

Wednesday Morning, January 26, 1983

## ***SCT To Present Preview Tonight Of State Theater Contest Entry***

A special production of the Starkville Community Theater play selected for entry in the Mississippi Theater Association competition this weekend is being presented tonight under the direction of Suzanne Dewberry.

The play, "The American Dame," by Philip C. Lewis is being presented in the auditorium of the Methodist Student Center on East Lee Boulevard, MSU campus. Curtain time is eight o'clock.

The original play has been condensed to one act, about 40 minutes. The cast of SCT members includes: Alice Carol Caldwell, Frances Heller, Mindy Hetrick, John Graef and O. Wendell Manuel. A small en-

trance fee to defray production expenses will be collected at the door.

The Mississippi Theater Association competition is to be on Saturday, January 29, in the auditorium of Lee Hall, MSU campus. The Starkville Community Theater production is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Saturday. The competition is open to the public.

"The American Dame' offers a humorous view of the history of the American woman," said Suzanne Dewberry, production director. "We hope the community will support us by coming to see one of our performances. This is an extra pro-

duction for the Starkville Community Theater. We've worked hard and we will be competing with community theater groups

theater at Mississippi State. ceed Blaine Quarnstrom of ern Mississippi.

Eight community theater and towns will vie. Six high school teams presented in that level of competition. Each category will qualify for the regional competition of the Federation of Community Theaters March 4-6.

Entries in the state competition must be a maximum of 60 minutes for set design and receiving critiques of their work. Entries from a variety of longer plays will be performed Saturday afternoon. The high school competition will be performed Saturday morning and afternoon. The winners will be announced Saturday afternoon. A recital by Cheryl Prewitt of the Lee County, who was Miss America, will be held in Lee Hall Auditorium.

The judges' decisions on the competition will be announced at 3 p.m. in Lee Hall Auditorium after a performance by a group from Long Beach.

The community theater competition begins Saturday:

8 a.m. — Gulfport Little Theater

from Vicksburg, Natchez, Bay St. Louis, Panola County, Gulfport, Hattiesburg and Laurel."