

Arts workshop sparks students' interest

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St. Cloud's Arts Council and Apollo High School co-sponsored a Speech Activities Clinic Monday night at Apollo.

Some 140 students from 19 district high schools each saw three demonstrations in the areas of vocal technique, body movement and vocal interpretation of literature.

Marie Winckler, Terry Stoner and Paula Rähders-Johnson, comprising the SPIRA dance company from College of St. Benedict, demonstrated

the process of making concrete body movement into abstract expression.

Winckler said her aim was to "first get students at home while moving." Once aware of themselves, she added, "they can relate to others in motion around them."

The attempt in SPIRA sessions was, in working with a dozen students at a time, to get each to feel the spiritual continuity within the group, according to Winckler.

Vocal techniques coaches David Ball, assistant director

of the Guthrie Theater and Joan Kutner, vocal coach of Dudley Riggs' Experimental Theater Company, worked with sound and vocal expressiveness.

Ball asked students and their teachers to lie down on the floor and then to begin projecting the sound 'aaahh' with eyes closed. Finally, he had each person doing it while looking at his neighbors within the group.

Cyndi Landowski, a Foley student, said, "It made my mind float through space."

"Wierd, but neat wierd," was Rocori student Jean Theis' assessment of Garrison Keillor of KSJN Radio in St. Paul. Keillor spoke extemporaneously and presented several of his own short stories, 18 of which have been published. Among the stories he read were Magic Telephone and Found Paradise.

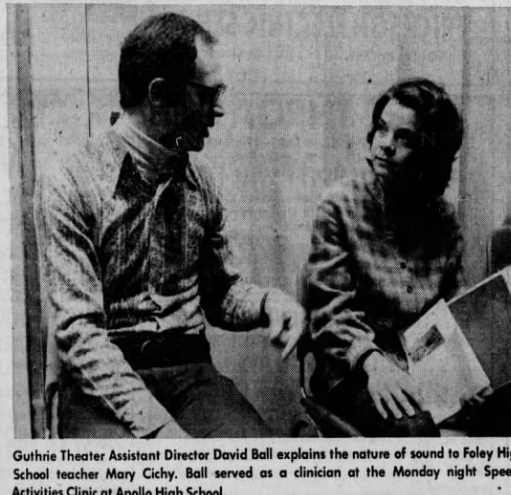
Linda Park, director of the St. Cloud State College Readers' Theater, presented three of her students who each read to groups of about 25 students. The students then discussed

the readings with Miss Park. All clinicians admitted the major difficulty was getting students to loosen up and to feel at home with the process of self expression.

Dixie Lee Elliott, president of the St. Cloud Arts Council and Apollo Head Declamation Coach Roland Froyen agreed the evening was a tremendous success.



Garrison Keillor



Guthrie Theater Assistant Director David Ball explains the nature of sound to Foley High School teacher Mary Cichy. Ball served as a clinician at the Monday night Speech Activities Clinic at Apollo High School.

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