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Lee Salisbury

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Steve Lay

University Focus series

Lee Salisbury talked about the play – A Funny thing happened on the way to the forum. It is a pseudo-Roman farce because it isn't authentic. He talks about the content of the play. There is no attempt to make it authentic Roman. It is a joint production of the Music Department, the Opera Workshop and the Drama Workshop of the Speech and Drama Department. He hopes they can do musicals as an annual event. He talked about the leading roles. Jeff Alguire plays the leading role. He is from Ketchikan and the son of one of Lee Salisbury's former acting students. Karen Cross, Bob Howard, Bucky Wright, Lori Rowland, Cindy Anderson, Theresa Hamrick, Marie Thomlin, Maria Bulko and Lucy Evans are all in the play. The leading lady is played by Alison Foltz. Gene Linton and Greg Gustafson are also in leading roles. There are also actors who play multiple roles. He said rehearsals have been entertaining. He believes that tickets are going to go fast and for the first time they will be reserving seats which hasn't been done before. They will also be doing a matinee. Other actors in the play include Bill Wright and Harold Simpson. He talked about the talented actors who are also able to sing.