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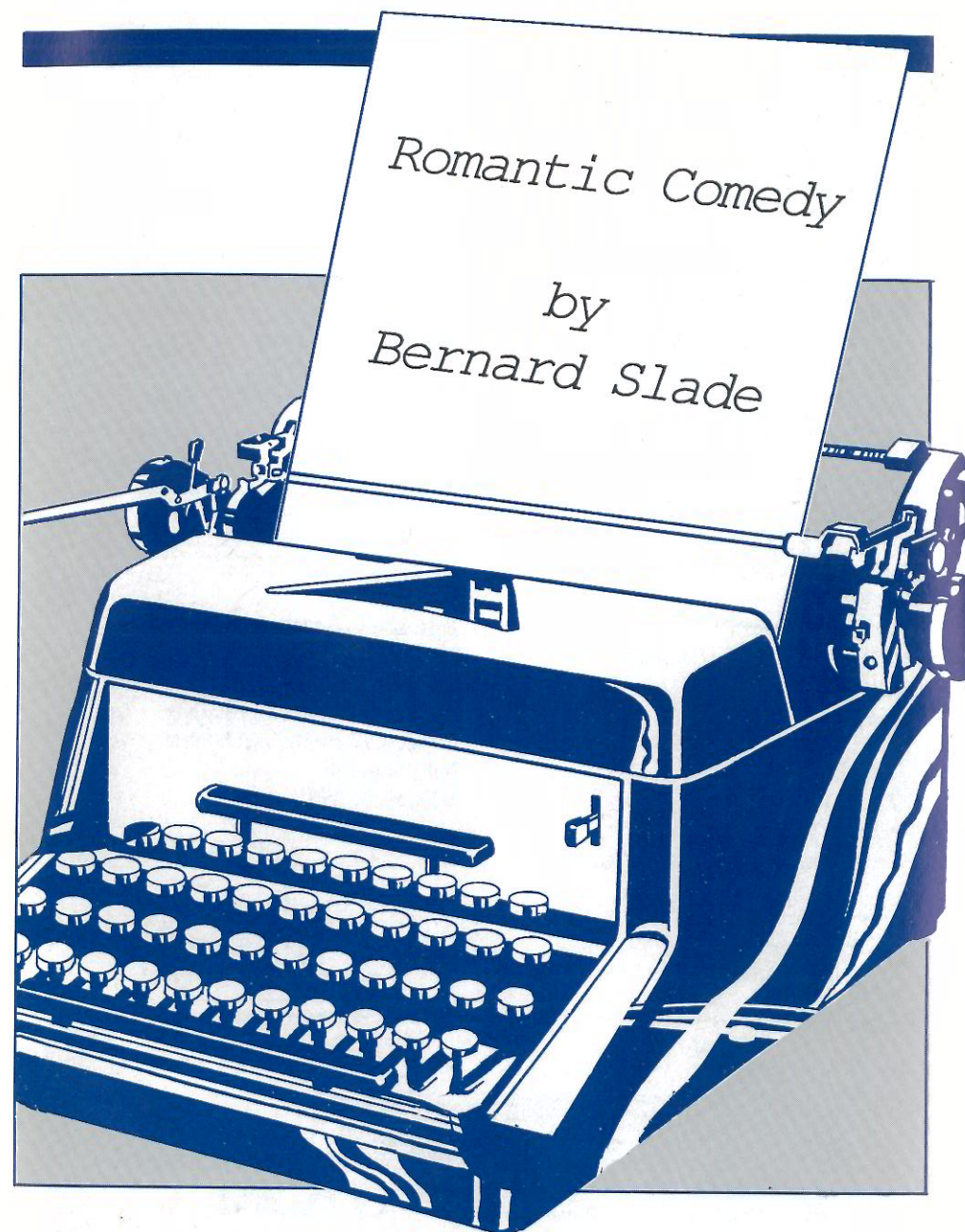
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From the President . . .

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As someone once said, "time marches on" and it certainly seems to be picking up speed lately! Here we are in the middle of Red Mask's 54th season. Our box office people are reporting record attendance numbers this year and we couldn't be more pleased!

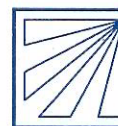
This trend is sure to continue with the two delightful productions left on the playbill. Director Warren Frank and his cast and crew for **Romantic Comedy** have toiled all through the holidays to provide you with quality entertainment. So sit back, relax and enjoy!

Oh, one more thing! If any of you sometime get the "itch" to be involved in theater - now's your chance! Auditions for our final production **LOVE, SEX and the I.R.S.** are February 3rd and 4th, at 7:30 P.M. If being "on stage" isn't for you, backstage help is always needed.

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Sue Ann Crick

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From the Director . . .

If the chaos of set construction, inspiration of building a character, determination of cast and crew, repetition of lines and blocking, insanity of fine tuning a production, and exuberance of youth were mixed together, put down on paper, published, and performed, would the end result be **Romantic Comedy?** Bet on it!

See Jason slide from on top of the Broadway heap to a bum, just a few hundred thousand dollars away from Skid Row.

Watch as Phoebe pulls herself up from schoolmarmishness to glittering Broadway playwright and fiction author.

Be amazed with Allison's ascent to political power and influence in spite of Jason.

Observe Blanche being Blanche as she guides Jason and Phoebe through their success and failure.

Wonder at Leo as he attracts Phoebe with his triple knit suits and boyish charms.

Thrill to Kate doing what she does so well!!

There is sometimes a very fine line between propriety and impropriety. We dare cross that line time and time again. As a matter of fact, we stomp it into the sidewalk!

Bob, Jennifer, Karen, Bev, Robert, and Tricia (along with Dave, Ed and the rest of the crew) welcome you to **Romantic Comedy**. It has been my privilege to work with the group and I would not have missed it for all the lights on Broadway. We are psyched, hyped and ready to go!

Warning: No one will be seated during the provocative, seductive, flirtatious, and charming third act.

Warren Frank

4 **Cast of Characters (In order of appearance)**

Jason Carmichael	Bob Scott
Blanche Dailey	Bev McCallister
Phoebe Craddock	Jennifer Collins
Allison St. James	Karen Boothe
Leo Janowitz	Robert Hous
Kate Mallory	Tricia Reed

SETTING

The entire action of the play takes place in the study of Jason Carmichael's New York townhouse.

ACT ONE

Scene 1: A spring morning in the mid-sixties.
 Scene 2: Late night, a year later.

ACT TWO

Scene 1: A November morning, ten years later.
 Scene 2: Late afternoon, six weeks later.

ACT THREE

Scene 1: A mid-September morning, two years later.
 Scene 2: Late afternoon, three weeks later.
 Scene 3: The next morning

There will be a 15 minute intermission between acts. At this time restrooms and refreshments are available at the lower level of the theatre. We request that there be NO SMOKING in any area of the building.

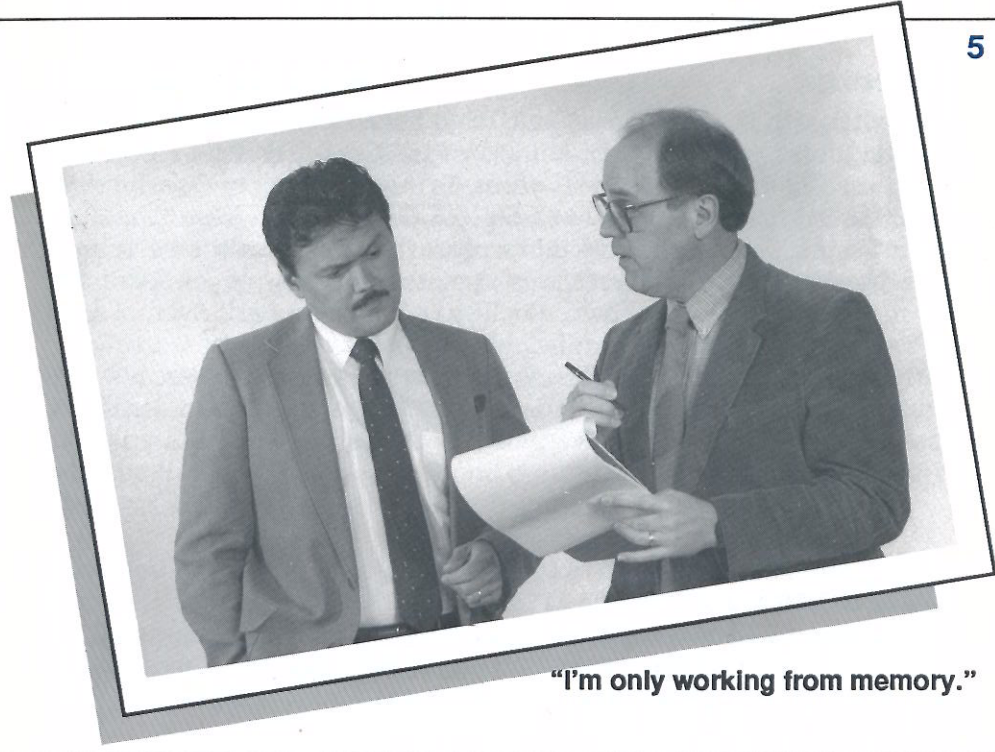
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Director . . .**Warren Frank**

Just when you thought it was safe to go back to the theater, Warren returns, directing his second show for Red Mask. His first assignment was last season's **LuAnn Hampton Lavery Oberlander**. Last year's show was set in his adopted state of Texas (How 'bout them 'Horns!) and this year's takes place in his home state of New York (Anything north of Queens is upstate). Make sure you listen for the mention of his home town, Rochester (Iggy's on Park Avenue offers his favorite reuben sandwich). He and Ann work at Danville Lutheran School where Warren is principal and Ann teaches kindergarten. Unfortunately, their fourteen year old beagle, Linda, passed away last summer which means this is a "Linda Memorial Production."

Producer . . .**Ed Poletti**

This is Ed's fourth season with Red Mask and his second stint as producer. The play offers him the opportunity to work with talented people both on and backstage. Ed is single and lives in Danville.

Stage Manager . . .**Dave Downing**

This Red Mask season has become a year of firsts for our stage manager. Dave had his first "taste" of producing in the season opener **Steel Magnolias**, and now his first stage managing opportunity with **Romantic Comedy**. Dave said "I am grateful to Warren for asking me to work for him and this cast and crew. However, the two of us have been together on four straight productions, and we are beginning to finish each others sentences as do Jason and Phoebe in **Romantic Comedy**. I do hope the similarity stops there." Dave has appeared onstage with Red Mask, Danville Light Opera and Sunshine II productions, and is a board member of "DLO". Dave co-stars with his lovely leading lady Alice in a twenty-six year run, and they are blessed with a fine supporting cast of Kim, Craig, Wendy and Andrew. In his "spare-time" Dave is a systems tech. with Illinois Bell.

On Stage . . .

Bob Scott (Jason Carmichael): **Romantic Comedy** marks Bob's return to the stage after an eight year absence. He was last seen in **No Sex Please, We're British**. Bob says of his current Red Mask experience, "Working with this great cast and crew brings back fond memories of my last appearance here at Red Mask. It's nice to be back."

Bev McCallister (Blanche Dailey): Bev has been seen on stage in **To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday**, and has been involved in backstage work many times. When not at Red Mask, she is kept busy by her husband Leonard and daughters, Dawn and Brandi. She works at Palmer Bank in the Customer Service Department.

Jennifer B. Collins (Phoebe Craddock): Jennifer is starring in her first role in "Adult" Red Mask. Active in Children's Theater in 1986-87, she appeared in **Snow White** and **Daniel Boone**. Jennifer lives at home with her biggest fans, mom Darlene and dad Jim. She is a busy high school senior/DACC student, and works at United Brokers Real Estate and VA Medical Center.

Karen Boothe (Allison St. James): Fresh from Truvy's beauty salon, Karen recently appeared as Annelle in **Steel Magnolias**. A Special Education teacher in Catlin, Karen feels fortunate to live in a community that supports the arts and is grateful to work with Red Mask. Karen resides in Catlin with her son Kyle and daughter Rae Anne.

Robert Hous (Leo Janowitz): Starting his stage appearances with a role in **6 Rms Riv Vu**, then **One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest**, his calendar got a little filled up until now eight years later he decided to give the stage another try. Robert teaches fourth grade in District 118's MATS program at East Park Elementary School. Robert and his charming wife of 12 understanding years live in Danville.

Tricia Reed (Kate Mallory): This is Tricia's fourth show on the Red Mask stage. She has been involved with Danville Light Opera for the past five years totaling approximately twenty shows working on and off stage. She is currently working at WDAN/WDNL radio station and at the Fitness Center at Danville Area Community College; both being part-time jobs. During the morning hours, she occupies her time by being a full-time student majoring in communications.

Scholarship...

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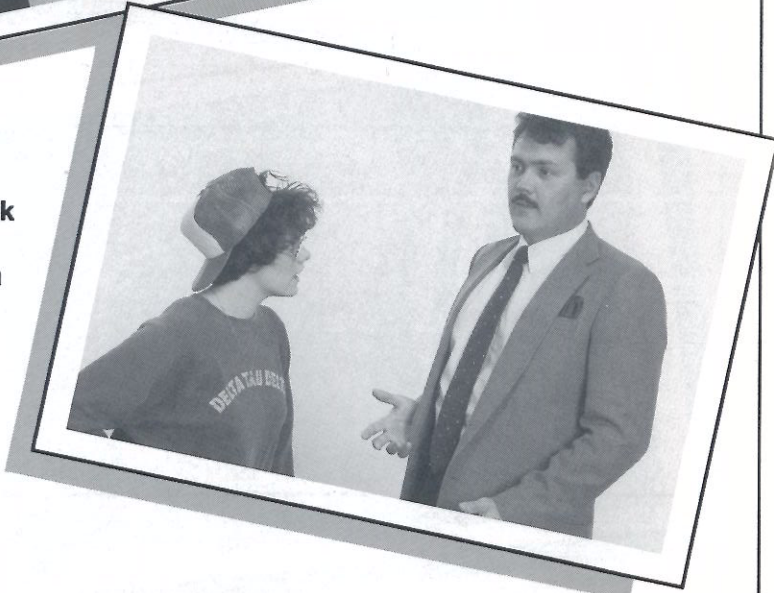
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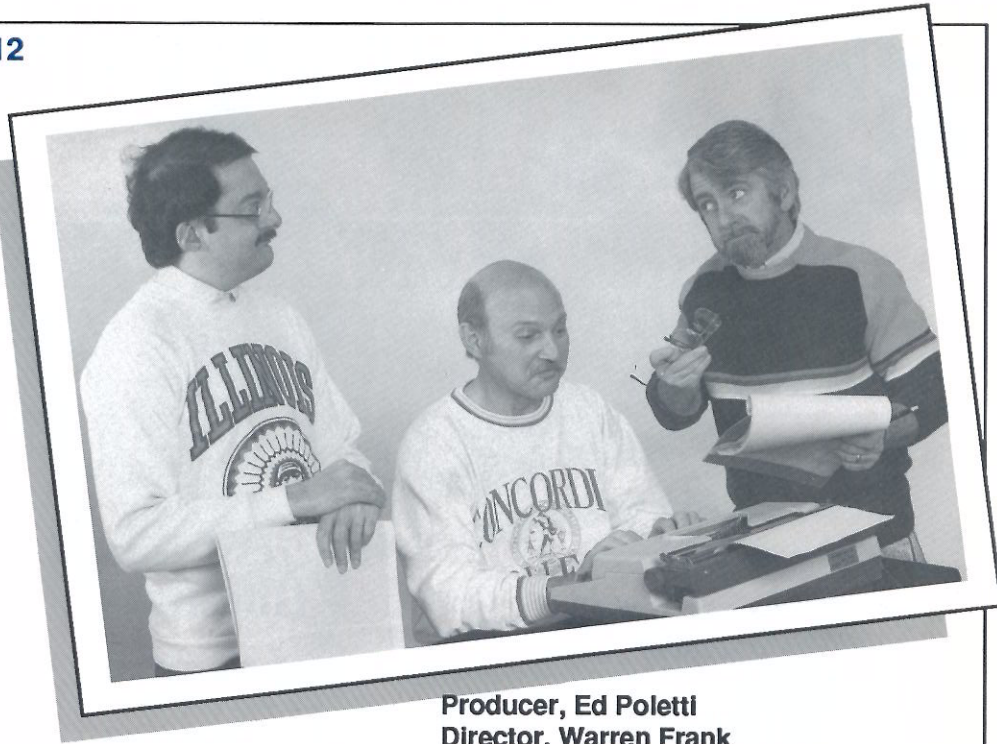
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| Producer | Ed Poletti |
| Stage Manager | Dave Downing |
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Heather Walsh, Alice Downing |
| Make-up | Marty Howrey |
| Sound | Sheryl Walsh |
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