

Stage III Gets New York Tribute

At the beginning of January the staff of Stage III Productions took fifty members and friends to New York City where Stage III presented the musical, "RHAPSODY--a tribute to Gershwin" at the American Theatre of Actors, 314 West 54th Street.

Among those in the audience were Howard Goldberg and Jay Cohen, producers of the current Broadway show, "A Lesson from Aloes". Mr. Cohen has just been elected to the Board of Trustees of OOBAA (Off-Off Broadway Alliance). Also in the audience were Nancy Nederlander Holliday and Richard Scheck, the grand-nephew of George and Ira Gershwin, and Art Ross, the Music and Drama critic from the entertainment newspaper, "Backstage", whose review of "RHAPSODY--a tribute to Gershwin" appears in the January 30, 1981 issue of Backstage.

Take the timeless hit songs of George and Ira Gershwin, add the verve of a fresh and talented group of performers from Rochester called Stage III, mix with it the spirited dance stagings of Carla Vitale, and you have one of the most delightful evenings of musical comedy theatre we've seen this year!

Under the musical direction of Corinne Aquilina, who did a magnificent solo rendition of Rhapsody in Blue midway in the festivities, Stage III's performers made the Gershwin melodies glow with romance and rhythm at the A.T.A. Theatre.

Of particular delight was Sam Jerris, who sang and danced with a twinkle in his eye that brought back memories of a young Jack Haley. Someone should head for Rochester and sign that young man up! He's another Bobby Morse with a strong

lyric voice and a face that mugs its way into your heart. He was ably assisted in the singing department by an excellent comedienne, Colleen Bonar, who has the versatility to go from a soul ballad like "The Man I Love" to the rollicking beat of "I Got Rhythm" and make you love every magnificent note.

Among the outstanding numbers were: "I Got Plenty of Nuthin'" sung by Sam Jerris; "Fascinatin' Rhythm" performed by the ensemble and "Bess" rendered nicely by Nancy Coffey and Phil Fallon. Clever satirical staging gave a new dimension to "Of Thee I Sing" with Nancy Coffey, Sandy DiPasquale and Sandy Cassidy.

"Rhapsody: A Gershwin Tribute" was presented by Stage III Productions at A.T.A., 314 W. 54 St.

Stage III's next appearance will be at the uniquely restored Railroad Depot, station 42, 3410 Fowlerville Road south of Avon, off Rt. 39, or south of Caledonia off Rt. 36, where they will perform "Lullaby of Broadway" featuring vocalists Sam Jerris, Colleen Bonar, Nancy Coffey, Paula Betlem, Carol D'Angelo and Stuart Burke, with Corrine Jerris Aquilina at the piano. Performances will be February 20--March 7 with two shows on Fridays and Saturdays. Reservations may be made by calling the restaurant, 226-8391. Admission, \$5.

FROM THE GENESEO COLLEGE LAMRON

Professor Suspended For Harrassment

By Edwin Darden
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Sociology professor Vahakn Dadrian was found guilty of four of the sexual harassment charges pending against him. He was judged not guilty of two, and four were dismissed, in a decision which came over a year after five students made their allegations.

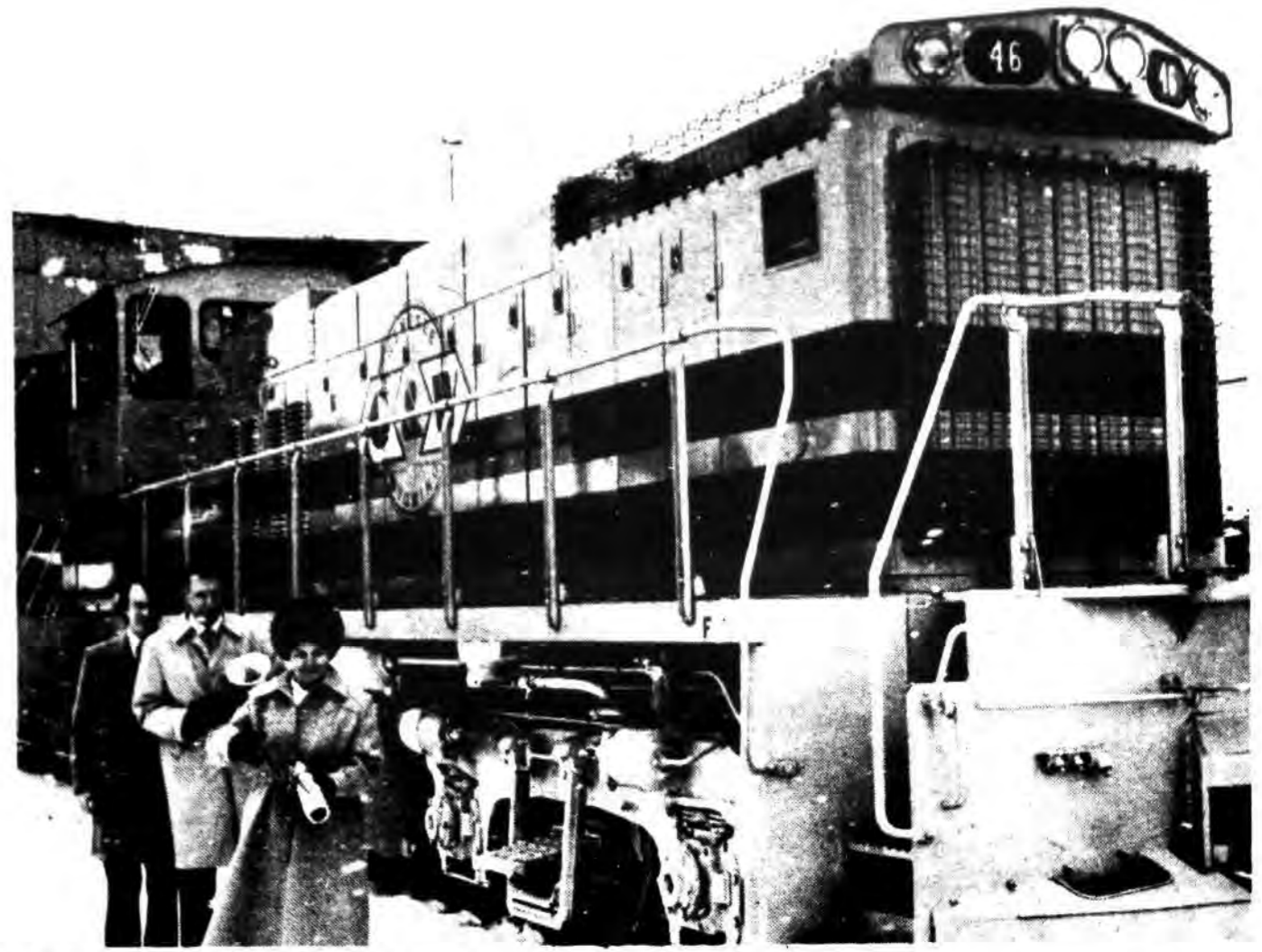
The four Dadrian was found guilty of all referred to one student. She charged "improper physical contact" when he tried to hug and kiss her in his office, and on the same day he made inquiries into her sex life which they termed acting in an "unprofessional manner."

Twenty one days later Dadrian again made "improper physical contact" when he pulled her by the arm in the hall of Sturges in an attempt to talk to her and he "physically detained" her when he backed her into a corner.

Contained within the 15-page decision, the arbitrator scolded Dadrian for "poor judgement" and "impulsiveness". In sentencing him to one month's suspension without pay, the arbitrator said that an incident of this kind was not likely to happen again, and implied that because of the unsophistication of the students in a rural college, Dadrian's actions may have been misconstrued.

According to Ronald Satryb, vice president for Student Services and Staff Relations as well as the college representative in the case, said the action recommended by the College firing him. "In light of the charges that he was found guilty, it was a fair decision," Satryb said.

K. Murphy, one of the two girls whose four charges was dismissed thought the decision was "unjust." She said, "For what he did the punishment he received was



GENESEE AND WYOMING Railroad, formerly dedicated to service Jan. 29, the above locomotive and another just like it, which cost one million dollars. Getting ready for the dedication is Mortimer B. Fuller III, Chairman; Jerry Johnson, President, with the bull horn and his wife Mrs. Johnson with a bottle of Champagne, which she used to christen the locomotive. On hand at the ceremony were other G & W officials, Bob Hart, Liv. County Supervisors Chairman, who heads the Dansville Railroad; Sheriff Kane and other county and town officials, as well as representatives from the Livonia, Lakeville and Avon Railroad. The Arcade and Attica Railroad and officials of Liv. County Development Agency, which helped finance the million dollar purchase. Also present was Alex Chichelli, Plant Manager of the International Salt Company which is the railroad's largest customer. The group was entertained for lunch at the Retsof Fire Hall catered by the Big Tree Inn. Photo by Cottone.

One-stop liquor shopping

Gov. Hugh Carey is out to end some of the last vestiges of Prohibition in New York.

The governor, who has proposed abolishing the State Liquor Authority, is now calling for around-the-clock bars and wine and hard liquor sales in supermarkets. to battle illegal

after-hours social clubs that have grown in number in recent years.

The clubs, the governor said, have become a source of corruption and possible organized crime activity

The governor said there seemed to be a market for all-night drinking clubs because "people work different shifts."

too easy. I don't think he should be allowed to teach."

Dadrian said "I am not denying it (hugging and kissing), I accept his judgement and I am bound to abide by it." He added "the discipline necessarily needs to be commensurate to the misconduct. The arbitrator found me guilty of a foible and the foible was not serious enough to justify discharging me."

The four charges that were not accepted by the arbitrator were dismissed because of untimeliness. Any charges have to be filed within approximately one year of the incident to be considered. Satryb said that none came forward until the first girl did whose charges were the only ones Dadrian was found guilty of.

He was not guilty on the two other counts, filed by two female students. One dealt with "improper physical contact" when he tried to kiss one of them, the other on the same day, was offering \$5 to a student after an exam because, Satryb said, "it was a difficult exam." One of the determining factors in finding Dadrian not guilty was that the testimony of the two women "was highly suspect," and "contradictory."

Sociology chairman James Watson said during the time of Dadrian's suspension from Jan. 21-Feb. 20, professor Virginia Falls will teach his two Introduction to Sociology courses, and his Sociology of Deviance course. During that month his loss of salary will amount to approximately \$2,250.

During registration Dadrian was the victim of an anti-campaign of posters that advised female students not to take his classes because of his "long history"

of sexual harassment, though the 10 charges are the first to be brought against him since he came to Geneseo in 1970. Murphy agrees with the posters as she said, "No one (female) should take his courses. But if they do they should not allow themselves to be vulnerable to his harassment." An attempt was made to locate the anonymous people who put up the posters but they were never apprehended.

Chairman Watson praised Dadrian's professional abilities by saying that he tries to "set very high standards in his courses" and that as a professor he is "very demanding." But according to Murphy the president and Satryb tried to work out an administrative position for him because they did not want him teaching, but it fell through.

According to Dadrian and Satryb one of the pivotal factors in the decision is the location of Geneseo and the content of the population. Since Geneseo is not near, or in, a big city, and since most of the students are from small towns the arbitrator concluded that many of the students are "unsophisticated, impressionable, and immature as compared to a larger college." The arbitrator pinpointed that conditions like those in Geneseo, required "greater professional conduct" and that composition of the student body only served to make them more susceptible to reactions.

Dadrian said that he is trying to put the whole incident behind him, though sources do indicate that some students, and faculty who have followed the case and who are against him, may give him a difficult time.