



# SEPTEMBER '17

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### A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

#### Hello, E-52!

As your Student Representative and the editor of this season of *Encore!* I hope you thoroughly enjoy this edition of our newsletter. We on the *Encore!* team have tried to make some changes that help to make this newsletter a real resource for you and a joy to read!

I'm going to make a brief plug for all of our shows we have coming up this season: *Rumors* runs October 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, SAST XIV: Love and DiSASTer runs November 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, and Avenue Q runs November 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to come out and support the shows!

I have to give a HUGE thank-you to this year's *Encore!* team: Claire, Kyle, and our newest member, Matt! Thank you for making my first edition of *Encore!* a breeze for me and helping to not just create an amazing *Encore!*, but to make the process a ton of fun.

I hope you all enjoy this edition of *Encore*!.



Have suggestions for how to make *Encore!* better? Contact Grayson at grayzieg@udel.edu!

- Grayson Ziegler

# **SPOTLIGHT ON NEW MEMBERS**



#### **By Kyle Moore and Claire Armann**

### Jeremy Buchsbaum

Jeremy Buchsbaum is a Senior majoring in Marketing with a minor in Sociology. He's an avid rock climber, loves graphic design, and even shoots trap and skeet for the UD team! At home, he's a brother and a son. "Ian, my little brother, is some sort of new-age Spielberg," he says. "At 16 this kid has already written, shot, directed, and edited his own movies and is well on his way to doing it professionally! His parents are highly involved in the arts, but he hadn't felt the calling of theatre until Christmas day 2016. He saw "La La Land" with his family and found out that, "the best way to try as many new things as possible and find out exactly who I am is to act!" He emailed former E-52 Secretary Zach Hearn that night to learn about auditioning and shortly after, Jeremy was cast as Giles Ralston in *The Mousetrap*. In a two-hour long production starring only eight people, Jeremy saw it as a big task for him. "Thankfully I was working with the best of the best people so we could make our production fantastic," he says,

"Every E-52 experience I've had so far has been fun and generally awesome," Jeremy says. His favorite so far, however, was the annual E-52 Oscar-watching party. "About a dozen of us sat, with pizza and soda galore, around Nina's TV and filled out who we thought would win for each category. I really felt like a part of E-52 that night, and it was simply because I was made to feel no different than anyone else there." Jeremy thinks that the E-52 community is "epic and awesome for assimilating me on a whim."

### **Mikey Malaszczyk**

Mikey Malaszczyk is a freshman Communications Interest major joining E-52 this semester. He heard about E-52 through a promotion of Rumors, which instantly drew him in. "Rumors was one of my favorite shows that I did in high school," Mikey says. "I decided I had to give it a shot." After receiving a callback, Mike was cast as Lenny (reprising his role from his high school performance). Now faced with an extensive rehearsal schedule, he's making the most of these times to get to know his fellow E-52 members. "Rehearsals have been some of my best memories," Mikey says, noting a great balance between hard work and having fun.

So far, he's found that the organization is "very welcoming and filled with amazing people who care a lot about theatre and about each other." He's eager to continue getting involved in E-52 but is sticking to just one show this semester, with the hopes that in future semesters he'll be able to get involved in more than one project at a time. Mikey says, "E-52 has given me everything I wanted in college."



# **SPOTLIGHT ON NEW MEMBERS**

**By Kyle Moore and Claire Armann** 





Matt is a freshman geological sciences major! He found out about E-52 from Rachel Milberg while he was in high school. Ever since learning about the organization he has been excited to join. So far at UD, Matt has taken Zumba and yoga classes. He enjoys spending time with his friends at all the events offered to him. He also loves sign language and plans on joining the ASL RSO.



Matt says "I've already made a bunch of friends in E-52 and going to meetings and auditions and callbacks were so much fun because I got to know everyone. I'm excited for all the activities and opportunities E-52 hosts like the hayride and other productions." Matt has a role in our upcoming production of Avenue Q as Rod!

As a final note, Matt says "I would like to say how excited I am to be welcomed into such a fun and exciting group of people! I can't wait to see where the next four years brings us!"

# **SPOTLIGHT ON A P-STAFF MEMBER**



#### By Grayson Ziegler Claire Armann (Prod. Manager)

Claire Yvonne Armann is a junior English major and member of E-52 since spring semester of her freshman year. She is the co-production manager (PM) for *Rumors* (alongside Kyle Moore) as well as properties manager for *Avenue Q. Rumors* is Claire's second time production managing.

In explaining her role as PM, Claire said "As the director is to the cast, the production manager is to the production staff." Her job is to bring all aspects of the production together and to make sure all members of the production staff are on the same page. Claire's favorite part of being a PM is "Being involved of every aspect of the show and seeing how the whole show comes together." Her advice to someone interested in becoming a PM is to be prepared to take on a lot of responsibilities "It's not a bad thing, but it can be surprising the amount of stuff that falls under the PM." Claire thinks being a production manager is a super fun position and is excited to continue helping productions as PM!

# AN INTERVIEW WITH A PUPPET

#### **By Matt Leicht**

In excitement for the upcoming production, **Kate Monster** of E-52's latest musical "Avenue Q" sat down and answered some of our questions about the show! The interview had a bit of a rocky start, but Monster was more than willing to divulge some details about the musical and its characters!



So, you're a monster. Is that correct?

KM: Yeah!

So, what's that like?

KM: Well, what's it like being white? It's like the same thing.

Oh... okay. What do you do for a living?

KM: I'm a kindergarten teaching assistant.

How's that?

KM: It's great! Except for my boss, but we're working through it.

What about the kids? Do you like working with them?

KM: I love working with the kids. They're so sweet!

Is there anything fun you like to do around the neighborhood?

KM: Well we go and see other shows and we hang out at cafes and sometimes stay out a little later than we're supposed to.

So, who are some of your friends?

KM: Princeton, Rod and Nicky, Gary... Not Lucy... uh.... Oh! Brian and Christmas Eve! To be frank but you're a very attractive monster. Is there a special guy in your life? KM: Well, yeah. There is one but I don't want to jinx it yet so I won't say anything. What's it like living on Avenue Q?

KM: Oh, well... It's terrible! But I love all my neighbors. It's actually a little loud upstairs, so I want to move out next year.

Well that's a nice goal to have! Speaking of, do you have any other goals, dreams, or aspirations?

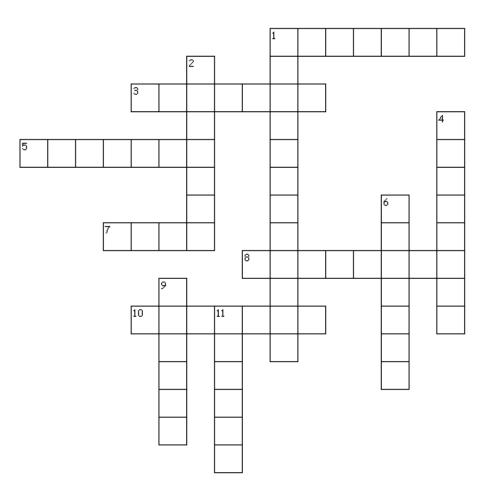
KM: Well, I guess you'll have to wait to find out!

Alright—When can we see you perform?

KM: November 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup>!

Come see Avenue Q starring Kate Monster and her pals Thursday, November 9th through Saturday, November 11th!

# **FUN & GAMES**



#### Across

- 1. Perkins basement stage
- 3. First performance in DE by us
- 5. Muppets meets South Park
- 7. Most people's breakout show
- 8. Former performance space
- 10. Spiced donuts and cider **Down**
- 1. Nickname for America's best populist rock-opera
- 2. The E-52 Tony's
- 4. Our bodiless mascot
- 6. Main performance hall
- 9. Found in the last performance
- 11. This semester's door-slamming farce



### **Oh My God, It's Gary Coleman!**

Gary Coleman (of TV's *Diff'rent Strokes*) is a little down on his luck, and is working as the Superintendent of Avenue Q! There are four other Gary Colemans hidden throughout this edition of *Encore!*. Can you find all of them?

ACTOSS: 1. BACCHUS 3. PHANTOM 5. AVENUEQ 7. SAST 8. WOLFHALL DOWN: 1. BLOODYBLOODY 2. BANQUET 4. SPINALZO 6. PEARSON 9. BANANA 11. RUMORS

### WHAT'S THE RUMOR?

#### By Kyle Moore

#### There are a lot of Rumors flying around during Deputy Mayor Charlie Brock's party... Which have you heard?

Rumor has it that Deputy Mayor Charley Brock is having an affair. When our reporter visited his home in Sneden's Landing, no one answered the door despite the lights being on and music playing from inside.

Rumor has it that Lenny Ganz and his wife Claire, members of Sneden's Landing's finest tennis club, are on a break. Neither Claire nor Lenny could be reached for a comment, but local socialite Harold Greene, a member of the same tennis club, stated that he's always felt there was something off in their relationship since hearing about them last week.

Rumor has it that local lawyer Chris Gorman is finally giving up her nasty habit of smoking cigarettes. When asked how she was coping with withdrawal, Mrs. Gorman gave a snappy response that we'd rather not publish in this paper.

Rumor has it that the marriage of Cassie Cooper and Glenn Cooper is on the rocks. Glenn, who is running for State Senate, offered no comment.

Rumor has it that Cookie Cusack, a popular television chef, secretly suffers from violent and chronic back spasms. Her sisters, Candy and Taffy, stated that, despite her spasms, Cookie is the best cook in New York.

Rumor has it that Myra Brock, wife of Deputy Mayor Charley Brock, is having an affair. When inquiring further, our reporters discovered that her whereabouts are currently unknown.

Rumor has it that Officer Benjamin Welch of the NYPD is next in line for a prestigious promotion. His partner, Officer Connie Pudney, stated that his attention to detail and persistence is infallible.

To see if these rumors are true or not, come and see *Rumors* October 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> in Pearson theater!

# E-52 TRIVIA

E-52 has a long and storied past! Here's some fun facts about the organization that could be useful at the end-of-the-year banquet!

- The name of our costume closet is JAX because our costumes used to be kept in Director of Perkins Jack Stergie's basement; therefore, the costume closet was nicknamed Jack's Basement, or JAX for short!
- 2) The first four chair positions were historian, publicity, social/fundraising, and alumni relations.
- The classic E-52 logo of the theatre masks stylized as a "52" was created by Denise Stark in 1986. Thanks, Denise!
- 4) At least **SIXTEEN** E-52 members have met their spouse as a member of E-52!
- 5) The Louie Awards are named after our advisor from 1988 to 2012, Lou Hirsch.

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

| OCTOBER 2017      |   |                               |     |                  |                  |                  |
|-------------------|---|-------------------------------|-----|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| SUN               | MON   | TUE                           | WED | THU              | FRI              | SAT              |
|                   | E-Board Meeting<br>6:00 - 7:00  | Rumors P-Staff<br>8:00 - 9:00 |     |                  |                  |                  |
| 1                 | General Meeting<br>7:00 (in 310) <b>2</b>                                       | 3                             | 4   | 5                | 6                | 7                |
|                   | E-Board Meeting<br>6:00 - 7:00  | Rumors P-Staff<br>8:00 - 9:00 |     |                  | RUMORS @<br>7:30 | RUMORS @<br>7:30 |
| 8                 | General Meeting<br>7:00 (in 310) <b>9</b>                                       | 10                            | 11  | 12               |                  |                  |
| HAYRIDE<br>@ 5:30 | E-Board Meeting<br>6:00 - 7:00<br>General Meeting                               | 8:00 - 9:00                   |     | RUMORS @<br>7:30 | RUMORS @<br>7:30 | RUMORS @<br>7:30 |
| RUMORS @ 2:00 15  | <sup>7:00 (in 310)</sup> 16   | 17                            | 18  | 19               | 20               | 21               |
| 22                | E-Board Meeting<br>6:00 - 7:00<br>General Meeting<br>7:00 (in 310)<br><b>23</b> |                               | 25  | 26               | 27               | 28               |
|                   | E-Board Meeting<br>6:00 - 7:00<br>General Meeting<br>7:00 (in 310)              |                               |     |                  |                  |                  |
| 29                | 30  | 31                            |     |                  |                  |                  |

THANKS FOR READING E-52's ENCORE! AND STAY TUNED FOR OUR OCTOBER EDITION!