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Gaieties to Ramp Up Big Game Spirit

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Musical number during the Gaieties 2006
Dress Rehearsal on Tuesday night.

Director Amanda Otte has just one thing to say about the show.

“Our naked people this year are very hot.”

Tickets are still available for tonight’s opening of Gaieties, which will showcase a cast that includes freshman basketball standout Robin Lopez.

The theme of “From Cal with Love” was apparent from the start at last night’s dress rehearsal with an opening musical number about Berkeley’s plot against Stanford.

The show is tied together with “a lot of recurring characters,” said Producer Jason Richman, a sophomore. “It’s not completely random. [‘From Cal With Love’] is very smart in the humor that is used.”

Otte, a junior, has been involved with Gaieties for three years and emphasized the improved quality of this year’s characters.

“The characters are really actually funny,” she said. “The level of talent this year was extremely overwhelming. We have the very best that Stanford has to offer.”

Otte and Richman were not alone in their decision to revamp this year’s production. The two worked alongside assistant producers Anne Herbert, Christina Hartje-Dunn and Lisa Kerner, all sophomores.

This year is a “big step for Gaieties,” Richman said, as it leaves behind its long tradition of two to three hour shows. The show is one hour and forty minutes, with only five musical numbers, in an effort to keep the audience focused and heckling to a minimum.

Fifteen freshmen fill the 29-member cast, including Lopez, who Richman described as “a great addition.” Four administrators make guest appearances, including President John Hennessy, Dean of Students Maureen Powers, Dean of Admission Richard Shaw and Dean of Freshmen and Transfer Students Julie Lythcott-Haims.

Friday night’s production is already sold out, but tickets are still available for tonight and Thursday. Tickets can be purchased in White Plaza from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. or online at www.fromcalwithlove.com. They

are \$6 tonight and \$9 for Thursday, which is being promoted as “Senior Night.” Students can catch a sneak preview of the excitement to come at noon today in White Plaza, as the cast showcases one of its top musical numbers.

“We really tried to make it entertaining all throughout,” Richman said.

Senior Chade Severin, who helped write the show’s script for her third straight year, said that shouldn’t be a problem.

“If you like profanity, loud noises and shapely breasts,” she said, “I think you’ll have a nice time.”



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