Senior Follies Reveal Song and Plot Secrets

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Senior Follies this year, "Some of my Best Friends are Purple," will reveal some important secrets in its original songs.

At the moment, about 30 musical numbers are planned for the show, making it the most musical show to be put on at Rice in quite a while (in fact, Roy Nolan, the director, has considered giving Song-Fest type prizes for the cast member who memorizes his lyrics first). The proportion of these songs that are original will depend on how fast the songwriters can complete them.

Engineering Problem

The boys' chorus will expound on the problems faced by that perennial phenomenon on the Rice campus, the engineers. Diana Thomas as Sophie, one of the leads, will reveal what a free-thinking gal really thinks about.

Jay Butler, lyric gal for most of the songs, has threatened to come up with a number that reveals secrets of how Butler's mind works (those who have seen the song lyrics are getting rather curious about this).

Reveals All

LaJuana Osborne reveals all she has in a rather empty mind as she sings of the very special man she loves (considering that the part of her true love is played by John Murphy, the lyric writers felt this needed some explanation).

A boys' quartet, so far anonymous because no one has seen them at rehearsals, will reveal a typical male prejudice against tidy people (no, the female lyricist did NOT visit the boys' dorms to get material for this expose).

Professor Types

Several professor-types, Sylvia Davis, Pat Brown, and Mary Ann Calkins, will describe why what makes their respective fields so fascinating (Mary Ann is really fascinated about her song — it hasn't been written yet).

One song that may reveal a lot of secrets will be kept a secret until the final rehearsals. Bobby Miller's "mystery song" may bring on a suit for libel, but he agreed to do it because the director wouldn't give him another part.

If anyone should run across Fred Specht madly banging a piano in the Student Center, leave him in peace. He may be writing music for Follies!