

Looking For a Summer Job?

Kings Dominion has announced area auditions for a variety of performing artists and groups now being sought for summer work at the Virginia theme park. Musicians, singers, dancers and technicians are especially needed to entertain visitors at the park, located 20 miles north of Richmond on Interstate 95.

Talent auditions will be held at the North Carolina School of the Arts in Winston-Salem on Wednesday, January 21. The "open call" audition, requiring no advance registration, will be conducted between 3:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

Kings Productions, the unit responsible for live shows at Kings Dominion and two other major theme parks in Ohio and the Carolinas, has announced that more than 500 entertainers will be selected through the audition process. The "sister" parks are Kings Island in Cincinnati, Ohio, and Carowinds, on the North Carolina/South Carolina boundary near Charlotte.

In its second year of seasonal operation, the \$60 million Virginia park is seeking some 200 performers to provide several hours of live entertainment each day. The park will be open on weekends between April 3 and Memorial Day, when daily operations begin.

During auditions, Kings Dominion will be looking for "the most professional performers and technicians available," according to Jeff Smith, director of live shows at the family entertainment center and a member of the auditioning team now scouting the entire mid-Atlantic region.

"Another consideration is finding people who can work the early spring weekends," Smith says. "In live shows, this is especially important, since rehearsals and familiarization tours must be conducted in advance of the park's opening."

Day Students

By Teresa Bray

During the Spring semester, the Day Student Association has two major events planned — the last Day Student Seminar of the year and the annual Day Student picnic at Miller Park. Other numerous minor events are only tentatively scheduled and will not be mentioned here.

The picnic at Miller Park is held in order to allow Day Students (and their spouses or friends) to get together on a Saturday afternoon for a leisurely potluck meal, conversation, and games. This year's picnic will probably be held in mid-April.

The seminar is our second effort of the year to bring Day and Boarding Students together in an atmosphere of informal discussion on important issues. For this semester's seminar the planners have decided to design a "mock" Presidential Primary with all students voting for the candidate of their preference to represent their chosen party.

With the results from this primary, and with supporters of the different presidential candidates present to discuss the different candidates' platforms, the seminar should prove to be extremely relevant and enlightening in this election year. The seminar is scheduled for mid-March (before the N. C. Primary) so watch your calendar for the exact time (to be announced soon).

A salary range of \$115-160 per week will be paid those selected through auditions, he adds, and successful applicants will be notified by the end of February. An accompanist will be available for the three-minute auditions, with performers expected to provide their own music.

Vocalists, instrumentalists and pantomime artists are needed for the numerous solo, small ensemble and group acts staged throughout Kings Dominion. Acts ranging from costumed Hanna-Barbera characters like Yogi Bear and Scooby Doo, to bluegrass music and a live porpoise show, will appear in the park's five different theme areas, along with mobile groups such as a clown band and fife-and-drum corps.

Musical variety performers, trained in both voice and dance, are required for an elaborate stage production in the park's \$1.6 million theatre. A half-hour bi-centennial program describing American musical eras will highlight the live entertainment at Kings Dominion in 1976.

Entitled "We The People," the production will feature 24 singer/dancers backed by a technical staff of 14. Producer Jack Rouse describes the show as "an attempt to musically capture, among other things, the spirit of western expansion, the country's enthusiasm during the 1920's and the feeling which ushered in the 'Swing Era' of the 40's."

VOTE!!

A quarter of a million college and high school students are eligible to vote in North Carolina. But they can't vote unless they are registered.

The Campaign for Student Voters (CSV) will encourage these 250,000 potential voters to register before the North Carolina primary in March.

Founded last summer by eight high school, community college, and university student groups, CSV has the endorsement of the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, and the State Board of Elections. CSV is only the second such drive in history to be endorsed by the Board of Elections.

CSV will hold conferences where student leaders can learn about voting laws and how to organize a registration campaign on their own campuses. So far about 600 students from across the state have been invited to these conferences, said Gary Thomas of the N. C. Student Legislature, coordinator of CSV.

In some counties officials have made it hard for students to register. But with the help of the State Board of Elections, CSV hopes to break down those barriers and make it easier for students to exercise their rights as citizens.

Individuals or groups who want to join CSV's effort may write coordinator Gary Thomas, c/o Student Government, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C. 27514.

Rouse, who is also director of live shows and special effects for Kings Productions, notes that most of the performers will be college age students with serious professional ambitions, and the main benefit a young entertainer may gain from the park is experience. "For example, more than 1,000 performances of 'We The People' are planned for 1976, and it may well be the longest running show in which any member of the cast will ever participate.

"In terms of a Broadway show," he adds, "it is comparable to a three-year run and will be performed before well over a million people. Therefore, this is a prime opportunity for any performer to discover whether he or she really wants to pursue a theatrical career."

Additional information on the Kings Dominion auditions is available through the park's live shows department, telephone (804) 798-4761.

January Questionnaires

By Rhett Huber

The purpose of the January questionnaire included in students' registration material at the onset of the semester is two-fold. It is being used by the January Committee to evaluate the worth of Salem-sponsored, on-campus programs and to supplement a January file which already lists January programs experienced by Salem students over the past four years.

A committee made up of four students, four faculty members, Susan Phillips, and Jan Somerville, ex-officio will meet to compile the results from the questionnaires. They will investigate whether or not the number of on-campus program offers from different departments were sufficient, from whom students received assistance in choosing January programs, and why a student chose her particular program.

The questionnaires are not, however, designed to specifically evaluate a professor or a course. They will be used only to gather information about January and to indicate where improvements in the program-planning could be made.

The file on January programs is located in the Academic Dean's office, and will soon be supplemented by student comments concerning their 1976 January terms.

According to Susan Phillips, there was a good number of responses to the questionnaire. She said that approximately 460 out of some 590 students enrolled responded to it. Ms. Phillips expects to get substantial results from the questionnaires, because, she said, when there are a good many responses, it is easier to get a better overall idea of what people are thinking.

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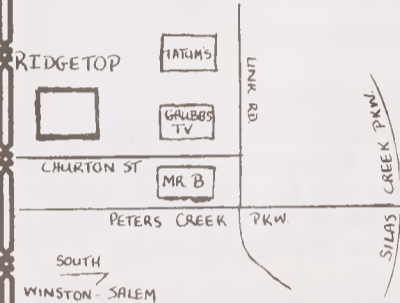
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