Playright visits campus

"Olies, Vaudevilles, and Pieces of Eight" talks about what we as a society do to our artists. Alan Nielsen, the author of the new play which will have its world premiere on campus on May 5, says that an incident in which Neil Simon had to compromise one of his plays to please the public, got him thinking about "what we do to artist and art in our theater, because we're very commercial. What would happen if we put Shakespeare in the contemporary theater? How would we survive, where everything depends on making a profit, where art is run as a business?"

The play encompasses a lot of things. It is not so much a story line as it is a thematic statement. A struggling playwright gives his play to a producer who has nothing else but Vaudeville. The play is Hamlet, but because the producer knows nothing else, Hamlet ends up as a vaudeville version. Time is telescoped. Various characters from various time periods are resurrected to comment and drive home the message of the play. In effect, it is a play within a play.

"Olies..." is a musical. Nielsen made several comments on the play as a musical. A prominent precedent for musicals. It was the first play in which songs were used to further the plot, rather than stuck in as interludes. "When a character gets to a point where he can no longer verbalize his feelings, he sings. That's the function of music.

Nielsen began developing the concept of "Olies, Vaudevilles, and Pieces of Eight" over a year ago, when he jokingly said he would write a play for his college buddy, Dick Rehse, Concordia's Harlequin's director, and Rehse held him to it. The first draft was completed last August, the second draft at Christmas, and the third draft towards the end of January. But Nielsen says "I'm still writing the overture, and picking up all the loose ends right now."

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Alan Nielsen reviewing scenes from his upcoming play.
editorial page

Inequality upheld

For all the talk and supposed concern over equality of rights in our country, we are reminded of the glaring shortcomings when the highest court in our country decides to uphold inequality. Only recently the Supreme Court upheld a lower court decision which prevented James McConnell from obtaining a marriage license.

In this situation, the question of perversion does not enter into the picture, or it should not. If a man can be denied a job solely on the basis of "unnatural tendencies," it is frightening to think of the implications. Who determines what is unnatural? Anything a person might believe in, or do, might be labeled as such. It all depends on who is making the decision.

The fear of the public was the actual deciding factor in this case. Our society is so acutely frightened of homosexuality, that it would rather either ignore it, or subdue it, than intelligently cope with it.

The week that was

Bomb threats, arson, robbery - These words during the past weeks have caused a lot of rumors, false accusations, mass trips home, panic evacuations, loss of sleep and, it would appear, a loss of faith on campus.

This author was looking for some facts for a story on the incidents on campus when we talked to Dean Trochel. In his usual calm manner he talked about what had happened.

We are not the only victims. Many schools in the area have similar problems. The police are now investigating the incidents and there is no reason for us to worry about them or dream up our own wild stories.

Our anxiety and panicked evacuations are exactly what the persons want to see. Girls run out of the dorms lucky to be wearing coats and shoes on their feet. Calmness and reason are left behind. The way the first were set would tell any rational person that destruction was not intended.

Many pack up and go home just because there's not enough time to try to take all their belongings. Running away out of fear won't make the problem disappear. It only shows a lack of maturity. Concordia may be in a real neighborhood but that only means we should use some sense to avoid problems. It doesn't mean we should pack up and leave. We shouldn't expect to be able to leave our doors open and not have anything taken. Faith doesn't mean stupidity.

We are sure many are praying that nothing happens to themselves or their friends. But what about the persons who have been making the calls, or stealing the TVs and money, or setting the fires? Surely they need prayers more than we do. They won't be praying. Our prayers for them would not go unheard.

They are losing more than we are. They are losing their self respect, dignity, themselves.

A few more prayers for those people, a lot less fretting about ourselves, a lot more concern, and a whole lot more Faith in God would do wonders for this campus.

Beauty or the Beast

On Friday, March 27, Concordia held its annual "Ugly Man Contest." Each of the girls' dorms sponsored and outfitted a man to collect money for Bethesda Lutheran Home. All day long these "ugly" fellows roamed the campus searching out people to fill their baskets. The generous guys did their job well and collected over one hundred dollars with Greg Anderson leading the way by gathering forty dollars himself. These guys did a great job for a very worthy cause and the girls fixed their men real 'party.'

Don't use colored facial tissues, paper towels, or toilet paper. The paper dissolves properly in water, but the dyes linger on.

If you accumulate coat hangers, don't junk them; return to the cleaner. Boycott cleaners who won't accept them.

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

Spring has again uncoupled and students are returning with bicycles for transportation and fun. The administration is again sounding forth its decree that bikes are to remain outside the dorms.

Any sensible bike owner would not want to leave their bike out for fear of not having it very long. It doesn't take much to get through some of the locks or even pick up the bike.

I see no reason why bikes cannot be stored in the dorms as long as they are out of the way in the basement or at the end of the hall. Our campus is not so overpopulated that some corner or room cannot be made available for bike storage.

Sincerely, Sue Musial

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You can stop holding your nose in the Midway

The Midway District between Minneapolis and St. Paul has long been known as the "armpit of the Midwest." The odors from vinegar-making, meat rendering, and paper manufacturing plants blend together to offend the senses.

The odors may now have less of an influence, because an agreement reached among three Midway corporations: Hormel-Vakko, Spees Vinegar, and Bartosche Meat Packing. Late last fall, students and staff from the St. Paul Campus went to MPFG to ask for help in eliminating the odors from the companies, all of which are within a mile of the school.

MPFG, acting as attorney for the students, filed a complaint with the St. Paul City Bureau of Air Pollution Control. But the firms were not ready to act. Finally, after petitions from local residents were received, the agency gave the firms 90 days to hire a consultant and to begin a program of abatement.

All companies have promised to comply. By the end of the year, the Midway will breathe a little easier.

If you have an environmental concern, or legal problem in the public interest, contact MPFG. (To contact Concordia's branch of MPFG, write to box 353.)

Fight to keep noise at a minimum between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. Sometimes the noise that awakens you can still be turned down. You can stop your local radio-TV station kind to neighbors. Suggest that they turn down the volume.

You can still break your dream which aren't loud enough to wake you. The odors of the minimum between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. are a new smell when you're cranky. By the same token, be sure not to make inconsiderate noises.

Judee people on the move

In 1969, Duane Peterson was in Hollywood, doing a T.V. Series. As he walked down Hollywood Blvd., everywhere he looked he saw underground newspapers — preaching revolution, sex, drugs, everything. He couldn't help thinking, "God, what's wrong with Christians? One of the most effective media to communicate thoughts is the newspaper, and we aren't using it." So he prayed, "Judee, if you'll give me the means with which to do it, I'll put out a newspaper telling people about you." Three days later, Duane Peterson passed out 10,000 copies of the first edition of the Hollywood Free Press.

Today, Judee is credited with being one of the foremost initiators of the Jesus People Movement. But he writes in his book, Jesus People, "The Jesus People Movement is spontaneous work of God among the youth of America — and springs up, seemingly by itself, in all corners of the country — at the same time. It is clearly directed by the Holy Spirit. Unquestionably, the leader in Jesus Christ."

On April 10th, Duane returned to the Twin Cities area and spoke at Soul's Harbor. This is home to him because he grew up in Hastings, Minnesota, and was first introduced to Jesus Christ by a friend in a high school. He then became active in the activities at Soul Harbor.

Duane has a special love for street people. When he found out from the police in Hollywood that during the period of the three summer months, over a million people came to Hollywood Blvd. from all over the U.S. and other countries, he knew he had found a place which would fulfill his slogan, "Go where the people are." One day as he was talking to one of the newsmen, the newspaperman said, "Those street people really get turned on so for Jesus are freaks Jesus freaks." Duane replied, "They're not freaks. They're Judee. They're Judee People. Judee is a name the Lord gave to His people. Judee is not the cartoons or the articles in the newspapers. Judee is a movement, called the Jesus People Movement.

After handing out the first edition of the Free Press, Duane's mail box was full with letters from Judee. Today, he receives as many as 30,000 letters a week in response to the growing circulation of the newspaper. "It is not the cartoons of the article themselves, Duane says, "but the Gospel which is inside each cartoon, which is inside each article." A new publication, the "Bible Study Magazine", will soon be released.

One of the areas where Judee has seen the greatest transformations is with kids hooked on drugs. A couple of months ago, several came from the Penitentiary to "investigate Judee." Discouraged with their own rehabilitation programs to reach the more than 100,000 boys addicted to drugs in Vietnam, they were curious to find out more about the many people who were freed from drugs through the power of Christ. "I can't explain it," Duane says. "I can only tell them about Jesus." Today, 50 Judee People International Staff Workers will begin to orient those coming to the penitentiary to learn the full story of Judee People.

Duane emphasized that it isn't enough to "hook" people for Christ, but it is also important to "land" them into a local body of believers. That's why the Judee People Free Pressativos — Bible raps, Christian homes, and coffeehouses to go for those who want to learn more. Today, the movement is reaching much wider groups than the street people. It is reaching across denominational lines. Duane writes, "I believe that the Establishment Church is beginning to change. To open their arms. To anybody. No matter the length of their hair. No matter what they've got on."

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Help pick the worst

Do you feel T.V. commercials insult your intelligence? If you do, CROC (Crush Revolting Obnoxious Commercials) may be the organization for you.

On Nov. 10th, Bill Bentzin, a Mpls. public relations man and founder for Rejection of Obnoxious Commercials started the campaign in a talk at the Mankato-State College Marketing Club in Mankato. The movement, formed in Sept. in Mpls., now has more than 1,000 members from coast to coast. Hoping to improve the quality of T.V. commercials as a whole, the organization will call attention to the bad ones and also recognize those the members feel are good.

The highlight of the movement will be the balloting in the spring with the winners for the "10 Biggest CROCS of the year" — the 10 worst T.V. commercials of the season. The CROC "award" winners will be nationally pubilshed.

How can you get in on the action? Membership in CROC is $1.00 which qualifies you to receive: "Your Commercial is a CROC" protect cards to send to companies sponsoring bad commercials as a way that they might be heading for a CROC award; a "Let's Get CRO Ced Together" button; and a "Crush Revolting Obnoxious Commercials" poster, plus the right to wear the spring balloting. If you are interested, send $1 to College CROC, Box 1012C, Mpls., 55440.

The new music building auditorium being tested for acoustical properties by the Chorale and String Ensemble.

A visit to Mars

by Bill Huffing, U. of M. Science Writer

Except for a noticeable shortage of breathable air, a Minnesotan visiting the Planet Mars might feel right at home. A "warm" day on Mars is much like a typically cold winter day in Minnesota.

"Of all the planets in our solar system, Mars is the most like Earth," said Alfred O. C. Nier, Regents' Professor of Physics at the University of Minnesota. "Our evidence about Mars, so far, shows that the temperature on a warm day there will be about 18 degrees F. below zero.

Despite the minor similarities, however, Mars is quite different from Earth. The temperature at night drops to 80 degrees below zero Centigrade (about -170 degrees F.) — the temperature of frozen carbon dioxide ("dry ice"). Of course, the polar caps of Mars are also much colder than those on Earth." Nier laughed when asked about the possibilities for Mars as a "colony for Earthlings" in the future.

"Mars isn't much more habitable than Earth's Moon," he explained. "Oxygen is in very short supply on Mars and so is water. I suppose if some sort of civilization was bred a man might evolve who could actually survive there — in about a billion years."

A SEARCH FOR "LIFE"

Head of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Entry Science Team for the upcoming Viking Flight to Mars, Nier said the main reason for the mission was to answer the question "Is life conceivable to the existence of life." This means we will be looking for organic chemical materials, not "life" as most people on Earth think of it," he explained. At this time, the Viking Flight is scheduled to leave Earth in 1976, arriving on Mars in July 1977. A second Viking launch will leave within a month of the first one. At most, the scientists hope to find some signs of microscopic life or at least the chemical elements capable of constituting to form life forms as we know them. In addition to the "life ingredients" of water, oxygen, carbon and hydrogen which have already been detected on Mars, the chemical element nitrogen is an essential component of Earth-type forms. So far no evidence of nitrogen has been found on Mars.

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Laurie Baumgartner leads a singalation at the Joy of the Resurrection Evangelism Conference, April 14. 

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Use live Christmas trees, not artificial ones, and replant them afterwards. City-bound?

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