

Student Gives Film Awards

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50 people attended the event at Mr. Roguska's home in the Stonebrook subdivision Saturday evening, September 24, to see who would win an award for having acted in or helped with one of Mr. Roguska's short films.

"It was really cool," said the up and coming film producer, who named his studio after his friend, Jesse Straight, whose nickname is Jester.

The evening began with a film Mr. Roguska put together to give parents and friends some idea of what the group of students had been doing over the last year. Neighbor Jack Armstrong dressed in the appropriate award ceremony tuxedo for his role as master of ceremonies. Following the introductory film, the audience viewed three of Mr. Roguska's favorite movies, all ranging between 10 to 20 minutes in length.

"I write, shoot, edit, and finalize each film," he said.

Scott Roguska was making his own movies at age 10. At 15, he had his own camera and software that allowed him to get into the editing aspects of film making. He recruits his younger brother and his friends to act in the productions, which is not too hard to do he said, adding, "They have a blast."

One of the films shown Saturday night was "The Beast IV." A fan favorite and his as well, the film is about a band of heroes and offers some great chase scenes in the Island woods.

"This film has gone over the best with audiences," he said. "I must have done something right there."

The most expensive movie he's made cost him around \$200 for props. His projects are about whatever he is interested in at the time and when Star Wars came out, "We made our own version," he said, and that was the film that incurred the prop expense.

He also is interested in World War II and has made a couple of movies about the subject.

In addition to parodies or remakes, he has produced a few original movies.

During the summer, Mr. Roguska works at Lakeside Bike Rental at the Arnold Dock. In the winter, he prepares for and makes movies. This winter he plans to get ready for his biggest undertakings by scheduling and preparing to film the beach

scene from "Saving Private Ryan," which he will shoot in the spring. He also will be writing more stories for his series, "The Beast," and he anticipates versions five and six by next year.

Mr. Roguska is beginning to look at colleges and thinks film school is the direction he will take. Until college, he will continue to work on films and he even sells them to anyone who is interested.

He said he enjoyed getting positive comments about his films from the adults who attended the awards ceremony.

"Adults have a better knowledge of what it takes to do good," he said, "so those comments meant a lot."

Julie Rilenge, whose son helped him in the films, gave him a director's board (he calls it a snap board) and he is looking forward to using it when he begins filming in the spring.

He even has been asked to teach some of the younger students about making movies. He said he feels good just knowing he may have sparked their interest in movies and film making.

The First Annual Court Jester Studio Awards

Caleb Straight and Devin Hunt were runners-up. Andrew Chambers, best use of a pink backpack. Thomas Rilenge, greatest masked character. Lou Clark, most extreme in a non-extreme movie. Robert "Cobert" Chaffee, best actor with one name. Tymon Horn, best leading role. Jacob Chambers, best actor of age eight years old. Austin Jaruzel, best dressed for the elements. Jeff Roguska, most awesome weaponry. Jane Finkle, best actress. Collin Armstrong, best actor who lives 20-feet away. Jesse Straight, Court Jester best actor.

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John McCabe Obituary

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revulsion at the thought that after I died, my children, for whatever reason, might have to sell my property and that, indeed, a 'bunch of homes' would be put up there."

"I can now rest content," he said of the transaction with the commission, which allowed him to retain ownership of the land, but not the right to build more houses on it.

John McCabe and his first wife, Vija Zarina, were married in 1962 and had three children, Linard P., Deirdre Rose Berardi, and Sean C.

Vija, was head of the Dance Workshop at Lake Superior when she died in 1984.

Dr. McCabe married Rosina Marchisio, the teacher in the Little Rascals - Our Gang films, in 1987, and she died in 1997 of cancer.

He married Karen Jackson April 16, 1998, whom he knew from his Mackinac College days, and she has shared his love of Mackinac Island and involvement in theater on Mackinac Island since. She was with him in Petoskey the night he died.

Dr. McCabe met Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy at Stratford while they were touring British music halls and developed a deep friendship with Mr. Laurel. He published their authorized biography, "Mr. Laurel and Mr. Hardy," in 1962, and later founded The Sons of the Desert, now a

worldwide Laurel and Hardy club, and revised the book in 1986.

Other showbusiness books followed. He wrote "George M. Cohan: The Man Who Owned Broadway" in 1973, "The Comedy World of Stan Laurel" in 1974, "Laurel & Hardy" (with G.B. Harrison) in 1975, "Proclaiming the Word" in 1976, "Cagney by Cagney" which he ghostwrote in 1976, "Charles Chaplin" in 1978, "Grand Hotel," centennial history in 1987, "Babe: The Life of Oliver Hardy" in 1990, "The High" in 1992, and "Cagney" in 1997.

Jack educated, encouraged, and taught many of us, said Dick Bann of California, a 40-year friend and active member of The Sons of the Desert in England. He was always with pen in hand or reading a book. And through his 10 books, a whole world learned of the joy of humor, the mystery of drama, and the sacred impor-

ance of theatre.

"At the same time," added Karen McCabe, "he was essentially an actor and with such sensitivity he responded to life's challenges dramatically."

Dr. McCabe served in the United States Air Force from 1943 to 1945, and was a member of the Shakespeare Association, American Actors Equity Association, Catholic Actors Guild, Baker Street Irregulars, and The Players and The Lambs clubs, both in New York City.

Dr. McCabe's sister, Charlene Bell wrote to Karen McCabe this week, "Jack went from the Island on a ferry boat and came back on wings."

Services will be Sunday, October 9, at 1 p.m. at St. Anne's Catholic Church on Mackinac Island. Father Rey Garcia will officiate. A memorial will be held next summer.

Dodson Funeral Home in St. Ignace assisted with arrangements.

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