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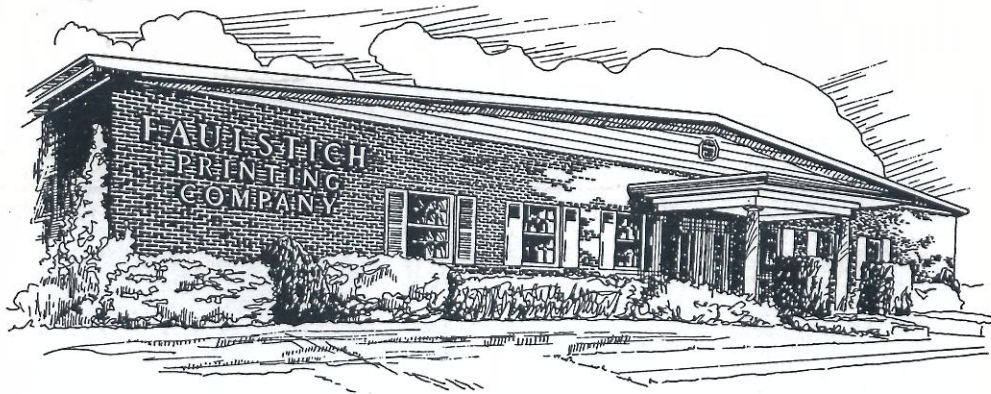
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Ken	Edward S. Sant
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Rumors, an hilarious farce written in two acts, all takes place during the same evening in a renovated Victorian home about an hour outside New York City.

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From The President

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great holiday, and that 1995 is starting out to be the best yet.

We're still working hard to keep Red Mask the best that we can be as well. Our poor old building is starting to show her age, and we're working fast and furious to keep her looking and feeling her best. Thanks to our loyal followers for recommending us to your friends. "Lost in Yonkers" brought in new audiences, and new and very welcome members. It's the members that help us keep Kathryn's dear theatre alive, and we are thankful for each of you!

Well, are you ready for Neil Simon once more? Tonight's show will be a warm, welcome, and bright spot in our dreary January. Dave Downing and friends have put together the perfect example of why Mr. Simon is considered theater's leading writer of comedy.

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From The Director

Welcome to the winter show of what surely will be remembered as the Neil Simon season at the Kathryn Randolph Theater. Our first production, **Lost In Yonkers**, was the type of play you normally associate with Mr. Simon; a comedy with a message, usually involving family situations. Well, **Rumors** is not about family and has absolutely no message. It is simply a very funny, loosen your belt, sit back and roar type of comedy. Just what the doctor ordered at this time of the year, when we are consumed with miserable weather, high utility bills and the annual, post holiday blahs.

My cast and crew have worked many long hours during this past holiday season, as you can see by our stage and you will soon see by their efforts, on stage. I have many thank-yous to give, but the biggest hugs have to go to the biggest guys, not only in stature, but in their amount of work and heart. Simba (Gail Garner) and Bimba (Bob Hous), you guys are the best. The beer's on me. The multi-talented cast you will see this evening have all worked very hard to bring this show to life, and to make me look like I know what I'm doing. I simply want to give them my thanks and my love. You are all truly wonderful.

Last, but certainly not least, I want to thank Marty for allowing me this madness and for not complaining about it. I only have one word for her....TULSA.

Dave Downing

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Production Team

Dave Downing—Director

Rumors marks the second production Dave has directed for Red Mask, the first being **Ravenscroft** in 1993. During many seasons of Danville theater, he has served in every capacity backstage as well as appearing on stage in various roles for Red Mask, Sunshine II, D.L.O., and Gregory's Academy. Dave has enjoyed all of the characters he has portrayed, but states "My favorites would be Dr. Berger in **Ordinary People**, Gangster #1 in **Kiss Me Kate**, and Noah in **Two By Two**." Dave is newly married to Marty (not to the theater as some may think) and has five children and two beautiful granddaughters. When Dave finds the time, he works for Ameritech as a Systems Tech.

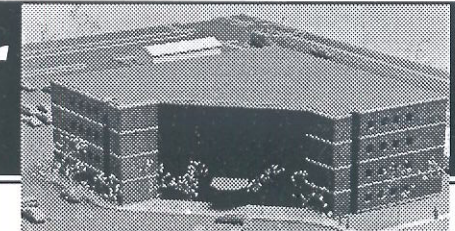
Robert Hous—Producer

Robert's many years with Red Mask Players has been filled with many responsibilities: Night janitor, overbearing husband, board member, Reckless Mover, shelf builder, Katy winning reporter, and set builder. This show, however, is his first effort at being a member of the production team. As the "B" in S & B Construction its been a lot fo fun helping to put this show together. Robert teaches fourth grade in the MATS program at East Park School. The two main spotlights in his life are his wonderful wife Sherri and his 2 1/2 year old daughter Lauren Elizabeth.

Gail Garner—Stage Manager

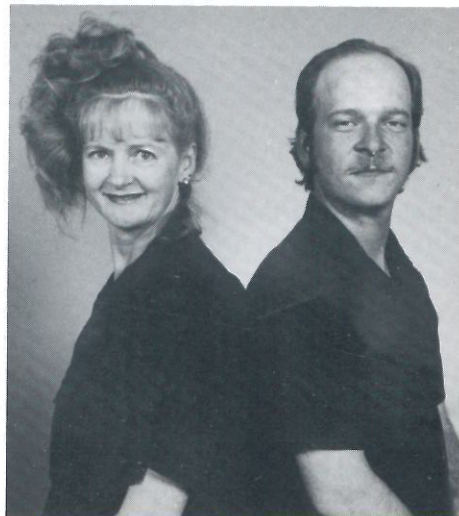
Gail has worked with many local theater productions. Although most of his work has been backstage work he has been on stage in some roles having as many as three lines. Now, Gail, as the "S" in S & B Construction, has thrown his talents into making **Rumors** an enjoyable and successful production.

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On Stage

David E. Laker-Lenny

This marks David's sixth role since appearing in Arsenic and Old Lace as the menacing J. Brewster. Most recently David was in DLO's production of "Oliver" as the even more menacing Bill Sykes. David's roots with Red Mask go back to being the first Jean Lewis Scholarship winner and currently is serving on the Board of Directors. David is employed at the Danville Correctional Center as food supervisor and part time at Danville Book World as resident comic book genius.

Jerilyn Hemple-Cassie

This is Jerilyn's first appearance on the Red Mask stage. She has done other local communications work in the form of TV spots and part time DJ on WIAI. Jerilyn is the proud mother of 4 year old Taylor and wife of Paul. Jerilyn is a licensed cosmetologist at Reflections and she sends special thanks to her family, Lee Dively and Shirley Harlan for all their help & support.

Karl Gnad-Glen

Karl has appeared in only one previous Red Mask production. That was his Katy Award winning role of Mortimer Brewster in "Arsenic and Old Lace". Karl also has handled the role of The Bellhop in Sunshine II Productions of "Lend Me a Tenor". Karl wishes to thank his beautiful bride, Heidi, for her encouragement and support. In his spare time Karl is the director for Danville Mass Transit.

Chuck Pundt-Officer Welch

Chuck again returns to the illustrious Red Mask stage in what may be the most serious role that he's ever performed. He has been in several plays for Red Mask since his introduction at the age of eighteen. Now twenty-six, this now begins the eighth year for this actor. Chuck wishes to thank Steph, his fiance, and Lucas and Autumn, their two dogs, for always being there in times of need for support and comfort.

Sheryl Walsh-Officer Pudney

Sheryl is happy to finally appear on the Red Mask stage after working in all other capacities off-stage for 5+ years. She appeared in Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat this past summer and has been both on and off stage for several productions for Danville Light Opera, Sunshinell Productions and Gregory Duckett's Academy. Sheryl works at O'Neil Brothers Construction and is Vice-president of the Red Mask board. She would like to thank her daughter, Heather, for having gotten her involved in community theater over five years ago.

Mary Ann Laker-Cookie

Mary Ann returns to the Red Mask stage after having previously been seen in last season's "Social Security" as Trudy. Mary Ann is employed at K-Mart and is the wife of Dave Laker. Mary Ann would like to thank friends, family and Omaha the cat for all their patience, love, and support.

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Warren Frank-Ernie

Once again, Warren is playing an age appropriate part. (Actually, this is probably the youngest 'old man' he has ever played.) He hopes you remember the last time he was on stage because he doesn't. Warren is principal at Danville Lutheran School and lovely wife, Ann, teaches kindergarten at DLS. PJ, a three year old beagle, is their only "child".



Sue White-Claire

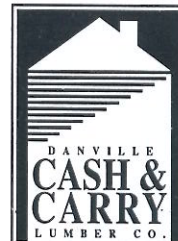
This is Sue's very first time on the Red Mask stage. Having worked for many Red Mask productions "backstage", Sue is finally showing her talents "on stage". Sue is a legal secretary for the firm of Dukes, Martin, Helm, & Ryan, Ltd. and is president of the Vermilion County Legal Secretaries Association. Sue would like to thank the Lakers and the Sants for getting her involved in Red Mask. She also wants to thank Winnie the Pooh and Tigger too!

Kerry Showers-Chris

Kerry is a veteran of the Red Mask stage. Having last been seen as the fateful Shelby in "Steel Magnolias", Kerry is a full time disc jockey with WDNL and has a part-time job as wife and mother to Mike, Doug, Robbie, Whitney, Scott, two dogs, two gerbils-sorry, no fish. Kerry's glad to be back with Red Mask and wants to thank her family for all their support.

Edward S. Sant-Ken

Ed was last seen on stage with DLO's "Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" and "Two by Two". Recently Ed finished directing the critically acclaimed season opener "Lost in Yonkers". Ed's known in the theater as "1st Husband" to Red Mask president and wife, Donna Sant, and an all-around good egg. Ed is owner of E.S.P. Photo Labs and is so glad he decided to take on a role during his busiest season.



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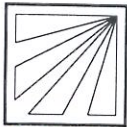


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