

# Carver Variety Show Satire Provides 'Touch'

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Juliette Whittaker's original play, "We Regret To Inform You . . ." was the highlight of the Variety Show sponsored by the Carver Center Drama and Fine Arts Department which opened Thursday night at the center. Billed as a satire fantasy, it cen-

tered around the plight of a recently deceased Dixiecrat senator who finds himself consigned to the nether regions.

**BOLSTERED BY** Corn Stock talent, the play boasted a smoothness and professionalism that gave its message additional impact. The staging was imaginative and the costuming was outstandingly good.

The senator, an avowed segregationist, finds himself in the company of such people as Julius Caesar, Hitler, Salome, Henry VIII, Cesare Borgia and other historical notables. He is treated to such observations as (by Henry VIII) "I shouldn't trust a man I treatd like a dog for fear one day he'd forget to bark," and eventually is given a just punishment.

**IN THE CAST** were John Alstrom as the senator, Juliette Whittaker as the underworld guide, Wendell Brown as Caesar, John Wendle as Hitler, Shirley Powell as Salome, Matthew Clark as the professor, Robert Mounts as Henry VIII, Jim Jackson as Cesare Borgia and Don Jackson as the master. Gene Holmes and Matt Clark were announcers, Bill Hardy and Kay Powell were apparitions and Cilerstene Penny, Alice Fisher and Cynthia Thorn were dancers.

The production will be repeated tonight and Saturday at 8:15 p.m. and will be preceded by teen variety acts.



**AN EXPERIMENTAL PLAY** written and directed by Juliette Whittaker will be presented in Carver Center at 8:15 p.m. Thursday under sponsorship of Corn Stock Theater. The scene above is from the play, "We Regret to Inform You . . ." and shows Shirley Powell, right, as Salome, withholding four Queens from the deck of cards with which

sumably the container in which Salome totes about the head of John the Baptist. Others in the cast include: John Alstrom, Matthew Clark, Robert Mounts, John Wendle, Don Jackson, Kay Powell, Jim Jackson, Bill Hardy, Cilerstene Penny, Alice Fisher and Cynthia Thorn. A reception for members of the cast and guests will follow the per-