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Welcome...

The Indiana Players extend a warm welcome to **Don Eisen**, our new Vice President. Don was appointed by the board of directors to replace **Bruce Dries**, who is now corresponding secretary.

...and Thank You

We would like to thank **Arlene Novels** for her years of service to the Indiana Players. Arlene has consistently volunteered her time to run the box office for the last several years.

Our new box office person is **Phyllis Miller**, who has graciously agreed to assume the duties. We look forward to her smile at each show.

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Inside...

News about the upcoming season!



The Spotlight

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Godspell

Godspell is now in rehearsal. The cast comprises:

Harlan Chambers

Jeremy Flock

Tyler McPherson

Carol Rice

Kelley Chambers

Jayna Johnson

Elise Myers

Rob Stoerkel

Jen Cupp

Julianne Laird

Godspell will be performed July 20-22
and July 27-29.

Director **John Henry Steelman** has these comments about his cast:

"This is not the cast I envisioned when I first proposed this show. It spans a much wider range of ages than I had thought I would use, but each of them has shown me a special spark that convinced me they were right for this show. Only after I cast the show did it strike me that the wide range of ages will actually enhance the show by emphasizing the universality of the theme."

The early rehearsals have convinced me that I made wise choices in casting. Indeed at the very first music rehearsal, I was literally moved to tears by their beautiful rendition of the Finale. I truly believe this show has the potential to be one of the best the Players have ever staged."

Auditions

Auditions for Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap* will be held on August 6 and 7.

Directed by **Fran Stineman**, *The Mousetrap* is a mystery thriller that spins a tale of death and intrigue. Show dates will be September 21-23 and 28-30.

Shakespeare Update

The Shakespearean Team has another reason to celebrate: IUP theater professor **David Tabish** has accepted the job of coaching the team for the upcoming season. His primary assistant will be **Peggy Buckley**. You may remember that the Shakespearean Team has performed outstandingly in the past several years, including four recent honorable mentions by the Pittsburgh Public Theater.

Tentative Schedule for the *2001-2002 Season*

PERFORMANCE	DIRECTED BY	SHOW DATES
<i>The Mousetrap</i>	Fran Stineman	Sept. 21-23, Sept. 28-30
<i>Snow White</i>	Phyllis Miller	Oct. 19-21
<i>Two Elf Shows</i>	Peggy Buckley	Nov. 23-25
<i>Nuncrackers</i> (musical)	TBA	Dec. 7,8 (9 th sold out), Dec. 14-16
<i>The Pigman</i>	Robin Orchard	Jan. 18-20
<i>One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest</i>	R.L.Stoerkel	Feb. 1-3, 8-10
<i>Rumplestiltskin</i>	Fran Stineman	Mar. 15-17
<i>Li'l Abner</i> (musical performed by the IUP Honors College)	Bob Curey	April 12-14, 19-21
<i>Sleeping Beauty</i>	Sharon Smith	May 3-5
<i>Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead</i>	Brent Laney	May 24-26, May 31-June 2
<i>Wolf Tales</i>	Jean Rickard	June 28-30
<i>Grease</i> (musical)	Michael Busija	July 19-21, July 26-28

The board of directors is in the process of preparing a set of guidelines detailing the use of the theater by outside groups. More details will be announced in upcoming issues of *The Spotlight*.

Children's Series

The Indiana Players are pleased to introduce the new Children's Series. The curtain will rise on these shows at 7:00 p.m. Friday evenings and at 2:00 p.m. for Saturday matinees. Children's Series shows are highlighted in the season schedule on the previous page.

A Shining Beacon

Well, maybe not yet. But each time it gets just that much closer. Our next **clean-up day** at the theater building is scheduled for Saturday, June 30, from 11:00 to 4:00.

Everyone is encouraged to come help out. With more events than ever taking place in the theater, keeping everything where it should be is that much more important. It's through your support that we continue to provide season after season of family entertainment. We hope to see you for a few hours on clean-up day.

VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

This month our thanks go to **Harlan Chambers** and his "troupe" that graciously volunteered their time during their summer vacation to perform for the less fortunate.

Harlan adapted his own version of the play "Cinderella," which these teenagers have practiced and performed for Camp Orenda, a camp for the mentally and physically disabled. Future performances for other groups are also upcoming. Kudos to Harlan and the other teenage IPI members for their involvement:

Jenny Cupp
Kate Duncan
Natalia Kaniasty
Tyler McPhearson
Maria Miller
Sam Sherbourne
Johnny Smith
Amy Steelman

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