# An Up-Close Look At... ———

by Karl Benacci, features editor

The Cast of 'Sand Mountain' - Part 1

Tickets for the play "Sand Mountain" are now available at the Rub Desk. Call 898-6242 or purchase them in person. Seating is limited, so reservations are recommended. Tickets are \$3 for students (with ID) and \$5 for general admission. The play will run from Oct. 25 to Nov. 4.

## John Hodges



John Hodges, a third semester student, plans to major in acting at the University of Southern California.

In the play, he has the part of Jack.

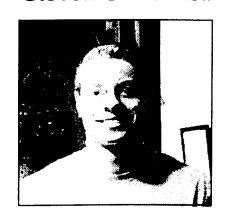
"It's a lot harder than it looks, obviously.," said Hodges. "I myself have a lot of family in the south, the culture is familiar to me, and constructing the character just took

His hobbies include acting, writing and gaming, and he's involved in Matchbox Players and the Gaming Club. John has also been in the plays "M\*A\*S\*H, "Canterville Ghost" and "Ten Little Indians." This past summer. Hodges was cast in a small independent film, however, it was canceled due to money problems.

His favorite actor is Denzel Washington; his favorite actress, Julia Roberts.

He advises anyone who is considering acting to "Love it, and never give up."

### Steven O' Donnell



Steve O' Donnell, a first semester Communications major, performs the roles of Vester and the 14 children.

"I find my characters very easy to play. I haven't had to adapt much because the part is a reflection of me," said O'Donnell.

O'Donnell belongs to the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, and aspires to be a man of God.

He has acted in such plays as "Oklahoma," "Fiddler on the Roof" and a "Christmas Carol," to name a few.

O'Donnell advises anyone interested in acting to "not take it so seriously. If you go to the audition, go to have fun rather than getting a part. It is all about having fun. If you feel that it is a bit more complicated than that, then acting is not for you!"

He admits that he is excited for the play and is looking forward to seeing the

audience's reaction to his roles.

#### Ryan Stare



Ryan Stare, a fifth semester MIS major, earned the role of Sam Bean.

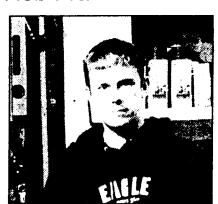
He is a seasoned actor, having been in such plays as "West Side Story," "Treasure Island" and "Bye Bye Birdie."

Ryan likes snowboarding and martial arts, and his favorite actor is Robert DeNiro.

He believes that anyone considering acting should remember, "all you need is confidence."

Pertaining to the role, Stare says, "The language of the play is hard enough by itself. The challenge of my character comes from trying to have heated arguments with (the character) Rebecca while still making it look like these two can get along and be happily married. Sam Bean is a man who was never able to find the right woman for him. He wants a woman who speaks her mind and is as aggressive as he.'

#### Rob Frank



Rob Frank, a first semester MIS major, plays the part of the Lord in the produc-

"Even though I'm the Lord, I have to adapt to the people I'm around in the play."

"Anyone considering getting involved in acting should try it at least once. It's one of the most fun things you can do with your spare time," Frank urges.

For enjoyment, Frank enjoys playing pool, bowling and gaming.

His favorite actor is John Travolta; his favorite actress is Julia Roberts.

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# Crossword

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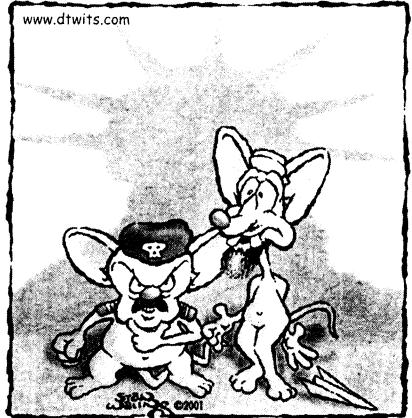
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- 64 Pub preference
- 54 Tiger on the tee? 55 Preferences
  - 65 Get the picture

# DITHERED TWITS by Stan Waling



Weekly **Funnies** 

The

"Egads, Brain, whatever shall we do (NARF) now?"

## CAPTAIN RIBMAN IN Name Blame Game





POLICE IN MEATROPOLIS WILL NOW

by Sprengelmeyer & Davis



HUH ... REALLY? REALLY.

