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Letter from the Editor

Dear Patrons,

A situation comedy like *Moon Over Buffalo* can't help but be successful with all that's going on with this troupe. It's the story of an acting couple, George and Charlotte Hay, and daughter Rosalind on tour. Currently they are in the Buffalo Repertory Theatre in New York preparing to do *Cyrano de Bergerac* and Noel Coward's *Private Lives*. These fading Thespians have one more chance at stardom. They are hopeful, even though they have some problems to work through within their family.

The tension increases as they learn that film director Frank Capra is coming to Buffalo to catch their matinee performance; his mission is to replace two actors for his production of *The Scarlet Pimpernel*. Charlotte and the often drunk George now have a shot at being cast. But the shocks and surprises that occur before the performance will make you wonder if the show will really take place! Capra is delayed; so now, he's coming to the evening performance. Come to see if it all works out as the moon rises over Buffalo. Will George and Charlotte get the break they need?

You have been good supporters to CAST. Come to enjoy our entire season. With each production I think we set a new standard! Our acting pool is increasing and we want our volunteer base to widen also. Sign up at the box office if you can give some time to CAST. It's a very important resource for our area.

See you at the theater,

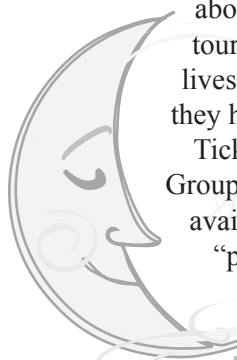
Hervey Folsom
Hervey Folsom, Editor

Props Needed for *Moon Over Buffalo*

- A chaise lounge
 - Theatre posters from before 1953
 - A pouffe (round ottoman, preferably on casters)
 - A toy sword (to appear real)
- Please call Kim Dobbs at 820-CAST if you can lend an item and/or lend a hand in helping build the set.

NEXT COMEDY OPENING NOVEMBER 12 "MOON OVER BUFFALO" BRINGS GAGS GALORE

There's no people like show people, as the song goes, but never was there a family of show people like this! Ken Ludwig's *Moon Over Buffalo*, directed by Kim Dobbs, is presented November 12 through 21 at JSU McClellan Theatre with plenty of laughs, for, like *Leading Ladies*, it is full of mistaken identifications, mass confusion, absolute absurdity, and frantic players trying to solve problems. Come and watch the actors bring their diverse characters to life in a farce



about what's going on behind the scenes in a touring company — the bizarre events in their lives are even more interesting than the script they hope to deliver. Plan to see it!

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for students. Group rates, for 12 or more people, are available. The two Thursday nights will be "pay what you want" nights. There is adult content in the plot. This is CAST's second production in this season, following a very successful run of *Annie Get Your*

Gun, which drew about 1600 people.

The play opened on Broadway and is known for bringing Carol Burnett back to Broadway. It starred Philip Bosco as her leading actor husband, George. It was nominated for two Tony Awards.

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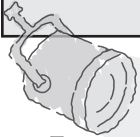
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As I continue my sixth season with CAST, I have begun directing *MOON OVER BUFFALO*, another Ken Ludwig comedy (his *LEADING LADIES* was last season's comic hit). Farce is just for fun, and we love to have fun. In these times of turmoil and uncertainty, it is comforting to just escape it all and enjoy the art of comedy. Our cast is very strong and promises to deliver laughs galore to our treasured audience. Included in the cast are: Howard Johnson, Pati Tiller, Caleb Clark, Sylvia Malone, Heather Garlick, Jarred Cuthrell, Mike Parsons and Allyse Wellesley. The plot centers around a theatrical family who is struggling to compete in a world where TV is taking over. There are lots of doors opening and closing, and lots of love interests competing for their true love, and lots of innuendo and fun. So join us from November 12 - 22 and we promise to tickle you til you giggle and then throw in numerous raucous laughs. Please remember that the art of theatre is alive and well when you support us by attending our shows and talk us up in the community. Thanks for your help.

Kim Dobbs
Kim Dobbs, Artistic Director

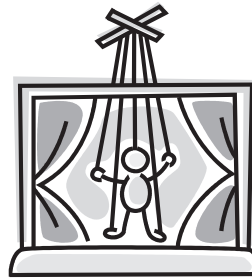


**CAST KOOL KIDS
Receive Second Grant**

Everyone who didn't see the Kool Kids Recital September 30 at Carver Center really missed a good show of talent. It was the kids' end-of-year achievement showcase and each new actor received a certificate from Mrs. Shirley Carter. Each received hearty applause, too, and a beautiful color picture of the group.

Town officials attended, and the spotlight was bright on these kids and their progress. Joan McKinney has been invaluable as their creative, dedicated leader.

The good news is that the Anniston Community Education Foundation has awarded the group a second \$10,000 grant, for the coming year. CAST looks forward to seeing the kids in lights again. Congratulations Kool Kids ,and Joan!



**The Kids on the Block
Needs Puppeteers**

Pati Tiller recently gave a puppet presentation to the Anniston Civitan Club which proved how effective puppeteers and their communication can be in enlightening children—and everyone—about disability awareness,

medical and educational differences, and social concerns. Pati needs more volunteer puppeteers for this program, sponsored by The Arc of Calhoun and Cleburne Counties, which performs at schools. It's great training for acting! Call Pati at 236-2857 if you are interested.

CAST KUDOS

Congrats, Joan and Sylvia

Be sure to get a copy of Alabama Heritage, the Fall Issue (No.94) and read Joan McKinney's article "The POW Murals: Anniston's Hidden Treasure". Joan was the Director of Protocol and Community Outreach Coordinator at Fort McClellan for 12 years and, according to the magazine, she has an extensive collection of McClellan POW records. The

Alabama Room at the Public Library of Anniston-Calhoun has the magazine on file.

And this summer, Sylvia Malone received a Certificate of Appreciation from Blue Mountain College her alma mater, for outstanding service to her college and community. The recognition came from the college's Board of Trustees and the Alumni Association. Blue Mountain College is in north central Mississippi.

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