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College officials dedicate theater to donors



Staff photo by Floyd Rinehart

Chatting are, from left, Raymond Ellerman, Richard C. Caldwell, Lester and Ruben Finkelstein and Win Carl, San Bernardino College District personnel officer

By FLOYD RINEHART

Sun-Telegram Staff Writer

YUCAIPA — Lester and Ruben Finkelstein were honored Saturday when a \$2.3 million theater building at Crafton Hills College was dedicated to them.

College Chancellor Raymond F. Ellerman spoke and unveiled the bronze plaque on the structure naming it Finkelstein Performing Arts Center.

The Finkelsteins gave 576 acres of Crafton Hills property now comprising the college site.

Following the unveiling, Lester Finkelstein said his reason for joining with his brother in giving the land was an educational philosophy that "... education should be elevating and elevated."

Viewing the valley below from the Crafton College campus, Finkelstein said of the developed site, "Everywhere you look, there's a vista. What has been done by the architect and college planners here is fantastic."

His brother, Ruben, said of the campus and performing arts center, "What's been done here is really something. I have traveled and visited many college and university campuses but this is the most beautiful."

The Finkelsteins once owned the land as part of a cattle ranch.

Ruben Finkelstein said they decided to donate the property rather than sell it because of the lasting educational values they could feel a part of.

They own Southwest Steel Rolling Mill, Los Angeles, and now are Beverly Hills residents.

"I think I'll be visiting here more often now," Lester Finkelstein said when he left the campus.

During ceremonies which took place on the plaza in front of the center, College President William J. Moore praised not only the Finkelsteins but college district residents for believing enough in higher level learning and creativity to financially support the hilltop college.

"When I first visited the college architect's office in Palm Springs 10 or 12 years ago, he represented his initial campus layout concept using sugar cubes," Ellerman said. "I suppose this (campus development and arts center) represents about two pounds of sugar cubes."

Another speaker, Donald W. Hunt, trustee of San Bernardino Community College Board, summarized the Finkelstein property contributions not only to the college but Yucaipa High School and the community's Boys Scouts of America, Parks and Recreation District and Little League.

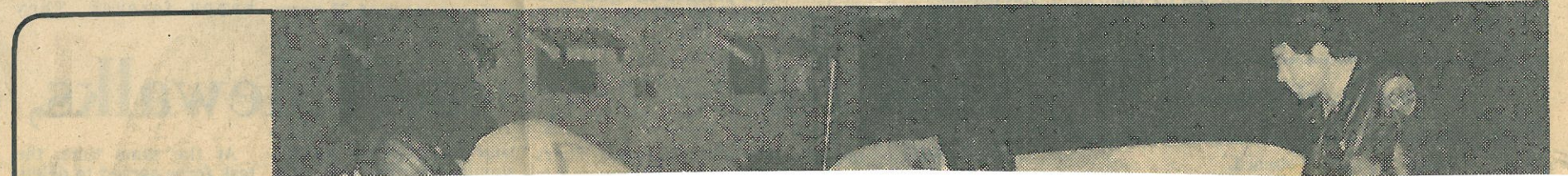
More than 200 persons attended the dedication and open house activities.

The center includes a 424-seat auditorium, chorus and orchestra classrooms and support facility spaces.

Activities began Friday with a performance of the Broadway musical "The Robber Bridegroom," and three other performances are planned during a 10-day series saluting the center opening.

Committee tours schools

REDLANDS — Members Chairman Bob Morn- of the Educational Ad- ingstar said the issues visory Committee of the would be evaluated fully at joint city-school growth that session.



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FACULTY



Finkelstein Performing Arts Center

An invitation from the
faculty and staff to join
in ten days and nights
of celebration
of the opening
of the new

Music- Comedy Film Lectures

Saturday, April 22.....1 — 4:00 p.m.

Campus-Wide Open House
40 Demonstrations, Displays

3:30 p.m.

Dedication of The New Performing Arts Center
Recognizing the generosity of the
Finkelstein Family

8:30 p.m.

Musical "The Robber Bridegroom"
Cliff Cabanilla, Director
Admission Charge

Sunday, April 23.....8:00 p.m.

Admission Free

Chorale Favorites Through the Years
Crafton Hills College Community Chorale
Martha Abbott, Director

Monday, April 24.....7:30 p.m.

Admission Free

The King Tut Show
Bernard Lowrey, Film and Lecture

Tuesday, April 25.....7:30 p.m.

Organ Concert



William R. Wright
Automotive



Marc Wurbrand
Art



Larry Thurman
Physics



Richard L. Wilkerson
Director
Learning Center



Patricia Thomas
Emergency Medical
Care



Jack Thompson
Automotive



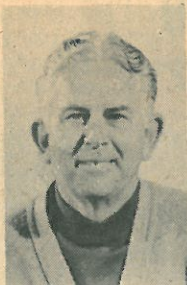
Norman D. Smith
Music



Dean Stewart
Chemistry



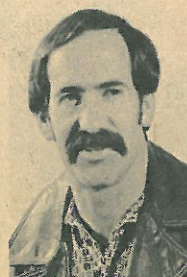
Joe Allen
Geology



George Ashton
History



Jim Bisi
Counselor



Richard Booth
English



Nestor Carrion
Photography



Grady Cole
Ophthalmics

Duane Anderson
French, English



Olen Baggett
Phy. Ed.



Doris Boardman
Library



Clifford Cabanilla
Drama



Marian Carter
Reading, Speech



Elaine Correia
Biology

Wednesday, April 26.....8:00 p.m.

Admission Free

Thursday, April 27.....7:30 p.m.

Admission Free

Friday, April 28.....8:30 p.m.

\$3 Adults, \$2 Students & Seniors

Saturday, April 29.....2:00 p.m.

Admission Free

Saturday, April 29.....8:30 p.m.

\$3 Adults, \$2.50 Students & Seniors

Sunday, April 30.....3:30 p.m.

Admission Free

Lecture, "Bradbury Unfined"

by Ray Bradbury

The Joe Masters Jazz Mass

Norm Smith, Director

"The Robber Bridegroom"

Cliff Cabanilla, Director

"Lost Highway"

Dave Dickey and his Bluegrass Band

"The Robber Bridegroom"

Cliff Cabanilla, Director

Piano Concert

Alice Shapiro

Crafton Hills College is located at 11711 Sand Canyon Road.

You may reach the campus either by using Sand Canyon Road from Redlands to the entrance or by using Yucaipa Blvd.

Both entrances are well marked.



James W. Fowler
Ophthalmics



Robert T. Galbraith
Biology



Raymond Gonzales
Spanish



Jack L. Harwell
Sociology



William H. Hoyt
Phy. Ed.



Linda P. Jong
Math.



Pamela M. Lyman
Nurse



Ronald M. McCune
Emergency Medical Care



Deborah De Salliers
Phy. Ed.



Virginia M. Gaustad
Secretarial



Barton L. Griffith
Marketing



Gerald A. Holtke
Accounting



John M. Hummel
Automotive



Clarence D. Lambert
Chemistry



Deborah D. Mason
English



Lansford J. Rice
Automotive



Schuyler M. Royal
Economics



Helen Quinville
Nurse

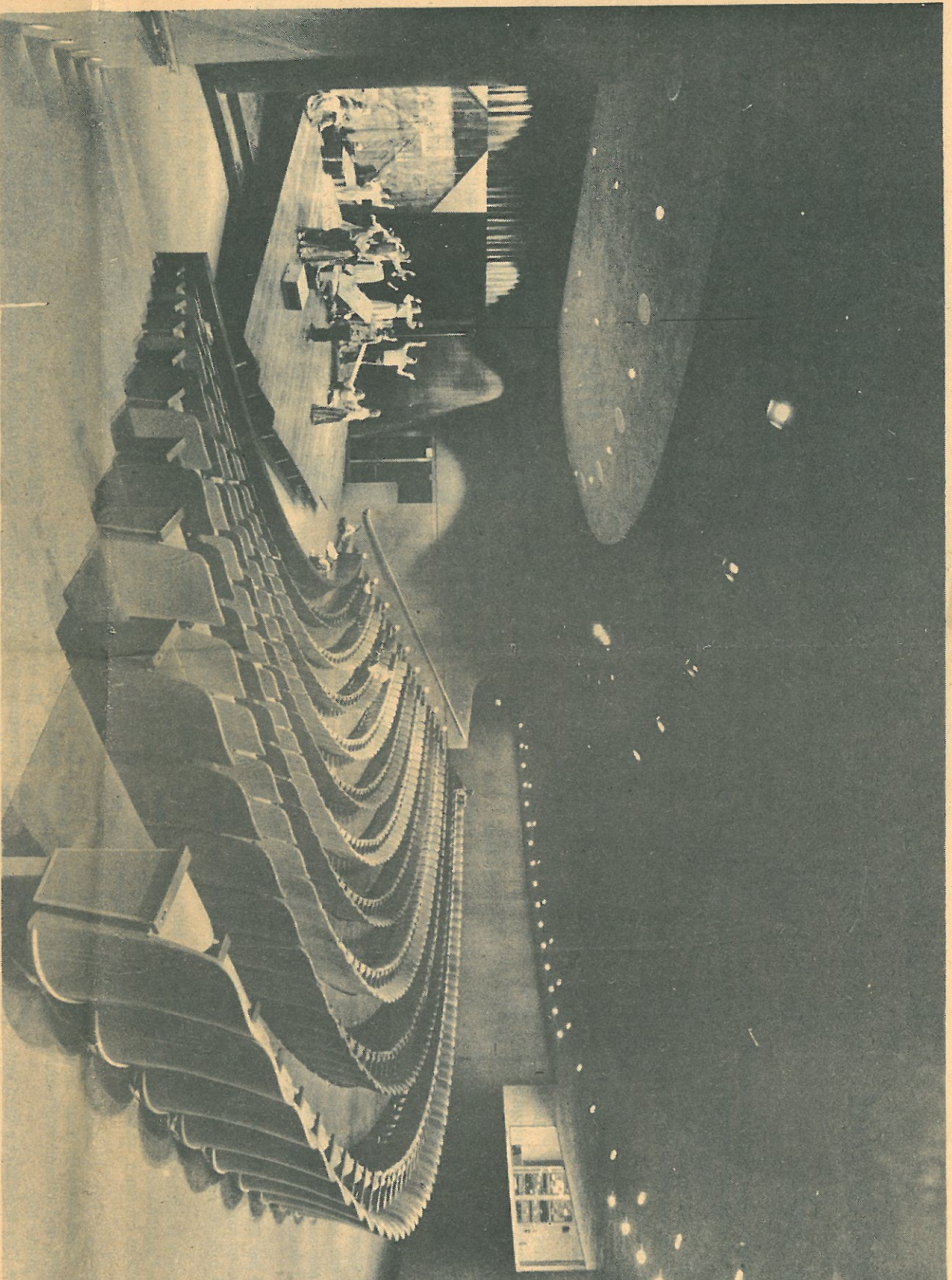


Hillard C. Rest
Sociology



Vi Neuman
Counselor

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PLAY OPENS CENTER—The first presentation in the new \$2.3-million Craffon Hills College Finkelstein Performing Arts Center will be the "The Robber Bridegroom." Opening Friday night, the musical is directed by Cliff Cabanilla. Here the cast rehearses on an extended stage in the 425-seat center auditorium. At the right can be seen the

control booth; the center row of lights above the seats is located on a catwalk. Behind the stage are spacious facilities for costuming, costume changes and set construction. The center, named for two brothers who donated land for the college, will be dedicated on Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

(Facts photo by Kenison)

\$2.3-million facility

New CHC building slated for dedication Saturday

BY JAN MICHELIS
Dedication ceremonies for the Craffon Hills College Finkelstein Performing Arts Center are set for 3:30 p.m. Saturday.

Expected to attend are Lester and Irene Finkelstein, Ruben and Minnie Finkelstein, members of the San Bernardino Community College District Board of Trustees and other college and community representatives. The public is invited to attend the ceremonies.

As a part of the dedication day celebration, a potpourri of mini-courses will be available at 1, 2 and 3 p.m. Saturday. The mini-courses are designed to acquaint visitors with college programs and facilities. Also planned to com-

memorate the opening of the new center are various drama and musical performances which will be presented Apr. 21 through 30.

The mini-courses and musical presentations will be offered to the public without cost on a first-come, first-served basis. Originally scheduled for opening in January, completion of the center was delayed by weather and material supply problems. Although the facilities are ready, the center landscaping is still incomplete.

The \$2.3-million center includes a 425-seat auditorium, choral and orchestra classrooms and support facilities. The center is provided with the best acoustical designs and equipment

available, according to college officials.

The center will be named for the Finkelsteins who donated a large portion of land for the construction of Craffon Hills College.

The Finkelstein brothers are the sons of Neal Finkelstein who, at the age of 10, landed alone in San Francisco. He rode a bicycle down the wagon trails and roads to Los Angeles and was first employed as a cowboy running cattle in an area now occupied by MacArthur Park.

Neal went into the scrap iron business. Finkelstein Steel, a principal supplier of scrap steel to Kaiser Industries, later became Southwest Metals Reduction.

Lester graduated from Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. He attended law school but did not finish because of family responsibilities. He became involved in business management, real estate and finance.

Ruben, who left high school to work in the family business, is a

self-taught construction and industrial engineer.

Since they sold the family business, the brothers have become totally involved in philanthropy. Ruben has served as a trustee of Technika, Israel's national institute of technology. Lester is a past president of Mt. Sinai Hospital and Brandeis Institute.

Through their Finkelstein Foundation, the brothers have donated land for the college facilities, Yucaipa high school, Yucaipa boy scouts and a little league ball park.

The Finkelsteins first became interested in the area when Lester and his wife, Irene, bought a "hideaway" home on Tennessee street in Yucaipa.

The brothers bought 670 acres in the Craffon Hills and for a while used it as pasture land for their L & R Cattle Company.

The Finkelsteins emphasize that their gifts to Craffon Hills College and other educational institutions are motivated by a "devotion to education which is a part of their Jewish heritage."

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