SPECIAL EVENTS

Birmingham Musicale begins 70th season Oct. 12

The Birmingham Musicale's celebration of its 70th season begins 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, at The Commonity Itous, 390 S. Bates, Birmingham. Beverly O'Connell is Cheirman of the Day, and the program is dedicated to United Nations Day with an accord on French composers. The nominal contribution for guests has been adved for this opening program. For more information, call (810) 624-8329.

The concert will open with the

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masque" by Debussy, "En Ba-teau" from "Petita Suite" by De-bussy and "Entra-Acte" by Jacques libert. She will be accom-panied by Laing.

Snyder currently performs with the Macomb Symphony, Detroit Woodwind Quintet and Bork'en Riff Bassoon Quartet, and various other metropolitan orchestras and

music ensembles. Along with heing an active bassoonist, Snyder is also handbell director for Grace United Methodist Clurch in New Baltimore. Her education includes a bachelur of music in performance and music cology, and a master degree in business administration from Western Michigan University.

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Perdee is principal flutist with the Birmingham Bloomfield Sym-phony and often performs with the Rochester Symphony and Michigan Flute Orchestra. She received her bachelor of music de-gree in flute performance from the UM.

Guy Fawkes Ball to benefit Cranbrook Academy of Art

Guy Fawkes is throwing a snow ball Saturday, Nov. 4, at the Cranbrook Academy of Art Muse-um, 1221 B. Woodward in Bloom-field Hills.

The 18th annual black tie din-ner dance, which raises scholar-ship money for the school, is un-der sponsorable of the art scade-my's Wemen's Committee, Susan Lanciault is president of the

group. Last year's ball brought in \$31,000.

The feative gala launches the winter social season and is expected to draw a sellout crowd of more than 300 guesta.

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Second City's 'White Water Rafting' is a fun-filled ride

"White Water Rafting" runs 8 "Write Water taying rins of p.m. Wednesdays through San-days with additional shows at 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays at the Second City - Detroit, 2301 Woodward, Detroit. Call (313)955-2222 for reservations.

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SUCCESSFUL RELATIONSHIPS Loraine Stefano and Elliot Gold will conduct a seminar entitled "Cetting The Relationship You Want" 7:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 10, at The Community House in Birmingham, \$16, (810) 644-5837.

SKI CLUB MEETING The GM Ski Club meets 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, at Mitchell's in Royal Oak. (B10) 299-4313.

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great things from The Second City - Detroit. The honeymoon, so to speak, is over — and it's up to the Motor City troupe to continue delivering the laughs. With the premiere of "White Water Rafting," the troupe's fifth

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revue, a milestone of sorta has been reached. The last of the original cast members, Andrew Newberg, Jackie Purtan end Angela Shelton, have departed, repleced respectively with Ann Arboes, Joshua Funk, Emily Rose Mertill and Dionna Gdffin, both of Southfield. In Second City tradition, the turnover of almost half of the cast is hardly a detriment. The new show clicks on almost all cylinders from the instant ignition is achieved.

In fact, the lamest aspect of this show is the title, which begs for its companion graphic to un-derstand the reference to Bill and Hillary's little land deal in Ar-kansas. And realize, again in Sec-ond City tradition, that the title has nothing to do with the con-tent of the sketches included in the show.

While no performance is ever the same at The Second City, "White Water Rafting" visits fa-miliar territory, akwering the worlds of business, politics, relig-ion, and race and gender rela-tions. Music and sound effects play their always-important sup-porting role, handled by the capa-tile hands of Trey Stone (who ac-tually makes a cames appearance in a "Where's Waldo" sketch).

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The darker, more poignant side of Second City humor is evident in a sketch featuring veterans Grant Krause, Chris Smith and Rico Bruce Wade as homeless men sharing a downtown bench who have different reactions to finding a discarded red suit. The seene attecthes all three as actors, not just comedians.

Newcomer Joshus Funk shows a flair for musical parody throughout the revue and proves his improvisational chops are up to smuff in a blues singer sketch.

Fellow newcomers Emily Rose Merrill and Dionna Griffin get some gruuine laugha as job applicated and interviewer in a sketch that attempts to make light of the Detroit newspeper strike. And finally, witten Nancy Hayden proves to be the glue that holds many of the evening a sketches together, particularly distinguishing herself as a rude USAir operator giving a frustrated filer the run-around.

"White Water Rafting" proves that The Second City - Detroit has the capability to keep provid-ing Motor City-oriented humor into the 21st Century. It should be quite a ride.

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