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This weekend one finds a rather sparse offering on the Houston stages. Theatre Inc. and Theatre Centre are both dark, pending openings later this month.

This is the last chance to see Theatre IV's offering of 'Shot In the Dark,' which closes on Saturday night. The show is fairly well done, but it follows too closely for me. Student tickets of $1.50 are available except on Saturday night, but reservations are required. Call JA 4-1891. Curtain time is 8:30 pm.

The current dramatic jewel will be found at the Alley, as usual. 'Ah, Wilderness' opened before Thanksgiving to generally good reviews. I would recommend the show strongly, but get reservations—JA 2-1045. The Alley has a nasty habit of being sold out. Curtain is 8:30 pm except 7:30 pm on Sundays.

Music Hall

While the local stages are empty, the Music Hall is going to be quite busy this weekend.

On Thursday the Houston Grand Opera Society will present Puccini's 'Tosca'. If you like opera, this show is well worth attending, particularly on Thursday because students can get tickets at half price, starting at $1.30. Reservations are advisable unless you are going solo — JA 6-4326. Curtain is 8 pm.

Friday Chi Omega brings in the Norman Luboff Choir for a benefit. There are no student discounts, with tickets starting at $2.50. Curtain is 8:15 pm, and reservations are probably unnecessary.

Tosca

Saturday 'Tosca' returns, but if you didn't see it Thursday, you won't get any discounts. Tickets start at $2.60 and reservations are a must—JA 6-4326. Curtain again at 8 pm.

On Wednesday Marguerite Piazza, Phill Foster, and the Claude Gordon Orchestra provide a 'Galaxy of Stars' to benefit youth activities and adult education. As with most benefits there are no student discounts, with tickets starting at $2.50. Curtain is 8 pm and reservations can be gotten at CA 8-3311.

Long range notes include the Rice Players One Act Workshop and the Channing Players 'Ballad of the Sad Cafe' for next weekend, and Judy Garland at the Astrodome in two weeks.