehearsals are only the beginning, however. The stage band must rehearse most nights each week. Set construction crews have been busy since the beginning of the school year. Properties must be found, made, or finished. The lighting crew will be hard at work hanging, gelling, aiming, and circuiting instruments, as soon as the

electrical installation is completed in the newly refurbished auditorium in Spencer Hall.

Special sound equipment, follow spots, and other effects must be ordered and rented

Key Club installs officers

NICKERSON — Installation for Nickerson High School's newly reorganized Key Club will be at the Red Carpet Restaurant at 6:45 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 30.

Officers to be installed are Marty Gumble, president; Chris McGill, vice president; Dan Williamson, secretary; and Dan Beaver, treasurer.

The organization is sponsored by the Reno County Kiwanis Club. Mark Musser, a senior at Hutchinson High will perform the installation ceremony. Musser is a lieutenant governor of Key Club, a representative for the state organization.

The NHS Key Club will meet every Monday during activity period.

Brad Gibson and Dave Kelsey serve on the board of directors for Key Club and Marshall Hollingsworth is the organization's Stuco representative.

for this production. Costumes must be made for each actor within the movement and design requirements of the show. Displays for the exterior and lobby of the theater must be constructed and arranged. Programs must be designed and printed. Publicity must be sent out. Box office personnel must organize and set up office hours.

And such a list is only the tip of the production iceberg. To do all this work in a short five weeks (now less than two) is difficult enough, and to do it well is exhausting. Yet people who love the excitement of the theater keep coming back to this job which is one percent glory and 99 percent hard work.

Perhaps one source of the motivation that keeps these people coming back is the sense of community that comes from working in a group dedicated to a goal. Bonds of friendship formed during theater rehearsal and performance are often strong ones.

Another motivating force is that of communication and communion with a large group of people — the audience. The response, warmth, laughter, applause and appreciation of the audience thrills the actors and production crews alike.

The play itself helps to strengthen personal interrelationships. Actors must physically express the joy of salvation, the sorrow of death, and the miracle of resurrection. They must develop ways of expressing love for each other as characters in the play and as friends working together. Finally, they must develop love for the audience. "Godspell" requires such an outpouring, if the audience does not perceive the actors' sincere attempts to establish a community of persons, the play will lose its impact.

Without a doubt, there is still much to be done. But "Godspell" will be ready to run on opening night, in Spencer Auditorium at Sterling College.

Youths selected for orchestras

HALSTEAD — Three Halstead High School students were chosen by audition to be in Wichita Youth Orchestras for the 1974-75 season.

Members of the Youth Repertory Orchestra are Debbie Rupe, bassoon, and Lyle Cain, trombone. Rhonda Holman, oboe, is in the Wichita Youth Symphony.

Cheating?

The Young Kansas inquiring reporter visited Hutchinson High School one day during lunch hour asking the question, "Does much cheating go on in school and why and what do you think about it?"

Here is one reply. Others appear inside under the heading of Speak out.

HHS junior: "Not much, but there is some going on. A lot of us don't like to take tests. I think you shouldn't cheat but we just can't help ourselves."



Robin Cherry

Smith takes FHA title

GREENSBURG — Deanne Smith of Greensburg High School was chosen Miss FHA at the Future Homemakers of America fall conference at Stafford Oct. 17.

Competing before a panel of three judges, Deanne gave a speech on "FHA Resources."

Greensburg FHA also won the National Hero award, an award based on participation of the FHA chapter in the community, and second place in display.

Concert features jazz musician

McPHERSON — Maynard Ferguson, 46-year-old Canadian who has come to be known for "the world's most exciting trumpet sound," will present a public concert at 7:45 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1 in the McPherson High School Roundhouse, sponsored by the Associated Colleges of Central Kansas.

About 20 years ago when Maynard Ferguson first came to the attention of jazz fans, the high-note trumpet player was considered some sort of a freak. Some cool jazz fans predicted uncooly "He'll blow his brains out in five years."

Concert chairman Rande Short of McPherson College and chairman of the ACCK student social committee, says: "Judging by his playing, Ferguson still has not only his faculties, but also his lip and his feel for good jazz and contemporary music. His tone is as rich and full as ever, and he continues to draw 'oohs' and 'aahs' when he hits those high notes and wrings every last ounce of sound out of them."

As an added attraction, the McPherson High School Jazz Ensemble, directed by Bryce Luty, will give a warm-up concert preceding the appearance of Maynard Ferguson and his band.

General admission advance tickets are \$2.50, available at the business offices of the six

ACCK colleges: Bethany, Lindsborg; Bethel, North Newton; Kansas Wesleyan, Salina; McPherson, McPherson; Sterling, Sterling; Tabor in Hillsboro; and at the ACCK office, 115 East Marlin Street, McPherson.

Tickets at the door will be \$3.



Maynard Ferguson

Holds mock election

By Debra Royse
Fairfield High School

During the last few weeks, Fairfield High government classes have not only been learning some of the basics of the course, but have also been doing a little "politicking" of their own.

Several of the students have become amateur pollsters. Questions have been asked concerning Watergate, the Nixon pardon, amnesty, and other topics of current interest.

One group from the sixth hour class has had the entire student body of FHS register, and they will hold a mock election on the same day as the general election. They will then compare these results to the results of the entire state.

The Falcon debate squad has also got involved. They presented a demonstration

debate concerning the selection of the presidential and vice presidential candidates to the fourth hour government class.

And to discover more about a real campaign, Sen. Bert Chaney, Democratic nominee in the race for U.S. Representative in the 4th District, visited FHS Oct. 21. He explained about campaigning and expenses, and also spoke of some of the issues involved in his campaign.

Area men officers

LAWRENCE — Two Hutchinson area students at the University of Kansas have been selected freshmen class officers or members of the KU student senate to fill vacancies.

They are Gary D. Lemon, Claflin graduate, and John Bush, Lyons sophomore.