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PROVIDENCE, R. I. -- GODSPELL, the fresh, high-spirited, three-ring look at the gospel according to St. Matthew, will be the next production for the Providence College Theater Arts Program. Having been labeled everything from "clown show" to "theatrical miracle," the show is a musical, combining salvation rock tunes, country rhythms, and a touch of vaudeville. Under the direction of R. L. Pelkington, O. P., the show is scheduled to run the evenings of February 16th through 20th, 1977. Curtain time is 8:00 p.m.

The author of this musical hit is John-Michael Tebelak, who conceived the idea for his Master of Fine Arts degree. Stephen Schwartz provided the music and lyrics for his production. In that year, the show traveled many times throughout New York, until it finally moved into an off-Broadway theater. The rest is theater history, which includes numerous awards, world-wide tours, and continues today, as GODSPELL is now charming audiences as a Broadway success of four years.

Tickets are \$3.50 for general admission. The show is being staged in the Harkins Hall Auditorium. Tickets may be reserved by calling 865-2444.

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"The gospel has not lost any of its message in GODSPELL. .  
Given God's sense of humor, and His wisdom - -  
its just the way He would have the story told. . ."

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