

# Blackfriars Present 'Raisin in the Sun'



A HAPPY SEQUENCE from "A Raisin in the Sun" is rehearsed by members of Blackfriars. Production is scheduled at St. John Fisher College auditorium Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 19, 20 and 21. En

The Broadway hit play by the late Lorraine Hansberry, "A Raisin in the Sun," will be presented by Blackfriars at St. John Fisher College auditorium on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings, Feb. 19, 20 and 21. Curtain time is 8:30 p.m.

Winner of the New York Drama Critics Award, "A Raisin in the Sun" is the first play by a Negro woman to have reached the Broadway stage.

THE PLAY'S PLOT is concerned with a Negro family in a Chicago slum and their dreams for a better life.

Members of the cast include Sylvia Brunner, Dick Shields, Claire Hurst, Patricia Cheney, Carl Daniels, Oliver Canady, Osbourne Owens Jr., Ray Leder and Willie Johnson.

Play is under the direction of Robert Smelt with Richard Mancini as production coordinator. Setting is by Mari and John Kinter; Lighting and sound by Gordon David McKenna; and costumes by Mary Connie Comfort.

Staff members include: Joan Stein, Patricia A. Clark, Ronald J. Clawson, Robert Hoffman, E. Kelsey Scott, Peter Vaeth, Cecile Weinstein, James Tapley, Peter Gerbie, Tom Linnar, Ethel Brazill, Virginia Davis, Bobbie Neely, Patricia Murphy, Olga Burmaster.

Also Michael Belanger, Helen Clousser, Katherine Kelly, Ruby Taylor, Carl Zollo, Mary Jo Spencer.

photo are (standing) Pat Cheney, Dick Shields and Claire Hurst; (seated) Oliver Canady and Sylvia Brunner. Curtain time is 8:30 p.m. Tickets are available at Midtown Copy Center and at the door.



Marmee (Connie Lo Curto) reads a letter to three of her daughters in Mercy High School's Little Women, to be presented Feb. 26 and 27. Surrounding her are Cynthia Iannessa, Karen Kingsley and Ellen McGee.

## 'Little Women' To Be Staged at Mercy High

Louisa May Alcott's "Little Women" is in its third week of rehearsal at Our Lady of Mercy High School with performances scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Feb. 26 and 27, in the school auditorium.

Junior Mimi Kennedy is cast as the vivacious Jo with Karen Kingsley, Ellen McGee, and Cynthia Iannessa playing her sisters, Meg, Amy and Beth.

The family spats and Jo's "play-within-a-play" are real comedy in the series of vignettes of the March family.

Laurie, who loves Jo but whom she cannot love in the same way, will be enacted by John Dalton. Professor Bhaer, who wins Jo, will be John Rodman.

Others in the cast include Connie Lo Curto as Marmee, Ann Rogers as Aunt March, Kathy Butler as the maid, and Chris Sextstone as Mr. Lawrence.

A "period" play with a Civil War days setting, Little Women offers Mercy's wardrobe department an opportunity to flaunt its crinolines, silks, ruffles, and petticoats. Marie Fessenden, wardrobe mistress, will take her "work cues" from Sister Mary Dismas, home economics department head.

According to Miss Mary Burkett, faculty member and backstage coordinator, backstage crews, involved in set props, make-up, publicity, and wardrobe, number 48 Mercians.

France and has been guest conductor for several orchestras in Europe.

He is presently serving as director of the Hochstein Music School, and is founder and conductor of the Hochstein Sinfonia, musical director of the Opera Theatre of Rochester, and a member of the board of directors of the New York State Opera League.

In December of this year, Dr. Freeman has been invited to conduct in Denmark, Norway, and West Berlin.

Dr. Freeman studied at the Hochschule for Music in Berlin and under Pierre Monteux in

Minneapolis

Symphony Due For Concert

The Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra will appear at the Auditorium Theatre on Monday, March 1 at 8:15 p.m. sponsored by the Polish-Millennium Concert Committee. Dr. Paul Freeman will appear as guest conductor. Stanislaus Skrowaczewski is music director.

Class A, Section I  
Clarence the Cross-eyed Lion  
Sound of Music, The

Recommendation: This film production of the theatrical musical based upon the formative years of the Trapp Family Singers is thoroughly refreshing family entertainment. Story of a young woman whose lively personality captivates a widower and his seven children is a joyful and balanced view of life. Lovely music and intelligent lyrics, colorful scenery and pleasant fantasy, are well blended to achieve the unity of entertainment necessary to wholly entertain the mind and enliven the spirit.

Class A, Section III  
Banana Peel  
My Wife's Husband

Class B  
Fort Courageous  
Objection: Excessive brutality and unnecessary sexual realism seriously mar what should be a family film.

Nun-Betsy Ross  
Regina, Sask. — (NC) — Saskatchewan has a nun-Betsy Ross. The Saskatchewan provincial flag being flown during the province's diamond jubilee observance was designed by Sister Imelda of St. Angela's convent at Pelly, Sask. Her design won a province-wide competition, which carried a \$500 prize. There were 230 entries.



Ed Kesser as the Baron deals the final blow to Becket (Jim Holleran) in the Notre Dame senior play to be staged Feb. 20 and 21.

## 'Becket' Set For Notre Dame Stage

The Senior Class of Notre Dame High School will present "Becket" by Jean Amouilh on Feb. 20 and 21. Curtain time is 8:15.

This highly dramatic play revolves around the lives of two men, Becket, Chancellor of England, and King Henry II. When Henry becomes involved in a dispute with his bishops, he appoints Becket as Archbishop of Canterbury as an end to his problems. Becket now must choose between his king or his God.

The play is under the direction of Mr. Robert Lynough and student directors Priscilla Hart and Richard Buzak.

James Holleran portrays the title role of Becket and Thomas Argetsinger takes the supporting part of King Henry II. Other members of the cast include: Christine Raniewicz, Kathleen Curtin, Carole Langstine, Joseph Holleran, Richard Faldeman, Michael Donlin, James Barrett, Michael McGee, Michael Lynch, Edward Kesser, Joseph Welch, Robert McNamara, Matthew Carey, Thomas Levantuski, Michael Morrell, Brian O'Donnell, Thomas Nardo, Joseph Horczykuk, Anthony Fitzpatrick, and David Munnax.

Tickets are \$1.25 and may be obtained from any Notre Dame Senior or by calling RE 2-2733 after 4 p.m. All seats are reserved.

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Gale Ewanow, "Maria" in the Sound of Music to be presented at Nazareth Academy strums a few measures from the Do Re Mi song for the Captain's children. Top row shows Bonnie Hoch, Donna Gast, Robert Smith, and John Cook; bottom row: Mary Brett, Kathleen Brett, and Nora Kerstetter.

## 'Sound Of Music' Set By Perosian Choir

Nazareth Academy Perosian Choir will present "The Sound of Music," a Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Feb. 26, 27, and 28, at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium on Lake Ave.

This true-life story of the Baron Von Trapp and his wife, Maria Reiner, will unfold through sparkling lyrics, folk and ballroom dancing. Gale Ewanow, a Nazareth senior, will play the leading role of Maria; William Cox, Baron Von Trapp.

Choral director is Sister Rose Teresa; orchestra director, Alfred Castle; instrumental coach, Sister Marie Stephanie; and Mrs. Donald Conway, accompanist.

Family Rosary Radio Program

Friday, Feb. 19 — A representative of Third Order of Mt. Carmel.

Saturday, Feb. 20 — (Mass to be celebrated) — John Vail, St. Augustine.

Sunday, Feb. 21 — Frank Kinsky, St. Louis, Pittsford.

Monday, Feb. 22 — John Stich, St. Joseph accompanied by St. Mauritius Commandery No. 9, Knights of St. John.

Tuesday, Feb. 23 — Jerry Serafine, St. Joseph, Penfield accompanied by Better Men's Club.

Wednesday, Feb. 24 — Ernest Cala, St. Andrew accompanied by Holy Name Society of that parish.

Thursday, Feb. 25 — Joseph Cahill, St. Mary's accompanied by Rochester Products Division employees.

Tickets may be purchased at Nazareth Academy for \$1.50.

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