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PROVIDENCE, R.I. -- Lysistrata, the classic Greek comedy by Aristophanes, will be the next production presented by the Providence College Theatre Arts Program. A new adaptation, designed in the tradition of Marvel Comic Superheroes, has been written by Mary Koisch, who is also directing the production, which will be staged in Harkins Hall Auditorium, the evenings of December 6th thru 10th. Original music for the production has been written by Thom Joaquin.

Originally written in 411 B.C., as the last of three anti-war plays, Lysistrata is an appeal by Aristophanes to the women of Athens for their understanding of his pleas for peace. In a time when waging war was glorified and sanctified, and for the men of Greece, an essential exercise of their manliness, Aristophanes felt compelled to speak out against wanton death and destruction. The women of Athens (Athon in this production) in their attempt to bring peace between the warring planets of Athon and Sparton, join the women of Sparton and stage a "sex strike" - refusing to have sex with their husbands until peace is restored in their galaxy. Aristophanes' melancholy humor, culturally loose language, and attitude towards sex are in evidence throughout the play as the women bring the warring men to their knees and to their senses by this denial of affection and personal pleasures.

This production of Lysistrata is being entered in the American College Theatre Festival. This Festival is presented by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the Alliance for Arts Education. It is produced by the American Theatre Association, under the sponsorship of the Amoco Companies.

More than 430 colleges and universities will participate in 13 Regional Festivals, where 12,000 students will create a character, a space, a theme, or an environment to spark the celebration of theatre. Up to 10 of the productions entered in the Festival will appear in the National Festival at the Kennedy Center in April.

The American Theatre Association produces ACTF, and shapes the standards of excellence to which the Festival is committed. ATA is a professional association of associations that encompasses all levels and facets of non-commercial American theatre

As the corporate sponsors of the Festival, the Amoco companies are proud to have been a part of the ACTF's fruitful heritage. Amoco people are enthusiastic participants in the educational program for talented dramatic students.

Lysistrata will be on the Harkins Hall stage for five (5) performances, December 6th thru 10th. Curtain in 8:00pm. Tickets for all performances are: \$3.50-general admission; \$2.50-students. The Box Office, located in the Harkins Hall Rotunda, is open from 5pm until curtain, on the evenings of performance. Tickets reservations and information may be obtained by calling 865-2327. Tickets will be available at the door.