Theater fest to conclude From Staff Reports

The final performances in the 1995 Region V Kennedy Center American College The-ater Festival will occur today and Saturday.

Representatives from Washington University in St. Louis will perform "The Endless Adventures of M.C. Kat" today at Howell Theatre. Representatives from Fontbonne College in St. Louis will perform "Brilliant Traces" today at Nebraska Wesleyan University's McDonald Theatre.

Saturday, the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kan., will perform "Tartuffe" at Howell Theatre, and students from Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield, Mo., will perform "The Red House" at McDonald Theatre.

All performances are at 1:30 and 8:30 p.m.

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said. "We also had a dance floor out in

the middle of the rink.'

But the most drastic change has been in the music that people skate to, the couple said.

Klein remembered skating to or-gan music in the 1950s.

"Now they'll play just anything," she said. "I don't enjoy rap music, but country and western is good and so is some of the rock and roll.'

Klein also said she liked the Village People song that had almost be-

come synonymous with skating.
"'YMCA' is good, I like to skate to that," she said.

The couple comes diligently to the Thursday night skates, but tend to avoid the rink on other nights.

Randy Hamilton, Holiday Skate World's owner, said adult night was a fun time for everyone. College students can show their student ID and get 50 cents off, he said.



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Owens said the recently reunited band probably wouldn't stay together. "If they do stay together, it won't be for long," Owens said. "They're getting old."

Bachus was a little more hopeful about the reunion.

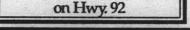
"I think it'd be really cool if they stayed together," she said.

Owens said she was really looking

forward to this weekend's show.

"It's the biggest concert of the year," she said. "They haven't toured in years and years and years, and then they

postponed it. People are ready for it.
"I think the crowd will really get
into it. Everyone's excited."



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Photo courtesy of the Millions

The Millions — Greg Hill, Mike Keeling, Lori Allison, Benjamin Kushner and Harry Dingman — will play tonight at the Hurricane.

Millions

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tact with the band.

"Marty is still working with us, and we are still friends," Kushner said. "He worked really hard on the artwork for the American release."

The artwork in the American release of "Raquel" is new, with a new photograph. The album will also be released on both compact disc and cassette, unlike the German release, which was only available on compact disc.

Kushner said tonight's show

might surprise Millions' fans.

"We'll be playing a lot of the new songs at the Friday show so people can hear them for the first time," he said.

But those who attend the show can also look forward to hearing songs from the band's two albums.

'We are looking forward to seeing people at the show. It's going to be a lot of fun, and we're excited to play," Kushner said. The Millions and the Drovers

aren't the only bands playing in Lincoln this weekend. At Le Cafe Shakes, 1418 O St., Puggy and Weld will play Friday night.

Saturday, Turquoise Sol will play at the Hurricane. Rosebud and Popsickle will play at Duffy's, 1412 O St., Sunday night.

At Knickerbockers, 901 O St., Throttle and St. Nickelhead will play Friday night, and Town Crier and Pushin' Skinny will play Saturday night.

Atomic Angel will play at Royal Grove, 340 W. Cornhusker Highway, Friday and Saturday nights. And at the Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St., Claude "Fiddler" Williams will play Friday and Saturday nights.

'CrazySexyCool" LaFace Records Grade: B

Ever since their 1992 debut album, the members of TLC have been the queens of the do-what-I-like attitude. No one could have guessed that three girls from Atlanta could create such a stir with their baggy pants and hats to the back

With their new album, "CrazySexyCool," T-Boz, Left Eye, and Chilli have returned to the spotlight and are determined to stay there.

TLC project a new musical feel on "CrazySexyCool." The uptempo songs are gone for the most part. Overall, the album consists of mid-tempo, laid back jams.

The production pool is still as strong as ever. Dallas Austin, Babyface and Jermaine Dupri make again, adding Sean "Puffy" Combs and Organized Noize for good measure.

But TLC tends to overuse interludes. "CrazySexyCool" has five, one more than their last album. Laurie McClain Admittedly, when Phife and Busta "We Were All Babies" Rhymes show up, it is cool, but really the interludes detract from the album as a whole.

The first single, "Creep", is a ter- mor. rific song produced by Dallas Austin, using a Slick Rick sample.

Jermaine Dupri adds a lot of hip hop into the tracks he produce, -

including the great song "Kick Your Game" — usually with Left

Eye rapping.
"Diggin' On You" and "Let's
Do It Again" are the submissions producer-extrordinaire Babyface, and Sean "Puffy" Combs shows up to help with the Prince song "If I Was Your Girlfriend."

One of the biggest surprises on the album is the musical talents of Organized Noize. Their two very different tracks include what is probably the best song on the al-burn, "WaterFalls," and "Sumthin" Wicked This Way Comes," a funky track that includes a rap from Dre of the Atlanta rap group Outkast.

Once again, TLC has taken a variety of talented producers and created a consistent sound that is all their own. "CrazySexyCool" may not be "On The TLC Tip," but it is definitely dynamic.

-Greg Schick

Grade: B+

On "We Were All Babies," Lincoln's Laurie McClain shows Despite that, TLC turn out some listeners her naturally sweetened of the best melodies of the year. voice and a delightful sense of hu-

> McClain's album is what good folk should be: earthy, truthful, heart-felt and — perhaps most importantly — not annoying.

On some songs, McClain la-ments the world's hassles and heartaches. On others, she longs for a kinder world where everyone is happy and healthy and free. But just before her sweet, clear voice

turns to saccharine, it takes a comical twist. Anyone can be idealistic, but few of us can be idealistic without becoming preachy.

For example, on "My Heaven," she decribes her personal utopia where "everyone's healthy and no one gets sick/ If you get gum in your hair it will not stick/ And the stars and the sun are brighter than bright/ But ya never get sunburned 'cause love is the light."

On the album's title track, she urges listeners to remember we all started out the same, "We all grew inside a mother and came out all gooey and got a name."

She shows her serious side, too, on sad songs such as "Love Has Flown" and "You Were the Won." McClain's sad songs don't demand as many smiles and sighs, but they're written from the heart.

Her humor is most obvious on "Lightning Bugs." This song is impossible to dislike. You'd have to be a heartless waste of space if you didn't smile at lines like "Life in a jar is very sad cause you really miss your mom and dad."

Lovely, sweet and fun. Those words all describe "We Were All

- Rainbow Rowell

Cafe

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istic. Overall, the film shows that people of different races and cultures

can get along.

The film also looks favorably on

ing responsibility for themselves and to American stars. each other. Most importantly, it The film is refre

Rarely do French films come to "Cafe au Lait" will play at the America that show graffiti, drug use, Mary Riepma Ross Film Theater Sunyouth by showing young people tak- acters' clothing, music and references the general public.

The film is refreshing and offers a stresses the value of children and fam- truthful portrayal of French society rather than the usual culture-coated

or a heavy American influence. These day at 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. things can be seen through the char- Tickets are \$3 for students and \$5 for