

Unexpected look at Peter Ustinov

By TOM DAVEY

Theatregoers at Stratford received an unexpected bonus when the celebrated Peter Ustinov ambled on stage during a benefit performance for the Boat People.

Ustinov, in Canada to play King Lear, walked on just before a performance of Love's Labour's Lost.

There was no introduction and the portly Peter initially looked anachronistic in his suit among the costumed actors waiting to begin on Stratford's open stage.

But such was the magnetism and sheer stage presence of this theatrical giant that he manipulated our collective psyche like so much play dough.

He literally used his beautifully modulated voice like a musical instrument as he mimicked accents, hummed a Bach Cantata and displayed a devastating range of phonetic and linguistic skills.

After portraying to perfection a New Yorker's nasal accent he quickly switched to a Chinese diplomat struggling hopelessly with English consonants.

He ended with a magnificent story on the marketing hazards of using Western names when selling cars in China, then, like the real pro that he is, left the stage with the audience, helpless with laughter, wanting more.

On both stage and screen, Ustinov has frequently demonstrated unique acting skills.

He is also a gifted writer, his latest book being his critically acclaimed autobiography "Dear Me".

In it, the Russian born, British educated actor recounts his ineptness at both school and the British Army.

At school, his origin was severely criticized, while the Army kept him as a private throughout his service.

Only as an actor, and later as a writer, was the full potential of this truly remarkable man allowed to flourish.

His sojourn in Stratford will soon give Canadians a chance to see a theatrical legend in person.

His spontaneous appearance before the benefit remains to me an unforgettable bonus.

At Seneca

Changing Careers topic of Full Break Program

Registration is underway for Seneca College's Women's Fall Break program, a full-day seminar.

The meeting will be held Saturday, November 3 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the King Campus on Dufferin Street, north of Richmond Hill.

The seminar is being held in co-operation with The York Region Women's Committee.

Focus of the fall program is "Changing Careers".

"We are hoping, said Eileen Macrae, Community Education Services Co-ordinator for York, "to attract women who are thinking about — or who are actively engaged in — the process of change."

"They will either want to move into the workforce, or are currently looking for an alternate occupation, one that will meet their needs more closely," she said. "We have a really full day planned around these kinds of concerns."

The new Fall Break format includes a morning panel discussion aimed at an overview of "Changing Careers".

There are four topics: 1) The Business of Volunteerism; 2) You and Money and The Marketplace; 3) Psychology of Change; 4) The Decision to Re-train.

Immediately after the panel discussion and question period, there will be an opportunity to meet and talk with the panelists personally, pick up pertinent information, watch a Self-Defense for Women presentation, and see films and videos.

"During this time we are expecting to have the Toronto Women's Bookstore with us," said Ms. Macrae. "They will have a wealth of good books for sale — paperbacks of particular interest to women."

The Aurora Public Library will also contribute an informative display of books and pamphlets on "Starting Your Own Small Business".

After the buffet lunch, 16)

Ms. Sam Ion (Toronto Star columnist) will speak on her special subject, "Advice to the Working Woman."

Participants at the Fall Break will have the choice of two afternoon seminars, chosen from the following areas: five mini-panels on Sales, Service, Creative Arts, Media and Politics, plus workshops on Personal Energy and Life Accreditation (translating life experience into a business resume.)

Jackie Dann, group leader for Life Accreditation, will cover main areas of interest during her seminar.

However, for those who want to sit down with her and work out good business resumes, Community Education Services will offer at least two follow-up workshops later in November, (Aurora, Nov. 8 and 9; and Thornhill Nov. 15 and 16)

Registration forms for Fall Break are available at local libraries and through Continuing Education at Seneca, R.R. 3, King City. Telephone enquiries to Eileen Macrae, 884-9901 or Zenith 31200.

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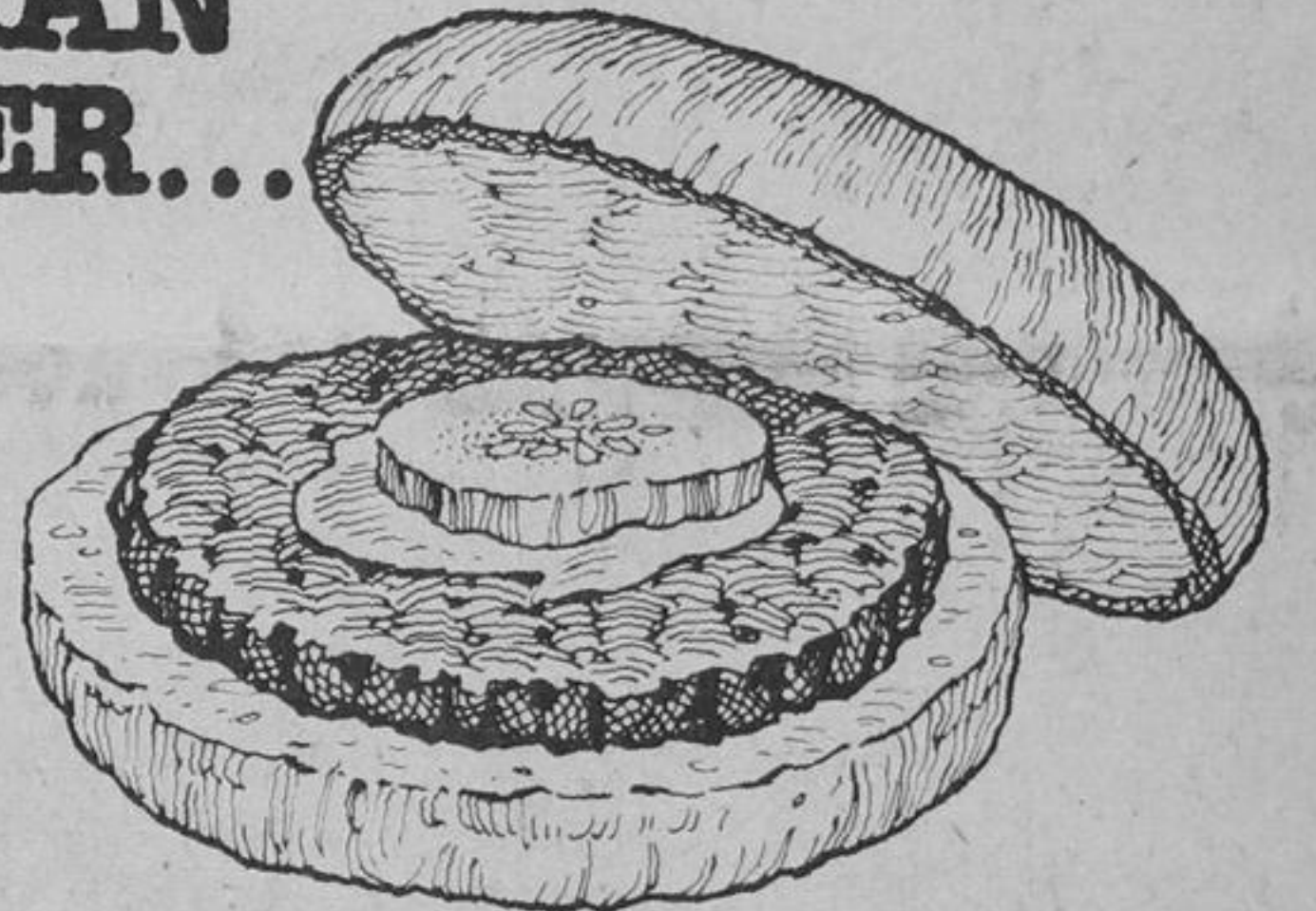
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THURS. SEPT. 27:
DINING ROOM: featuring Wiener Schnitzel (including onion soup or Caesar Salad & dessert)
LOUNGE: Finals of Dart Tournament, game begins at 8:00 p.m. The upstairs Bent Elbow Dart Team will take on all comers. Prizes to be awarded after match. Prizes to those who beat our team.
DISCOTHEQUE: 9:00 & 11:00 Disco demonstration by Gail Higby & Wallace Chancey, Toronto & District Disco Champions. They will be giving a free style show, then individual pointers to those who have any questions.

FRI. SEPT. 28: (\$5.00 COVER CHARGE)
DINING ROOM: featuring Filet of Sole Amantidine
DISCO: Miss Patsy Gallant will open our Disco floor aided by M.P.P. Wm. Hodgson and other dignitaries. Miss Gail Higby & Wallace Chancey will be giving disco demonstrations as well.

SAT. SEPT. 29:
DINING ROOM: featuring New York Sirloin steak (including onion soup or Caesar Salad & dessert)
LOUNGE: Opens at 1:00 p.m. for the CFL football, Toronto vs. Hamilton on the Giant T.V. screen.
8:00 CFL football Winnipeg vs. Vancouver.
DISCOTHEQUE: 9:00 Disco demonstrations by Toronto & District dance champions.
10:00 Open disco dance contest, judged by Gail Higby, Pat Thornton & Wallace Chancey.
12:00 Prizes awarded.

The lounge features a professional dart board, giant T.V. screen for major sporting events and shows, a bumper pool table, chess and backgammon boards. There is a menu board for those who wish an assortment of lighter meals and sandwiches. Hours 4:00 to 1:00 Tues. to Sat.

Following dinner move into the discotheque lounge, designed to give the best in comfort, disco music and lighting. Hours 9:00 to 1:00 Tues. to Sat.

NOTE:
Disco dance lessons begin at Upstairs on Oct. 3/79. For further information call Pat Thornton 476-3017.

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