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The Blackfriars Theatre

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The Caine Mutiny Court-Martial by Herman Wouk
Friday - Sunday, November 1-10

A Court-Martial at the Blackfriars

Passion, integrity, and intensity highlight the opening production of the Blackfriars Theatre 1985-86 season. Beginning November 1, The Caine Mutiny Court-Martial will envelop its audience in a suspenseful courtroom drama which is both gripping and intellectually disturbing.

Written by Herman Wouk (whose TV mini-series, The Winds of War, aired in February, 1983) from his Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, the play reveals the trial of Lieutenant Stephen Maryk. As executive officer of the destroyer-minesweeper U.S.S. Caine, Lieutenant Maryk had taken the command of the ship away from its Captain, Lieutenant Commandor Philip Queeg, at the height of a typhoon. Maryk believed that Queeg's incompetence, if not insanity, would cause the ship to go down in the fierce storm.

The issue then becomes whether or not Maryk was justified in relieving the captain by invoking the little-known Article 184 of the Navy Regulation under which a subordinate "in most unusual and extraordinary circumstances" is authorized to replace his commanding officer. Beneath the surface of the trial of Lt. Maryk for mutiny, the questions of service discipline and the nature of authority are also considered.

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Under the direction of John Garrity, Director of the Theatre Program at Providence College, this play promises to capture all the drama of a courtroom - including a unique victory celebration after the courtmartial. Bill Jacobson, the new Technical Director at the Blackfriars Theatre, is scenery and lighting designer. Bill received his M.F.A. in scenic design from Brandeis University and has been involved with university, professional, and community theatre in both Florida and Massachusetts. David M. Cabral is costume designer.

Reservations for The Caine Mutiny Court-Martial may be made by calling the Blackfriars Box Office at 865-2218. The Box Office is located off the rotunda in Harkins Hall, Providence College, at the corner of River and Eaton Streets in Providence. For those who wish to purchase tickets in advance, the Box Office will be open Monday - Friday from 3:00-4:30 p.m., beginning October 28.

Performances will be presented Friday - Sunday, November 1-10. Curtain time is at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. Ticket prices are \$4.00 regular admission and \$2.00 students/senior citizens. The Box Office will open an hour and one-half prior to curtain on the days of performances. Group rates are available.