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In Search of a Script

The play reading committee is still soliciting plays for next season. The fall play will likely be in October rather than the typical November slot, so a good scary script for the Halloween season might be appropriate, although it's not necessary. Our late winter and spring shows will still be in March and May respectively.

Any submission will be considered, so if there's a play you'd like to direct or just see us tackle, please contact Sylvia Abbott, Celeste Parsons, Katie Chaney or Linda Watkins.

Buddy Grows Up

Back in 1999 Michael Mazzocca made his debut for APT with his award winning portrayal of Buddy in Truman Capote's *A Christmas Memory*. He was just 12. He was subsequently cast in two more APT shows, *Wild Honey* and *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*.

Michael moved to Wheeling, West Virginia, with his family last summer and appeared a few weeks ago in the Wheeling Park High School production of *Inherit The Wind*.



Mike Mazzocca as Henry Drummond
-photo by Scott McCloskey

It's good to see a talented young man continue to grow in theatre. Here's hoping that one day we'll have to pay big bucks to see him!

New Look? - editor's ramblings...

If you're paying attention, you've already noticed a different APT logo in the banner of this rag. As a result of a proposal by your humble editor, artist Kevin Morgan has redesigned his original creation and produced what you see above. This new logo has not been adopted -- it is merely a proposal. It was unveiled at the November meeting and received a generally favorable response.


The proposal came about because I felt that a simpler design might be more aesthetically pleasing, and I've always preferred the round shape for versatility, especially in terms of potential merchandising (maybe coasters or frisbees or whatever).

An official vote to adopt or not adopt the new round logo will take place at the next general membership meeting of Athenian Players Theatre, scheduled for February 8th. So if you have strong feelings one way or the other about it, be sure to attend the meeting!

Got email?

As many of you with computers probably know, sometimes problems occur that can only be solved by reinstalling Windows and starting over. That's what happened to your editor last month. It was an ugly, dirty, frustrating battle that was finally won, but not without scars.

Most projects and programs were saved, but alas, the email address book was lost! Much of it has been rebuilt, but there are still some missing contacts. If you have a computer, please email your address and phone number to aptminotaur@earthlink.net so a poor editor can have his humble wish for Christmas: a complete email address book!



The Minotaur

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Four Part Harmony

Details have been finalized for auditions for our next show, Neil Simon's *California Suite*. They will be Sunday, January 9, 2:00 - 5:00 pm at Stuart's Opera House. There are roles for five women and five men.

This comedy is comprised of four scenes, each of which takes place with different characters and in a different month, but in the same hotel suite and in the same year.

Our approach to this show is unique in our experience: each of the four scenes will have a different first-time director. Linda Watkins, Tawna Rogers, Joe Balding and Charlie Smith will all make their directorial debuts. What's that? You say Joe has directed already? Well, technically, yes. But he will tell you that he actually just "redirected" *Nunsense* in its reprisal at Stuart's Opera House after Ron Luce had directed our original production the year before at the Friends' Meeting House in Chauncey. Joe mostly left that show intact, just tweaking it a little here or there. So he feels it's safe to say that *California Suite* will be his first time to be completely in charge (even if it's just for one quarter of the show).



Sitting Pretty - Lou Meyer (left) of Nelsonville and Roy King of Cincinnati pucker for a portrait at Final Fridays Photo Fun in October. APT sponsored the event which invited the public to don costumes and camp it up in the 1879 Room at Stuart's Opera House.



Please make plans to attend Athenian Players Theatre's next general membership meeting on Tuesday, February 8 at a time and place TBA. Feel free to bring a friend. The agenda will include, among other topics, discussion of:

- 2004/2005 and 2005/2006 Seasons
- The future of Stuart's

APT's proposed new logo



Hello Group!

As I type, the weather outside is frightful and my dears, I'm glad I'm inside!

For those of you who may not know me, my name is Tawna & I'm presently the Committee chair for APT's Membership. I am trying to get an updated list of email & snail-mail addresses, so if you know someone that didn't get this, please contact me so I can contact with them. According to my information, currently, there are 31 paid APT members & a total of 44 names on the list. Hmmm...something's not adding up. Will this help? It's the holidays...a time for remembering, togetherness, sharing, gifts...hint hint? OK. Forgive my tackiness, but

consider this a gentle reminder about membership dues being due for those who still need to contribute. Thank-you in advance!

PLUS! Another here's another 'gentle reminder' about auditions, for the upcoming production of CALIFORNIA SUITE, Sunday, January 9th at Stuart's from 2-5 pm. Please check our website for more information. The site has been updated & is maintained by Jim Parsons (Thank-you, thank-you, Jim!). Here's the address: www.seorfohiou.edu/~apt. OR, if you can't remember that LONG address, you can just do a search on Google or Yahoo & type in 'Athenian Players'. Don't forget to make it a 'favorite' or 'bookmark'.

Our next general meeting will be held on February 8, time & place TBA. It would be great to see ALL of you there & bring a friend, or two, along! We'll have refreshments. How's that for incentive? :-)

Let me know if you need to make travel arrangements. It's fun to carpool! We have so much to talk about & even more things to do!

Thanks for your time. (Hope I didn't step on any toes. Sorry. It's the tackiness seeping thru again.)

Happy Holidays to you & yours!

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SE Callboard

Actors Guild of Parkersburg

Night Watch Jan 14 - 29

42nd Street Feb 25 - Mar 5

Coshocton Footlight Players

Once Upon A Mattress Mar 5 - 20

Little Theatre of Tuscarawas County

Fiddler on the Roof Feb 18 - Mar 5

Mid-Ohio Valley Players

Grace and Glorie Jan 14 - 29

Life Goes On Mar 4 - 19

River City Players

A Little Princess Mar 19 - 20

Zanesville Community Theatre

The Odd Couple Jan 21- 30