



**'Met'-ward bound**

These vocalists of the studio of USC music professor Gene Ferguson have been preparing for *Opernabend*, an opera evening that begins 8 p.m. Thursday in Gambrell. There is no charge for the performance, which will include well-known selections from famous operas by Handel, Mozart, Puccini, Verdi, Wagner and others. The purpose of the concert is two-fold: to entertain, and to provide practical experience for the performers. Ferguson, himself a two-time winner of the prestigious Metropolitan Opera Auditions, has produced Met Audition winners in Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

**Theatre group opens show on patio today**

**From staff reports**

The Gamecock Workshop Theater will present its first production of the fall semester for three days beginning today.

*Nice People Dancing to Good Country Music*, a one-act comedy by Lee Blessing, will be presented by the theater group today, Thursday and Friday on the Russell House patio. The show is directed by graduate student Bill Collins.

Each of the free performances start at 12:20 p.m.

The play is about two eccentric ladies learning to cope with wide-open Texas life. It tells of a former nun and her aunt who live above a bar in Houston. There, they discover the heartaches and thrills of close, personal relationships.

The Gamecock Workshop Theater was founded in early January to give undergraduate students a chance to act in and help with theater productions other than regular mainstage and lab production, according to the theater's founder and president, Jose Rivera.

"The difference in this theater group and the already existing ones is that GWT shows are outdoors shows, and only undergraduate students can participate," Rivera said.

The group has produced two prior plays and co-sponsored a spring production of *Godspell*.



**Franklin 'jailed!'**

JULIE BOUCHILLON/The Gamecock

Student Government President James Franklin, SCC political science senior, was 'jailed' yesterday in the Kappa Alpha/Chi Omega jail-a-thon. The event was sponsored to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

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