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Ballet Performed

A professional touring dance company from the North Carolina School of the Arts was in Asheville last week for a half-week residency which culminated in a splendid performance on Friday, January 27. The performance took place in the Lipinsky Student Center Auditorium in front of a full house of students, administration, faculty, and community members.

The North Carolina Dance Theatre scheduled a number of events for area students which lead up to the main performance on Friday. Students themselves were allowed to participate in several of these events which were sponsored by The Committee on Special and Cultural Events along with several civic and community groups.

A lecture demonstration was held from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at Hill Street School and a "Movement Workshop" was given in the UNC-A Dance Studio in Justice Gymnasium from 2:30-3:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

Activities for Thursday included lecture demonstrations at Reynolds Middle School at 9:30 a.m. and Owen High School at 1:00 p.m. A workshop for dance students was also given in Justice Gymnasium at 3:30 p.m.

Friday offered a technical introduction and dance movement workshop at 9:30 a.m. There will also be an open rehearsal from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. with the main performane beginning at 8:00 p.m. All these activities were held in the Lipinsky Student Center Auditorium.

Friday night's program featured "Reflections," "Tchaikovsky Pas de Deux," "Concerto Barocco," and "Sunny Day." The Director of the company and the man responsible for the excellent performances is Mr. Robert Lindgrem.

The performance itself was a brilliant composition of traditional ballet and regional folk dance. The elegance and grace with which the dancers performed struck even the most uncultured person with an inspiration of awe and respect. Judging from the reaction of the audience, the regional folk dance was met with the most approval. The dancers combined traditional dance steps and movements with the mountain-originated clogging steps to produce a splendid display.

The entire schedule of events was highly successful and was a benefit to the schools as well as the entire community. The student body of UNC-A and the citizens of Asheville are looking forward to seeing more such fine activities.

The dancers above show extreme muscle control and grace during their afternoon rehearsal on Friday. This rehearsal colminate cin a spectacular display of talent during the Friday night performance in Lipinsky Student Center Auditorium. The professional touring dance company from the North Carolina School of the Arts performed before a full house of amazed students, faculty and others from the Asheville area.

Dance Planned

Homecoming is just around the corner and a full schedule of events is being planned by several organizations on campus. This year, being our 51st year as an institution of higher learning, no expense is being spared in making this the best Homecoming UNC-A has ever witnessed..

If you remember last year's Student Government Homecoming Dance, then you will also remember how crowded it became. Dancing was almost an impossibility unless of course you do not mind trampled feet or contorting your entire body into a compact wad. This year the dance is going to be held at the Great Smokies Hilton on Friday February 17, 1978 from 9:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.

The band this year for UNC-A's most spectacular dance is "Fat Amman's Band" from Charlotte. If you've never heard of this band, then perhaps you've heard of "Bill Deal and the Rhondells" which is the former name. Several Student Government officials have praised this group and their music so it should be an entertaining evening.

"Beverages of all sorts" will be provided for the students and faculty which decide to attend. In case you perhaps have misinterpreted "beverages of all sorts," no alcholic beverages will be permitted other than beer, which will be served.

The theme for this year's dance, according to planners Judy Hodges and Jana Taylor is "Valentine's Day." So all you girls get out your red and white dresses.

Also at the dance will be the announcement of the Homecoming Queen and King which will be selected from a "Homecoming Court" for which the students will vote. Nominations will open for one week beginning at 12:00 noon on Friday in the Student Government Office on the second floor of Lipinsky Student Center. Elections will be held with the Student Government Presidential elections on Wednesday, February 15th. Officiating at the coronation of the Homecoming couple will be last year's Couple-Doug Fleck and Angela Calos.

The Alumni Association will sponsor a Homecoming Luncheon in the Rathskeller from 1:00-2:15 p.m. on Saturday, February 18th. The luncheon is $2.50 for a current paid member and each of their guests. Tickets must be purchased IN ADVANCE!!! For more information, contact Ms. Alice Wutschel in the Phillips Administration Building at 258-0200 extension 324 before February 10, 1978.

A Theatre Matinee will also be given in the Carol Belk Theatre on Saturday, February 18th. "The Real Inspector Hound" is the title of the play being given by the UNC-A Theatre Group. Admission is free for all current paid members and $1.00 for each of their guests. Again, tickets must be bought IN ADVANCE!!!

All of these events will combine to produce a most spectacular Homecoming. Every student, faculty member, and alumnus is invited to attend these events.

Still Searching

At the end of this academic year, Vice Chancellor Roy A. Riggs retires, and the Vice-Chancellor search Committee will conclude its task of finding a qualified replacement. The Committee is composed of six faculty members, three students, and one alumnus, with two faculty members and one student representative from the Humanities, Social Sciences, and Math and Science divisions.

According to one Committee member, Dr. Robert Trullinger, the many applicants who applied were narrowed to five, one of whom has since taken another position. Out of the remaining, two or three names will be sent on to Chancellor Highsmith by mid-February. Dr. Trullinger notes that there is the possibility that the Committee may wish to consider an additional candidate.

Dr. Trullinger further expressed disappointment in the lack of student interest, citing the Committee's student members, Susan Sport, Catherine Nailling, and Philip Bowers as having made excellent contributions toward the Committees responsibility of finding a replacement for the Vice-Chancellor. In finding that replacement, Dr. Trullinger added, the Committee looks for someone with a positive administrative and teaching experience, a good education and background, as well as someone who would fit into a liberal arts college. Chancellor Highsmith is expected to announce his decision sometime this spring.

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