

Dancers' style most appealing

By PATRICIA BEACH SMITH

In the contemporary dance world, long-lasting artistic relationships are nothing new, but they are still interesting in their diversity.

Among the famous pairs are Betty Jones and Fritz Ludin, who spent a week at Oakland University recently and culminated their stay with "Dances We Dance" at Varner Hall.

The title of the program makes it seem ho-hum at first glance, but the dances are constantly being renewed and new ones are added to the repertoire each season.

For 11 years the pair has been performing all over the world. It is no wonder their style appeals to so many.

Without ever losing a sense of dance, the works they perform transcend the acrobatic world which sometimes defines modern dance and lead them into exquisite and beautifully physical theater.

THE WARRIOR and the Widow, two more or less separate variations which build into one thought in the end, is a perfect example of the theater Jones and

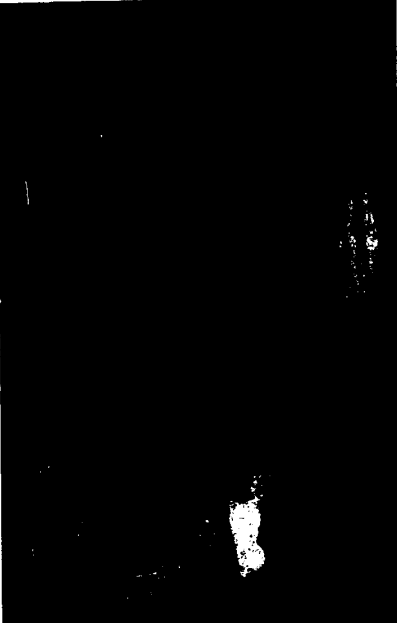
Ludin are capable of producing. The costumes were elegantly simple and appropriate as the dancing — based on classical Japanese dance art — also was.

Humor is one of the pair's best mediums for laughing at themselves and all of us together. In "On Dancing" a narration accompanies the dance and the effect is remarkably entertaining.

"Play It As It Rings" is another comedy, yet telling, medium for dance expression. After the pair spent some time in California at a workshop, they discovered the famous MGM prop sale and went to it.

"WE ENDED UP with loads of ends and ends — just junk," Ms. Jones said, but the dance was strangely cohesive and definitely appealing.

The strength of their work is more theatrical than terpsichorean. Ludin has the dramatic, if not the physical, strength to make audiences sit up and take notice and Ms. Jones keeps dancing lyrically and beautifully as the remarkable Margot Fonteyn did during these like-chronological years.



AAUW presents hot play

The AAUW Children's Theatre will present its final play of the season — "The Nuremberg Stove" — Saturday at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Groves High School Auditorium. The play lasts one hour and tickets are available at Grinnell's, Merrillwood Mall, Birmingham. Among the players are (from left) Harriette Fox as the Queen's Messenger, Hunt Daugherty as hero August and Martha Holloway as an art dealer. (Staff photo by Barbara McClellan)

Taco cooks get chance

Turn out the tastiest taco ever to tingle a taste bud and win a fantastic prize in the "Grand Taco Cook-Off" during "Fiesta" at Hudson's.

The taco cook judged the best in the land of "Fiesta" will win a microwave oven, and be honored with the prestigious title of "Greatest Tacos" in the Detroit Metropolitan Area.

The second place winner will receive a 17-piece set of cookware, and third place, a gourmet cookbook. "Grand Taco Cook-Off" entry forms are available at all Hudson's stores.

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