

# Outdoor performance of Shakespeare is at Misericordia this weekend

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Something will be in the air at College Misericordia this weekend, and on the grass, as well as beneath the stars. This mysterious event involves the entertainment of wandering minstrels and jugglers, an open air stage reminiscent of Elizabethan England, and William Shakespeare. On August 26-28 at 8 p.m. on the west lawn of the campus College Misericordia will introduce the school's newest cultural program with a production of Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'.

'A Midsummer Night's Dream,' will be directed, produced and performed by professionals trained at one of the premier drama institutes in the world, the National Theatre of Great Britain. Under the direction of Giles Block, a National Theatre director for over 10 years and noted assistant director of the Broadway production of 'Amadeus', the cast includes professional actors trained at various institutions around the country, as well as local amateurs.

Misericordia's Acting President Bruce Wilson said, "This program is a unique opportunity for the college to be a force in the community for cultural enrichment."

The college's newest cultural program is dubbed 'Theatre-On-the-Green' and Wilson said the college is planning to stage a production of a classic play every summer. These productions will be designed to utilize community resources, as well as professional casts and directors.

Theatre-On-the-Green committees comprised of Back Mountain resi-

dents played pivotal roles in fundraising and public relations for the production. The committees helped to raise \$17,000 within two weeks from the donations of corporate sponsors and private individuals.

"We are also planning to add an educational dimension to the program by bringing in high school students to participate in theatre workshops and future production work," said Wilson.

The connections of the producer Walter Kelly, a resident of Glen Lyon, played a crucial role in making the staging of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' possible. Kelly studied Shakespearean theater at the National Theatre of Great Britain last Summer with director Giles Block and some of the other actors featured in the play. He came back and started to plan a way to bring the Shakespearean experience to the local community.

Kelly brought the production together through his friendships

with Misericordia staff, local actors and the professionals who studied with him at the National Theatre of Great Britain.

Kelly said that Shakespearean plays need very few props and lend themselves to outdoor performances with "nature functioning as a backdrop".

"Sitting outdoors watching a performance is a very communal and direct experience for an audience," said Kelly.

The lack of props needed for the staging of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' will be an important consideration if it rains this weekend. If it does rain the production will be moved inside the school cafeteria.

Local actors to watch for include: Attorney John Aponick, Shavertown, as Egeus; Donald Hopkins, Dallas, as Philostrate, and Candyce Fike, Harveys Lake, as Hippolyta.

For more information call 675-3862.



**PLAY PRINCIPALS**— At a recent dinner for community sponsors for College Misericordia's Theatre-On-the-Green, Director Giles Block, left, and producer Walter Kelly, right, discuss this year's production with Dr. Mary Glennon, RSM, Misericordia's acting dean.

## Library news

### Kathy Downs and Gauntlett twins are good helpers

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The end of the Summer Reading Program for 1988 has come and after a very busy reading summer, the children's room shelves have often been left rather bare. A young girl came in today and asked if she could volunteer some time and do something in the children's room. I had her straighten the non-fiction shelves and get the books in order, which she did and those shelves look the best they have all summer. Now, the monumental task of shelving the returned children's books, which have to be checked, sorted and then shelved back in their respective places.

The party for the Dinosaur Days Summer Reading group was held last Wednesday with a large group of the participants present. Unfortunately, just as the games were about to begin on the library lawn,

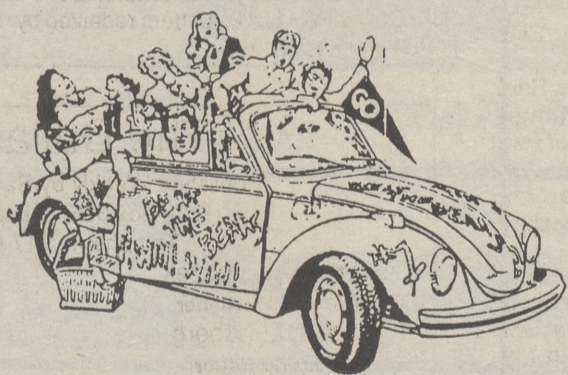
a storm came up and that part of the party had to be held in the reading room of the library. The games were quite unique; a large dinosaur bean bag board was made by a friend of Mrs. Rudolph's and the clever bean bags were three colored frogs, which were almost antique; there was a dinosaur bone relay; a dinosaur foot ring toss; and a Plesiosaurus pool complete with floating bowls with fishing bobbins to throw in the bowls. The children really enjoyed the games and received gifts for accomplishment.

The winner of Dewey the large inflatable dinosaur was Melissa Slaby and the small down-filled blue Triceratops was won by Caitlin Graham. In a drawing between the two boys who did best in the games; Casey Kernag won a plastic model of Tyrannosaurus Rex and Daniel Breymeier received a large inflatable dinosaur globe.

A friend of the library for more than 20 years stopped in a month ago and said she would like to start volunteering some time in the Fall. Well, she started earlier. Kathy Downs came in one day, saw the large amount of books to shelve, and got her indoctrination that day by shelving books in the reading room. She was here again last week and brought two young friends with her to help with the shelving. Colby and Courtney Gauntlett, 12-year old twins, arrived, received training from Kathy and between the three of them, they shelved three book carts; a major accomplishment. The girls will be entering 7th grade in September in the Dallas School District. Kathy had said she would be back with reinforcements and she brought two great helpers. The Back Mountain Memorial Library has a super group of faithful volunteers and we are very grateful for each one of them.

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## David Williams honored in Houston

The Houston Junior Chamber of Commerce (Jaycees) has named former Dallas resident David Williams a 1988 Outstanding Young Houstonian. Williams and four others were honored at the Jaycees' Five Outstanding Young Houstonians Awards Banquet held recently at Houston's Four Seasons Inn in the Park Motel.

The Jaycees present the awards each year to Houstonians between the ages of 21 and 39 who have made outstanding contributions to the city, their company or profession. The Jaycees narrow the list of nominees to 20 finalists and representatives of the Greater Houston Chamber of Commerce select the

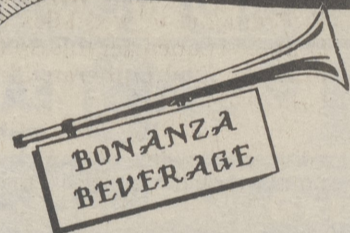
five winners. Past honorees include Vice President George Bush, cardiovascular surgeon Dr. Denton Cooley, Texas' Lt. Governor Bill Hobby and astronauts Gus Grissom and Ed White.

Williams was recognized for the valuable contributions he has made to the Houston community as executive director of The Houston Food Bank, a private, nonprofit hunger-relief organization. The Food Bank provides food for the needy by seeking donations of unmarketable grocery products from the food industry and distributing those donations to local charities. Since becoming The Food Bank's executive director in 1983,

distribution of food has increased from 125,000 pounds of food per month to more than one million pounds monthly. Last year, The Food Bank served 275 charities, representing 350 programs in 18 counties, and handled 13 million pounds of product.

A native of Hazleton, Williams, 29, is the son of John and Mary Williams, residents of Dallas since 1970. He was a 1977 graduate of Dallas Senior High School and received a bachelor of science degree in Business Administration from Bloomsburg University in 1981. After completing his degree, he moved to Houston, Texas where he worked as an accountant.

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Pictured here (L to R) is Clifford Shields Sr., Bill Edwards, co-owner, Cliff Shields, co-owner, Lucy Shields, Russ Bellas Manager (front) C.J. Shields, son of co-owner

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