

Summer Workshop Seeks Students for 'Studio One'

The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts is inviting all young, aspiring actors and actresses in grades 6 through 9, to participate in the "Studio One" class at the Westfield Summer Workshop.

Each summer for the past 25 years, "Studio One" has showcased the talents and efforts of its participants through the rehearsal, production, and performance of a dramatic play. Participants in this class will become familiar with all aspects of theatrical production, from casting to set design and stage crew.

All students attending will participate in dual roles as both a member of the stage crew and a cast member — decorating and painting the set, operating lights and sound effects, and memorizing lines for their parts.

As part of the Westfield Summer Workshop, classes will be held daily Monday through Friday, June 29 through July 31.

This year's play — a spooky comical story — was written by Samuel French and is entitled *The Creature Creeps*. It is a full-length two-act

play with an intermission and will be performed on the afternoons and evenings of July 29 and 30.

Set in the unusual parlor of a decrepit old castle belonging to mad scientist Baron Von Blitzen, *The Creature Creeps* features a series of uncanny events and hilarious misunderstandings complete with eerie music, a moving chandelier, and an occupied coffin.

Polly Nelson, Studio One instructor and director, said this year's play is somewhat of a departure from the norm. Ms. Nelson has been directing the casts of "Studio One" for the past six years, and has led productions of *Charlotte's Web*, *The Wind in the Willows*, and *The Wizard of Oz*.

Although there are no auditions for parts in *The Creature Creeps*, Ms. Nelson and her Assistant Director, Chris Hilfman, will assign roles after students spend a week studying and practicing acting techniques. There are enough parts in this year's play to cast 24 students.

Registration for the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts' 27th annual Westfield Summer Workshop Program, which includes the "Studio One" class and many other courses in the areas of music, drama, dance, fine arts, and creative writing, is already underway. All classes will be held at Edison Intermediate School, located at 800 Rahway Avenue in Westfield. All New Jersey students from pre-school to ninth grade are eligible to attend.

For more information on the Westfield Summer Workshop or any of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts' course offerings, please call (908) 789-9696.

Nature Club Reveals Meeting for April 16, Upcoming Field Trips

The Summit Nature Club will meet next Thursday, April 16, at 7:45 p.m. at the Trailside Nature and Science Center in the Watching Reservation, Coles Avenue and New Providence Road, in Mountainside.

The speaker for the program will be Patti Murray, a professional photographer/photo-naturalist.

The program, entitled "Seabirds-Seychelles and Midway," will include a slide presentation of these two little-visited islands.

The club will have two field trips in April. The first, to the Sandy Hook National Recreation Area, begins at 8 a.m. on Saturday, April 18.

The second trip, "Birds and History Along the Old Morris Canal" starts at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 25, at the A&P parking lot in Budd Lake.

Participants will travel on their own to each of the trip locations.



WELCOME TO THE CLUB...Westfield Rotary Club Past President Grant M. Buttermore, left, welcomes Esli Badenhorst, center, into the club at a recent regular meeting. Club President Dr. D. Michael Hart is pictured at right.

Esli Badenhorst Inducted Into Westfield Rotary Club

Esli Badenhorst was recently inducted as a member of the Rotary Club of Westfield by Past President Grant M. Buttermore.

Rotarian Badenhorst was born in South Africa and graduated from the University of South Africa with a bachelor's degree in computer science.

After serving seven years in the army, he moved to the private sector to pursue a career in corporate computing.

In 1986, Mr. Badenhorst emigrated to the United States. He lives in Westfield with his wife, Karen, and two

children, Adam, 7, and Rachel, 4.

He is a Vice President of Product Strategy at Logic Works, a software company based in Princeton, and a board member of the New Jersey Technology Council, which assists New Jersey companies in developing strategies for corporate computing.

Mrs. Badenhorst is also a computer professional, and is employed as a Director of Financial Systems at St. Luke's/Roosevelt Hospital in New York City.

Spring Assembly to Feature Talk by Veteran Lifeguard

The Spring Assembly of the Westfield History Societies will feature Michael Fowler, a veteran lifeguard, author, photographer and local historian, at its meeting on Wednesday, April 22, at 8 p.m. at the First Baptist Church on Elm Street in Westfield.

Mr. Fowler, who is a Professor of Marketing at Brookdale Community College, is also Lifeguard Supervisor for the Monmouth County Park System. He will present a slide and lecture program entitled "Lifesavers of the Jersey Shore." His discussion will include lighthouse history in New Jersey.

The Spring Assembly annually brings together the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Genealogical Society of the West Fields, which is this year's host organization, the Westfield Historical Society, the Miller-Cory House Museum Volunteers, and the Sons of the American Revolution.

Jane Gross of Westfield will present a piano musicale at 7:45 p.m. Refresh-

ments will conclude the evening. Parking is not allowed behind the video store adjacent to the church, but is available in the town lot accessible from Elm Street or from Mountain Avenue.

Lecture Planned at 'Y' On Cancer Prevention

The American Cancer Society will conduct a cancer prevention lecture on Wednesday, April 22, from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Westfield "Y," located at 220 Clark Street.

Planned topics for discussion include nutrition, smoking cessation, exercise and lifestyle assessments. The program, which is free and open to the public, is being held in observance of April as Cancer Prevention Month.

To register, please call the Westfield "Y" at (908) 233-2700. For information, please call Extension No. 257.

Magnet High School Dedicated As Mr. Mancuso Is Honored

The Union County Magnet High School for Science, Mathematics and Technology in Scotch Plains was dedicated on March 31. Charles S. Mancuso, President of the Board of Education of the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools, was honored at the event. A plaque bearing his name will be displayed in the foyer of the building.

Mr. Mancuso, Vice-President of Statewide Savings Bank, has served on the Vocational-Technical school board for 30 years. A joint Senate resolution sponsored by Senators Donald T. DiFrancesco and Raymond J. Lesniak was presented by both senators to Mr. Mancuso.

Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan presented Mr. Mancuso with a resolution from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. Also presenting a resolution was Victor

Richel, Chief Executive Officer of Statewide, and President of the Union County College Board of Trustees.

The Union County Magnet High School opened its doors to its initial class of 65 freshmen on September 3, 1997. This class represents 16 Union County school districts.

The curriculum focus of the Magnet High School is on engineering and design technology emphasizing the integration of academics and technical training.

An articulation agreement with Union County College enables students to earn college credits while still in high school and leads to an associate degree.

The Union County Magnet High School is housed in an existing building on the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools campus.

Parade Committee Sets Meeting for Monday

The Westfield Memorial Day Parade Committee will meet this Monday, April 13, at 8 p.m. at the American Legion Martin Wallberg Post No. 3, located at 1003 North Avenue. All parade participants are invited to attend.

Representatives of marching bands, military organizations, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, church groups, fraternal organizations, memorial organizations, civic organizations or any organization who supports and honors the military veterans of United States are invited to participate.

For further information, please call Ed Renfree, Parade Chairman, at (908) 241-2286.

Raritan Valley Line To Meet Tonight

The Raritan Valley Line Commuter Commission (RVLCC) will be holding its monthly meeting tonight, Thursday, April 9, at 7:45 p.m. in the Administrator's Conference Room of the Westfield Municipal Building.

The RVLCC was formed to identify and address problems with the train commute along the Raritan Valley Line. Any interested commuter is invited to attend and participate in this meeting.

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