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**Pepto Bismol saves the play**



Photo by Jerry McBride

Tom Schlange and the other men of the UNL Beta Sigma Psi fraternity pledge class helped Rusty and the other children of Cedars Home string popcorn for the Cedars Home Christmas tree last Thursday evening.

By Joe Starita

Remember the time one of Santa's antlered ungulates contracted a stomach virus, but was cured with a shot of Pepto Bismol from Mrs. Claus so the celestial sleigh could proceed up and away?

You don't? Well, you won't find it perusing Dickens.

You will find it as part of the Christmas program to be presented Thursday, Dec. 21, at Villa Marie, a Catholic-run school for the mentally retarded.

Villa Marie is one of several area schools and homes for children that is busy preparing for the upcoming Christmas festivities.

At Villa Marie, three students at the school run by the Marian Sisters combined

to pen an original play that will draw upon all the school's 22 students for its presentation.

"We've all had a lot of fun with this," said Sister Patricia, who is a teacher and principal of the school near Waverly.

"The three stories written by our students were really quite good. We combined them into one play and everyone here is going to have a part in it."

The play, she said, will be for the students' parents, the faculty and for anyone involved with the school. Each of the students, ranging in age from 7 to 18, will return home with their parents to spend the holidays, Sister Patricia added.

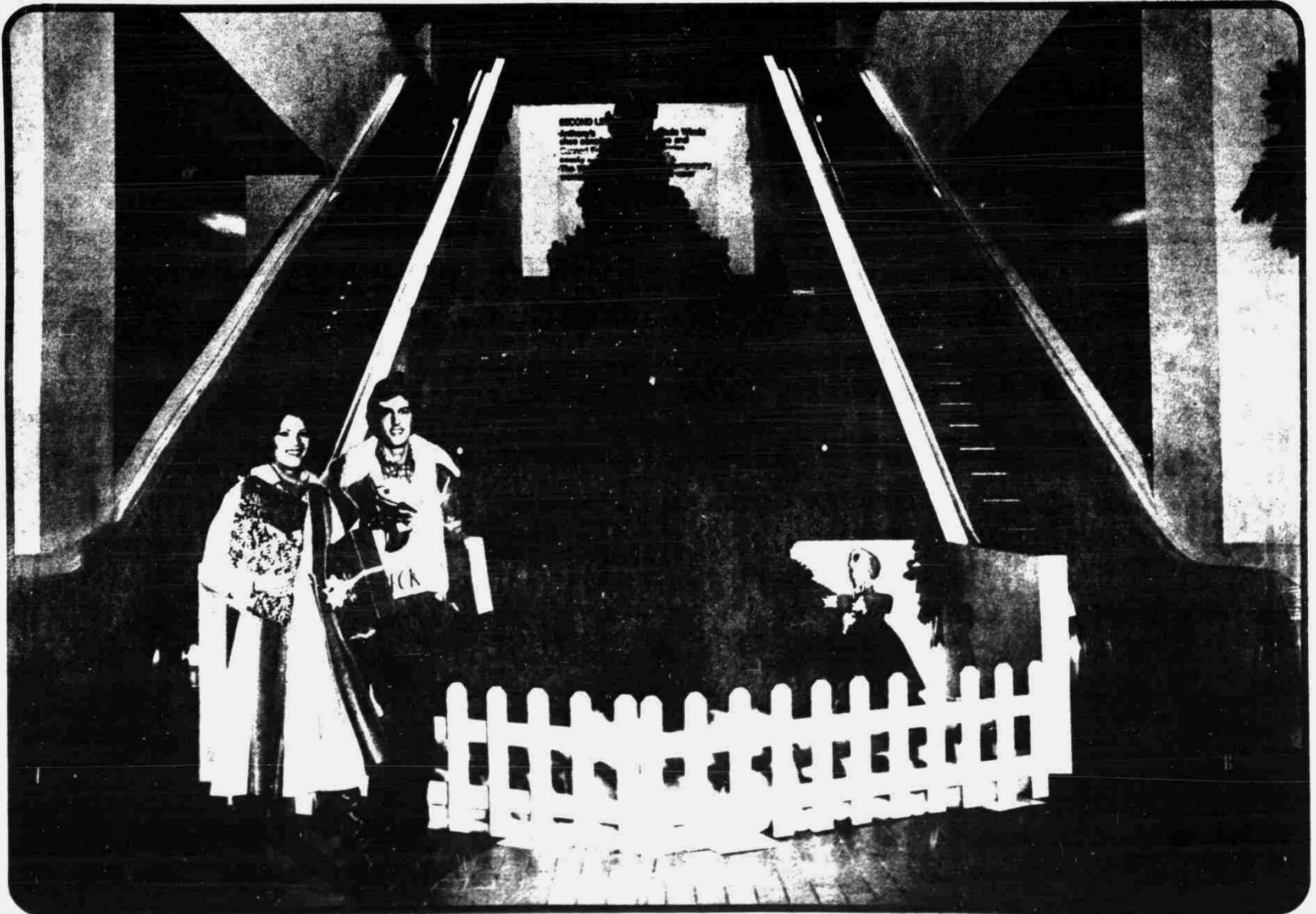
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