

Theatre Upstairs' two plays are humdrum

By MARION KERR

Ascending to the new Theatre Upstairs of the Toronto Free Theatre where Tom Walmsley's works, *The Jones Boy* and *The Workingman*, are being presented, you are taken back to the darkness and despair of dark empty streets, and to the violence and lewdness that such surroundings lend themselves to.

Tom Walmsley is a 28 year old playwright from Vancouver who has personally been through the drug scene and all that goes with it. *The Workingman* and *The*

Jones Boy are reflections on the kinds of dismal experiences Walmsley is personally familiar with.

The Workingman is a 35-minute long story of three drifters, Charlene, Michael and Gene, who arrive in Winnipeg and rent a raunchy apartment with one stained mattress on the floor, apparently for the purposes of a wild sex orgy. The party, it seems, is over when a psycho, filled with bitterness from a tragic boyhood experience, threatens the threesome. Thus, the story

transforms to one of terror and violence. Then, with yet another twist, the story becomes one of double-crossing. A sadistic, senseless joke is played at the expense of the unsuspecting Michael.

The sudden twists in the plot make for an exciting, suspenseful yarn but the whole thing adds up to a piece with no meaning except to show the senseless waste as someone satisfies his perverted, sadistic sense of humour.

The script is awkwardly packed with four letter words. Rather than serving to develop the crudeness of the characters, they merely make them seem more unrealistic and monotonous.

The Jones Boy is 65 minutes in an apartment where tricks are brought, caps are shot, and battles are fought. It is the tale of two drug addicts whose old ladies' efforts as prostitutes support their drug habits. The characters are a lot better developed in this play. Peter Jobin as Wayne is extremely natural in his portrayal of the tough guy, a self-loving leader of the desperate foursome. R.H. Thomson is the feeble partner, Lee, who explains his weakness to the others with his claims of being sick all the time. Eventually the waste and despair in his life get the better of him and blossom into a show of frenzied violence.

Wendy Thatcher gives a really loose portrayal of Sally, a typical tough hooker. Dianne D'Aquila is a little strained as Carol, the hooker



A scene from *The Workingman*.

FM comes to Bethune



By EVAN LEIBOVITCH

Tomorrow night, Coleman Hawkins and Jeff (Nash the Slash) Plowman bring their musical talents and a ton of electronic instruments into Bethune Dining Hall, as FM performs live for the first time at York.

The duo play a large variety of instruments, and Nash has been known to be vicious on electric mandolin. Their music has been compared to that of Hawkwind, Pink Floyd, and Kraftwerk, though different from all of them. FM plays a distinctly fresh kind of synthesizer - electronic music, while staying away from the tedium brought on by the repetitiveness of similar music.

The concert will be in

quadrasonic, and I'm told that there's going to be a pretty strange visual show to go along the music, including a Salvador Dali film. It promises to be one of the most interesting acts to hit York this year.

Evan Leibovitch photo

who is unhappy with her situation but is so hooked on Lee that she can't bear to change the pathetic life she leads and risk losing him. In her whimpering antics she chatters her teeth, bites her lip and stamps her foot a little too much to be natural.

The Jones Boy is just another story of crime, violence and sex, the kind you find on T.V. Theatre-goers have left their homes and their televisions. To me that says they're looking for something different.

Part two of the Excalibur Contest is on page 3



**ONE FLIGHT HIGH
46 BLOOR WEST
TORONTO, CANADA
921-6555**

FRONTIER COLLEGE needs 75 men, women and couples to work in Canada's outlying communities for 4 to 8 months or longer, starting in April 1977.

We need people who are resourceful, flexible, and resilient to offer a wide range of programmes in a non-structured setting.

Information Sessions -
Friday, January 28 - 10-11 a.m., N102, Ross
Tuesday, February 1 (11 a.m. - 12 noon), S203, Ross

or Apply to:
Canada Manpower Placement Centre on Campus.

SPECIAL - READING WEEK DEPARTURE TO
El Salvador \$379
IN CENTRAL AMERICA

- Round trip jet flight via Pan American World Airways
- City sightseeing tour
- Seven night accommodation
- All airport departure taxes.
- Full American breakfast buffet daily



Creative Travel (Canada) Inc.

CALL YOUR TRAVEL AGENT OR 671-2616

Classified Ads

TYPING	TYPING	FOR SALE	SERVICES
<p>TYPING - essays, theses, factums experienced, reasonable - will pick up and deliver. Call 636-6165 mornings and evenings.</p> <p>TYPING. Experienced on theses, dissertations, MBA case studies and policy papers. IBM Executive Typewriter. Bathurst-Steeles location. Mrs. Logan, 223-1325.</p> <p>ACCURATE GENERAL TYPING done at home evenings and week-ends. North York area 222-7170.</p> <p>ESSAYS, THESES, LETTERS, manuscripts, etc. Experienced typist. IBM Electric. Jane-Steeles area. From 50c. per page. Phone Carole, 661-4040.</p> <p>UNIVERSITY CITY - Keele & Finch, neat and efficient typist for essays, theses etc., call 661-3730.</p> <p>* Professional typist * Pick-up & delivery * Prompt next day service * Plus extra copy of essay * Paper provided * Please Call Norene at 663-9231 or 667-8308</p> <p>A SUPERIOR TYPIST will do your essays, thesis, etc. I.B.M. Selectric with correcting feature. Call 425-5616.</p> <p>EXPERIENCED TYPIST will type student essays, letters, curriculum vitae, etc., at home. Keele and Finch area, paper supplied. fifty-five cents a page. Please call 633-7594.</p>	<p>EXPERT TYPING done by experienced secretary fast and accurately on I.B.M. electric typewriter (essays, theses, manuscripts, etc.) paper supplied. CALL - Carole 633-1713.</p> <p>AN EXCELLENT TYPING SERVICE, I.B.M. Selectric. For information call 423-9010.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WANTED</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">PART TIME HELP WANTED</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em;">-Car Necessary - 6-10 p.m. - \$6.90 per hour</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">741-9720</p>	<p>FOR SALE - used furniture - tables, chairs, carpets, bookstands...etc. Also Jazz, Pop, Classical, Rock records. All items in top condition. Call 223-7737</p> <p>FUR COATS AND JACKETS USED FROM \$25.00. Excellent selection. Terrific buys at VILLAGER FURS, 200 Bloor West (Avenue Rd.) Entrance thru 2nd level store. Thru Travel Agency, 961-2393, 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Sat. - 6 p.m.</p> <p>Attention Recorder Players: Music for the recorder. Widest selection in town. All publishers. Wide range of quality recorders, Moeck Rottenburgh, Kung, Rosler etc. Open Saturday.</p> <p>RECORDER CENTRE, 999 Dovercourt Rd. Between Bloor and Dupont. 534-7932.</p> <p>FOR SALE: Guitar - Acoustic, Gibson, J-45, 4 years old; \$500. Call 449-7290.</p> <p>AROUND AGAIN recycled records and books, 12 noon till 6, 18 Baldwin Street</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">THE COUNSELLING AND DEVELOPMENT CENTRE</p> <p>Welcomes you to drop by any time. We are a York Community Service, offering</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Personal Counselling and Programmes in the areas of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Skills Enhancement • Personal and Interpersonal Heightened Awareness <p>Rm. 145, BSB, 667-2304 Open Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 24hr. emergency service: 667-3333</p> <p>GERMAN LESSONS - Native German speaking university student willing to tutor in written and conversational German. Please call Gerhard at 741-3952.</p> <p>BIORHYTHMS - Computer techniques will predict your Intellectual, Emotional, and Physical cycles for the next year. Send \$7.00 (cheque or money order) and Day, Month, and Year of birth to: Bio-Research Associates; 138 Huron Street, London, Ontario, N6A 2J3.</p>
			<p>SERVICES</p> <p>WOMEN'S SELF HEALTH GROUPS. Is your body a stranger to you? Meet with other women to learn breast-self-examination, gynecological examination procedures, and general signs of a healthy body. Thursday at 4 p.m. at 214 Vanier Residence. Other times available. Phone 667-3509 or 667-3632 for more information.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dr. J.W. CAPELL and Dr. M.L. GROSS OPTOMETRISTS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL SQUARE YORK UNIVERSITY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">667-3700 By Appointment</p> <p style="text-align: center;">YORK UNIVERSITY DENTAL SERVICE By Appointment</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rm. 114 Founders Residence Tel. 667-6327 or 749-6631</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FOR CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING PLEASE CALL 667-3800</p>