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Newsletters for
Dummies

I've said it before but
let me say it again...I
am truly humbled by
the number of people
that come up to me
and say how much
they enjoy getting
their TAPRAP.

Thanks to everyone
for your kind words
but you know, despite

A Lesson in TAP Mathematics

What do you get when you add four angels, one landlady, two mothers, one old geezer and a young hunk?? If you said **SEVEN SOLD OUT NIGHTS** of theater, go to the top of the class!!

Last fall's production of "All The Bright Young Angels" was a resounding success and was sold out before opening night (see picture below). In fact, the demand for tickets

was so great, we added extra seats for the final performances!! The show received a very favourable adjudication from Dennis Johnson of the Western Ontario Drama League and author Neville Bryant showed up with original cast members along side. Heck, even the Beatles were there!!

Extra Show!

So what does all this mean?? Well, for starters, tickets are on

sale right now (and are going fast) for our next production "Here On the Flight Path" by Norm Foster, April 25,26, May 1,2,3,9,10. And if "Angels" was any indication, another sold out show is a distinct possibility.

And because of the anticipated demand for tickets, we've added a second show only night on May 8th!! So call the TAP-line (905) 381-1441 and don't be disappointed!

Class dismissed!!



The sign went up early for last fall's production and the results were obvious. Notice the sad expression on the driver's face of the passing car as he realizes he waited too long to order tickets!! Don't be like this driver, order your tickets NOW!!

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Bit Parts

(Holy smokes, TAP people are EVERYWHERE!!) Mark your calendars.....

On Stage

Scott Broe will be appearing in "Fiddler on the Roof" at the Oakville Centre on Feb. 13-22. Tickets are available by calling (905) 815-2021.

Ilene Elkaim will also be appearing at the Oakville Centre in Thorton Wilder's "Our Town", April 16-18, 22-25. Tickets are available by calling the same number.

Simon Vendryes (Squabbles) will be appearing in Neil Simon's "Proposals" at Theatre Burlington, April 25,26, May 1-3, 8-10. You can call (905) 637-1728 for info.

Theatre Burlington will also be presenting the Canadian premiere of Sondra Learn's play "Slow Down & Look", May 30-31 and June 6-7. Sondra's play had it's world premiere in Michigan last year to rave reviews.

The AGM

Can't get enough of your TAP during the season?? Well why not come out to our AGM?? It's not really a meeting (although some speeches do get made *yawn*) but more of a party!! There's food, drinks, skits and last but not least, the presentation of the coveted "TAPsters", noting excellence in all aspects of theatrical stuff at TAP. For those die hard partyers, we usually head off to a local dance emporium afterwards. So come on out and enjoy

the fun. This year's AGM will be at the Holy Rosary Church, 287 Plains Rd. E. Burlington on June 6th. We plan to start around 7:30pm.

Strange But True

From "great moments in small talk":

The following conversation took place between British Prime Minister Frederick North 1770-82 and an "aristocrat"....

English Aristocrat: Who is that ugly woman that just came in?

Lord North: That is my wife.

Aristocrat: Sir I beg your pardon. I do not mean her. I mean that shocking monster who is along with her.

Lord North: That is my daughter.

Count the teeth!!



In an effort to impress their dental hygienists with their flossing habits, the cast of All the Bright Angels got together to show off their pearly whites. From left to right: Sam Sidawi, Lee Thackery, Heather Hunter, Sandy Lane, Scott Broe, Greta McNabney. Pam Brownhill is at the bottom and much taller than she appears.



Help Wanted!

We need volunteers to help backstage for our spring production, "Here on the Flight Path". All interested parties should contact Chuck Learn at (905) 332-9764. (yawn)

what you might think, it's not that tough to do. So, in the name of better theatre newsletters everywhere, I present my tips for newsletter writing...

1. Get a publishing program that's easy to work with (I use Microsoft Publisher)
2. Install said program on your parents computer thus ensuring many free meals under the guise of "working on the newsletter".
3. When all else fails and you run out of ideas, remember these two words.... "insert picture"

4. Keep it light! Theatre news is great but how many times do we need to hear about "volunteers needed for backstage help" (yawn!)

That's it!! Hope I haven't given too much away



TAP sends it's condolences to the Learn family on the passing of their 4 1/2 year old dog Katie, just before Christmas. She will be missed.



Could It Be The Rehearsal Snacks??
Further proof that theater is a VERY fertile experience... It seems during the run of All the Bright Young Angels, Karen Henderson ("Eleanor Munser") was actually pregnant!! (If you didn't know, don't worry....not many did, including yours truly, the director!!) Karen and husband Joey are expecting their first child sometime around May/June. Congratulations! And rumour has it that another TAP baby may be confirmed soon....Anything you want to tell us Sandy??

And now a word from our President

"Fricassee"

You might think that the life of a president of a theatre company is all fun and games. Well let me tell you something....you're right!! For example.....

In case you haven't heard, the city of Burlington is currently in the planning stages for a new "state-of-the-art" theatre. As TAP's representative, I have attended several meetings regarding the needs of the local groups and have added what I felt have been some very credible suggestions i.e. "The theatre should have seats". Two concepts have been proposed and both look very interesting. Scheduled completion

date is 2007. Stay tuned.....

Last month, a small but opinionated group of TAP members (of which I'm proud to say I was one) got together to discuss plays for the next season.



After much discussion (and a bottle of wine), we eventually agreed on a play bill!!! I'm not going to say what they are yet (pending confirmation of performance rights) but I can say one is a classic comedy of the theatre,

the other a door slamming farce! Stay tuned...

Finally, the lucky few who got tickets for "All the Bright Young Angels" witnessed the first play I've directed for TAP. Let me offer my heartfelt thanks to the cast and crew. The audience loved it, I loved it and hopefully everyone involved loved it. So would I direct again??? Hmmmm..... Stay tuned!!!

Your President
Scott Broe
"The Big Banana"

Letters to the Editor

(Former TAP President Margaret Watson and husband Hugh have left Canada this winter for the warmer climes of the southern States. Here's her latest report....)

Dear TapRap,
Gee, it was great getting all the TAP news! Life sure is different down here — I know I say that when Hugh & I are in Cape Breton too but what I mean is that you guys seem so far away so it's nice to be kept in touch. I was thinking of you last

night whilst you were having your meeting to decide on new plays — they all sound great so whatever you choose I'm sure it will be a sound choice.

Miss everyone, as I knew I would but not your weather! It has been cold here but not enough to stop people from walking the beach. The pool in our hotel is large and very warm and I am giving a water aerobics class twice weekly which the ladies seem to enjoy. They are all overweight so we have nothing to lose but weight

and loads of time to enjoy themselves. We play a lot of cards and bingo and shopping and all that kind of stuff.

Time I signed off. Luv to you all. Margaret

(Editor's note: This letter was sent by EMAIL!! Welcome to the wireless world Margaret!!)

And to everybody....keep those cards and letters coming!!

Sound cue #1...."Go Wedding March!"

Well we're not sure if it was something in the water or maybe something mixed with water but the month of December was blessed with a TAP DOUBLE FEATURE!!!!



ACT ONE!!

Our first performance starred Sandy Lane (star of last spring's Odd Couple and last fall's All the Bright Young Angels) & Lee Thackery, an invaluable stage manager and all round good guy! The wedding took place on December 21st in front of friends and family. All the best guys!!

ACT TWO!!

Our second feature took place a week later on December 28th. The role of the groom was played by Stephen Fletcher (star of numerous TAP shows including the upcoming Here on the Flight Path) and Wendy Merritt, a star of the basketball court. As is evident in the picture, the wedding was sponsored by Pepsi!



The Envelope please...

Ever want to meet a movie star?? Maybe a Hollywood movie mogul? A Broadway producer?? Well so would I but this is Aldershot so forget about it!! Instead, I can offer a chance to shake hands with your favourite TAP performers. As many of you know, TAP gives out our TAPster awards at our AGM (see page 2 for details). What you might not know, you can take part in this gala event and be the person to read the winner's name!! All it takes is a small donation towards the cost of the trophy itself. If interested call the TAP line (905) 381-1441 We've got a LOT of trophies to be awarded so don't be shy!!

See ya!!
SB

Taplight On.... Phyllis McCartney

So, I know what you're saying...Phyllis McCartney? Who is Phyllis McCartney? Well let me tell you about her....

She's never been on the TAP stage. She's never worked behind the scenes as a "techie". She's never sat on TAP's board of directors. But she is one of TAP's indispensable members. Why?

For the past 15 years, Phyllis McCartney has sold tickets to friends. OK so you're thinking..."Big deal, I sell tickets to my friends and I've never got in the Taplight section!"

Well, let me explain....since TAP began, Phyllis has been selling tickets. A lot of them! She is currently bringing four full tables to each production...that's 40 tickets in total! And the

numbers are growing!!

So to Phyllis...for your dedication to TAP, for your years of selling tickets and for all your support over the years, the members of TAP would like to give you our heartfelt "Thanks!" and we hope to see you and your friends at many more shows.