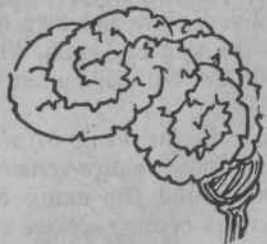


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Accents

Brain Exhibit Opens At Discovery Place: "It's All In Your Head," an exhibit about the most complex thing in the universe — the human brain — will be featured at Discovery Place in Charlotte from Jan. 23 to May 9.



Attractions at the exhibit include a walk-through model of the brain, alive with electrical activity, and a maze-like structure complete with games and illusions to teach visitors about perception, intelligence, learning and memory. "It's All In Your Head" also presents seven five-minute video case studies of individuals dealing with illnesses that disrupt the brain process, along with the newest technological equipment available for studying the brain.

Township Gets Busy: The Township Auditorium kicks off an eventful week with a presentation of "Phantom of the Opera" Jan. 24. This version is Ken Hill's original London stage musical, not the Andrew Lloyd Webber production. The story is the same and features classic opera pieces by Mozart and Verdi. The performance begins at 8 p.m.

"Tom Sawyer" will be presented at the Township by Living Arts for Students Jan. 28 at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. World Championship boxing comes to the auditorium Jan. 29 with three World Boxing Federation title matches. The bouts include the Pinklon Thomas fight for the heavyweight championship.

Seeking Steel Magnolias: Auditions for "Steel Magnolias" will be held at the Town Theatre Sunday at 7:30 p.m. Local actresses with strong Southern accents and/or hairstyling abilities should consider auditioning for the roles of the six strong female characters who frequent the beauty shop in tiny Chinquapin, Louisiana. The play, written by Robert Harling, will be presented at the Town Theatre March 5-20.

Madonna places first on 'Worst Dressed' list

By The Associated Press

Madonna topped Mr. Blackwell's 33rd annual "Worst Dressed" list last week and received a scolding from the sharp-tongued critic for luring America's youth toward what he called a fashion trend of overexposure.

"What if your daughters and the youth of America were to clone Madonna?" Blackwell asked, standing before a photo of the singer-acress in a bare-bosomed gown.

Blackwell, whose real name is Richard Sylvan Selzer, said the latest edition of his list was the most difficult, declaring that the state of fashion had fallen to a new low.

"What looks terrible ... has become fashionable," he said.

Following Madonna on the list were actresses Geena Davis, "Big

Bird in heels," and Glenn Close, whom Blackwell described as "Dracula's Daughter." Television star Delta Burke ranked fourth.

Of head-shaven singer Sinéad O'Connor, No. 5 on the list, he said, "No tresses, no dresses. The high priestess of pretense downright depresses."

Others on the list were actresses Shirley Maclaine, Juliette Lewis, Demi Moore, Goldie Hawn, and singer LaToya Jackson.

Blackwell praised Hillary Clinton, predicting she would bring a "fresh, intelligent, bright new look" to the White House.

"I'm talking about the way she looks. This is non-political," he said.

Blackwell, a one-time actor and fashion designer, began releasing his "Worst Dressed" list in 1960.

Aid in the AFTERMATH

Organizations join forces to help fire victims

By JENNIFER FULLER
Carolina Editor

Several organizations on campus are mobilizing to help students who lost their belongings in the Sunday morning fire at Columbia Hall.

Associate Director of Resident Student Development Melani Miller said on-campus students can give donations to their Resident Advisors or Resident Hall Directors.

Students who live off campus can drop off their donations at Columbia Hall, where there is a storage area for the fire victims to pick up donations.

The RSD has set up an emergency fund students can donate to by contacting Don Kenney, the assistant director of Resident Student Programs at 777-8188.

Miller said eight residents, all women, lost virtually all of their belongings in the fire. Political science senior Wesley Young asked that students not forget about other residents whose rooms suffered extensive smoke damage.

Young, president of Columbia

Hall Government, is coordinating the hall's efforts to help the fire victims. Young contacted all residence hall RA's and RHD's, who are collecting donations and raising funds. He is also petitioning the Residence Hall Association for \$1,000 to help the students.

After most of the money from donations is collected, Young said a committee will be set up to allocate funds to the victims.

"Thanks to everybody in the Columbia community," Young said. "I really appreciate it, and they (the victims) really appreciate it."

Student government is also taking part in the relief fund, calling their efforts "Operation Help Columbia Hall." According to student government Secretary Eric Dell, representatives will "roll around" a wheelbarrow with a bucket to collect donations across campus Thursday. There will also be a collection table on Greene Street.

Student government Sen. Paul Elam was hopeful that a piece of

legislation would pass in the student government meeting allocating \$3,000 in student activity fees to an emergency fund to buy supplies for the fire victims.

He invites all interested students to the senate meeting tonight at 5 in the Russell House Theater.

Elam said some fire victims complained that many USC administrators were not sensitive to their needs. He and Dell want administrators to get more involved in relief efforts. "It shouldn't just be left to the students to allocate funds," Elam said.

In response to student complaints, Vice President of Student Affairs Dennis Pruitt said, "I hope they would be appreciative of the good will put forth by all members of the university community."

Pruitt said Student Affairs responded after the fire to students' health and safety needs, then to their comfort and special needs, all within 24 hours.

Ruthann Fox-Hines, a psychologist at the Counseling and Human Development Center, said a healthy

HOW YOU CAN HELP

If you have donations, contact:

- Your RA or RHD
- Student Government at 777-3564 or 777-4172
- Wesley Young at 544-0405
- Don Kenney at 777-8188

Items needed:

- Non-perishable food items
- Laundry detergent
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support system is an important factor in the healing process after a significant loss.

The length of time it takes for victims to recover from a loss varies, but those people who have support and empathy return to normal quicker because they are less self-critical.

USC presents U.S. premiere of Italian opera

From Staff Reports

The comic opera "The Wedding Night" is coming to the McKissick Museum on Jan. 21. The presentation, a new English version of Teresa Procaccini's original composition, is making its U.S. debut.

The work has been presented in Italian, Flemish and Polish. It was translated into English by USC opera director Talmage Fauntleroy.

The one-act opera is set in Paris in 1910. It focuses on a young newlywed couple who have to deal with not only wedding night jitters, but also with the intrusion of a hotel clerk, a thief, the police and other unexpected guests.

The opera will be paired with a short musical drama by J.S. Bach, "The Coffee Cantata." Written in 1735, the piece is probably the world's oldest musical commercial.

The story was written at a time when coffee was such a new concept in Europe that Germany licensed coffee houses in the same way liquor stores and bars are licensed today.

It tells the story of a young girl whose addiction to the "black poison" is so great that her father refuses to look for a husband for her until she gives up her "evil"

habit. "The Wedding Night" cast includes soprano Mary Margaret Roberts as the young bride, tenor Cameron Aiken as the groom, actor Christopher Neuner as the thief, baritone David Eaton as the police chief and baritone Kyle Collins as the hotel porter.

"The Coffee Cantata" will feature soprano Anno Ogden as Lisetta, the young girl addicted to coffee; baritone David Eaton as her father and tenor Christopher Cockrell as the narrator.

The two works are being presented by The Opera Workshop. The conductor for both works will be Tony Makarome, a USC doctoral candidate in orchestral conducting.

"Wedding Night" will premiere Jan. 21-24 at McKissick Museum. The opera will be performed at 8 p.m. Jan. 21-23 and at 3 p.m. Jan. 24.

Tickets for the shows are \$10 for the public and \$5 for senior citizens and USC faculty, staff and students. Tickets are available at the Coliseum or may be ordered by phone at 777-7228. They may also be purchased at the door.



Mary Margaret Roberts portrays a young bride in "The Wedding Night," a comic opera set in Paris in 1910.

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