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SWEENY TODD

by Cindy Owen
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On October 27-30, 1982, a mixed cast of St. Mary's students, community people, and people from Hillsborough are performing *Sweeny Todd*, a modern musical set in London during the Jack Ripper era. The play will be performed in Pittman Auditorium. The actors range from actual theatre professionals to beginners. Only a few amateur groups have been allowed to enact *Sweeny Todd*.

This musical is based on the story of a man who has been unjustly accused of a crime he did not commit. The innocent man takes revenge on the people who sentenced

him.

The book *Sweeny Todd* was written by Hugh Wheeler. The music and lyrics of this piece are by Steven Sonahein who also wrote *A Little Night Music*, *Westside Story*, and *Gypsy*. The musical director is Milton Bliss, the director of the men's glee club at N.C. State University. Bliss has worked professionally on the east coast.

Harry Callahan, a drama teacher at St. Mary's College, is directing *Sweeny Todd*. Before his teaching career, Callahan worked professionally in N.C. theatres as an actor and a designer.

All the actors actual names and character names are in the following list:

Mrs. Lovett - Beverly Buchanan
Beggar Woman - Elizabeth Brumsey
Johanna - Libby Rhiner
Todd - Don Mason
Anthony - Mike Yionailis
Judge - David Rhiner
Pierelli - Frank Jeffreys
Beadle - Roy Dicks

Tobias - Scott Ross
Victor Mangum
Lynn Jones
Shelby Credle
Courtney Candler
Julie Nelson
Susan Johnson
Nancy Kear
Michelle Fowler

Stage Managers: Mary Newsome, Amy Hurka, Ellen McCallum.



Sweeny Todd is Pittman's next show.

Our Gym's Facilities

One of St. Mary's best facilities is our gym. It is one thing that tour guides stress, but the whole picture may not be given on a brief tour. The pool, of course, is in the gym. There is a sauna adjacent to the locker room. Mrs. Sappenfield, the swim instructor, asks that you please shower before swimming if you have been in the sauna or exercising.

The upstairs gym is used for basketball, volleyball, jogging, and practicing tennis. Only soft-soled shoes are to be worn on the court. Basketballs may be found in Miss Alexander's office downstairs. Eighteen laps around the gym make a mile.

Lifting weights is another good way to get in shape. Remember to stretch out for at least ten minutes prior to lifting and for at least five minutes afterward. To find out how to begin, lift the heaviest weight you can. Use half of that amount when you do repetitions. Weights can be

handled in two ways. To increase strength, add more weight over a period of weeks. To increase endurance, the weight is kept the same, but more repetitions are done.

The weight machine is designed so the actual force needed to lift the weight does not change as you lift, that is, as the angle of your muscles changes. The lower number printed on the weight is the weight you lift initially. At complete extension, the

weight is the larger of the numbers.

For further recreation, the gym has a dance studio. Street shoes are not worn in this room. Likewise, in the bowling alley you must have special shoes or shoes and a sock over the shoe on the foot on which you slide. (If you are right handed, this will be your left foot.) The golf practice room is next to the weight room. There are also ping-pong and pool tables downstairs.

Help Fight Hunger!

The Raleigh-Wake County CROP Walk for Hunger will take place Sunday, October 3. The 10-mile Walk will begin at 1:30 with registration and a rally at Meredith College Amphitheater. Persons interested in walking or sponsoring a walker should call Rev. Don Patty at 828-6161.

CROP is the Community

Join The CROP Walk

Hunger Appeal of Church World Service, the relief and development agency of more than 30 Protestant and Orthodox denominations in the U.S. Of the money raised through the CROP Walk, 25 percent will aid the following local hunger-fighting

Seven Summers ago I knew a man
Although I was young and he was old
He was a friend of mine
Overpowering heat filled the summer days,
But the man never grew disgruntled with nature.
His home was called a shack by some,
But that shack kept him safe and warm
And he never complained or asked for more.
Family? This man had none,
He was a loner.
He was not selfish, snobbish, nor sad,
Everytime I saw him, he seemed glad.
Years have past since seven

summers ago,
I've grown older and I moved away.

Thoughts of seven summers ago often cross my mind;
The summer He and I planted sunflowers in the sun,
The summer he trained a crow to eat from my palm,
The summer I was young and he was old.
All these thoughts crossed my mind that morning --
The morning someone called to say
"He shot himself today."

He was a loner, but never did I see that he was lonely.
Somewhere in the world, someone must be there, somewhere.

He had somebody, and if that somebody had just said "I love you so," Seven summers ago
Maybe things could be better now
Things would be better now if only
Seven summers ago
Someone like me took the time to say,
"I love you so."

Toni L. Davis

New Faces At St. Mary's -- Sissy Taylor

(2ND IN A SERIES)

by Becky Rogers

Sissy Taylor decided to go into teaching while still in high school. Her math teacher was often ill and would leave assignments for Ms. Taylor to teach to the class. Although it was rather awkward teaching students her own age, Ms. Taylor said she realized then how much she liked teaching and decided to pursue it as a career.

Ms. Taylor, who teaches Algebra, Business Math and Calculus, received her B.S. from NCSU in 1980, and only

this year received her MEd., also from State. She was also active athletically, playing softball for the University. Being involved in college sports brought to her attention what she considers to be a major problem in education -- involving athletics with academics. She feels that many times, good athletes are "cheated" out of an education. An athlete's career is often not longer than 10 years, and if he or she has not received a good education, they will have nothing to fall back on when that career ends.



Sissy Taylor

St. Mary's, said Ms. Taylor, is, "... great, very friendly, and very busy..." She is very happy with her choice of careers, she said, and with her choice of St. Mary's as a place to teach.



Summer days at St. Mary's now have become fall days.