TODAY AND SATURDAY . . .

SLLS Will Present 'Johnnie'  

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"Johnnie," the SLLS' answer to "The West Side Story," will be presented at Hamman Hall at 8:00 pm Friday night and at 7:00 pm Saturday night.  

The often-amusing and poignant story of Johnnie, a nice guy caught in the web of circumstance and environment, is unfolded amidst love scenes, dancing, and adorable songs. "Play the Angles," "Wonderful Night," and "My Girl" are just a few of the original songs that supplement the plot.  

TOMMIE MORRIS, as Johnnie, meets Julie, played by La Juana Osborn, and—you guessed it—they fall in love. Betts (Gail Mercer), out for money and laughs, is the girlfriend of Stuff, played by Carl Isgren.  

In the local beer hall, Rice's answer to the 1003, there is a small rumble that results in the frame-up and imprisonment of our hero. At this point Julie's father steps in with his opinion of his daughter's romance.  

NATURALLY THE situation becomes more and more complex. While all this is going on Gail Mercer gets in a Julie-London-type song called "You're All Man." No self-respecting Rice man can afford to miss this scene. The dancing of Judy Pauly, Dave Rosenberg, Charlene Prescott, and others add a really special touch to the action of the play. Everything from acrobatics to cha-cha is included.  

UNDER THE direction of Marty Christoffer and Dr. Black of the English Department, with the music of Gene Swilley and Clifford Rudisill, "Johnnie" emerges as an evening of good entertainment for all.  

Admission is only 75 cents, and the Saturday night performance will be over in time to allow attendance at college parties. Freshmen will find "Johnnie" a good way to show their parents another facet of Rice life. Even the shy student will like "Johnnie."