Workers to Explore Job Hunting

by Kim Vilter

Mary Walton, Career Development Coordinator will conduct three, one-hour fifteen minute sessions called Job Search. The program similar to a workshop, is being held November 7, 14 and 26 from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the Barefoot Room.

There has been student interest shown in career development; and job search will touch up on a few of these basic areas. Some of these are: how to put together a resume, organizing and presenting qualities of yourself that can benefit an employer (as well as yourself), identifying the employer best suited for a future career, and finally, how to research a company.

Job Search, is not a job placement program.

If the Job Search sessions appear to be fulfilling, Mary Walton suggests, "Enroll for the Career Development class next semester; it will cover the whole realm of career development issues."

Students Increase Participation

By Kevin Guilfoyle

Tom Lease has been director of Student Life for the past 15 months. Since that time a lot of changes in Avila have occurred.

"There has been a significant increase in activities that are offered for students on campus," Tom said. "Also there has been a substantial increase in the student involvement at those activities."

In addition to the offering of more activities on campus, the system was changed.

"Prior to last year, there was a centralized Student Government," he said. "Now we have government, programming, and special interest groups that are all independent, as opposed to one central authority." The Student Life program staff has grown considerably from a staff of one to a staff of three. In addition to Tom Lease, the staff consists of Betty Pharr, who handles Central Reservations, and Dave Johnson, who is the Program Coordinator.

"The scope and range has increased immensely in Student Life," Lease explained. "There are more diverse responsibilities including the central reservation system, all campus programs go through the staff."

The campus has also grown physically in the last few years. "We have more staff, have new athletic fields and the building of a library," Tom said. "Avila is certainly on the move."

Hobbit' Features Look at Good, Evil

The Hobbit, J.R.R. Tolkien's classic fantasy, opens November 15 in the Goppert Theatre. This adaptation of Tolkien's famous novel was done by Patricia Gray and is the only stage version authorized by Professor Tolkien.

The Hobbit is the first in a continuing series of novels by Tolkien which included the Lord of the Rings trilogy and Silmarillion, posthumously published this fall and long awaited by Tolkien fans. The appearance of Silmarillion and the coming Thanksgiving television production of the fully animated version of The Hobbit will insure Tolkien's fame and importance to both adults and children. Tolkien created a world called Middle Earth inhabited by a race of Hobbits and other fantastical creatures. His appeal to both young and old is likened to that of the movie, Star Wars, with its struggle between the forces of good and evil.

The Hobbit is the story of Bilbo Baggins. Hobbits, by their nature, are content to spend their long life in peace and quiet. Yet Bilbo, because of the Wizard, Gandalf and The Dwarves, becomes involved in a great adventure — that of recovering their lawful treasure that was previously stolen from them and is now guarded by a fire-breathing monster named Smaug. Bilbo meets with many adventures on his journey, both pleasant and dangerous.

The director of Avila's production, William Louis, intends the staging to be magical and fantastic, appealing to all ages. Projected scenery of Tolkien calendar paintings will cover the 3D/357 backdrop. The action will take place on a multi-level thrust stage as 13 dwarves, Gandalf and Bilbo meet and overcome the trolls, goblins and dragons. Dr. Louis says that staging The Hobbit will satisfy a life long ambition, and he trusts that his conception of this classic will delight all Tolkien admirers.

The Hobbit will be performed November 15-18 at 8:00 p.m., November 17-18 at 1:00 p.m. and November 19 at 2:00 p.m. Ticket prices are $2.00, students and children $2.00. For ticket reservations call the Avila College box office at 942-8408.

Musicians Prepare for 'Brigadoon'

Brigadoon, a Lerner Loewe musical will be presented in Goppert Theatre on February 18 through the 26th.

The play is concerned with Brigadoon, a village which comes into being for only one day each century, and the mysteries that surround this town are discovered in this tender and exciting musical. Two young New Yorkers are thrust into this magical 18th century Scotland and become entranced by the romance, dangers and fate of Brigadoon.

Auditions will be the first Friday in December and callbacks will be that following Saturday.

For those interested in the chorus contact Daniel Larson personally. His office is located in Goppert.

People interested in playing in the orchestra can contact Daniel Larson, extension 252. Everyone is welcome to join. You don't have to be able to read music. If you play clarinet, oboe, flute and especially percussion they need you.

This musical will be fully staged and fully costumed.