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"Bells and Fools" Opens Bicentennial

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DAYTON, Ohio, September 4, 1975 --- A festival of bells and fools will mark the Celebration of World Community to be featured Wednesday, September 10 as the first event in a series of bicentennial celebrations throughout the coming year at the University of Dayton.

The festival at 12 noon in the UD Plaza in front of the Kennedy Union will present jointly a troupe of clowns from Cincinnati known as the Fountain Square Fools and the Pepsi Carillon.

The former features Michael Sparough, a Jesuit scholastic from Xavier High School in Cincinnati, who formerly performed with the Royal Lichtenstein Circus which appeared at UD this past summer.

The Pepsi Carillon will feature Larry Weinsten, an internationally famous carillonneur. The mobile Pepsi Carillon consists of 35 cast bronze bells tuned chromatically and played by means of levers from a key board. The bells cover three musical octaves; the largest bell is a middle "C" weighing 583 pounds.

The Rev. Sparough compares his mini-dramas with a troupe of clowns to Old Testament fools who sometimes had to risk saying things people didn’t like and being laughed at to get the Lord’s message across.

The two events September 10 are among some 60 events during the 1975-76 school year which have been chosen to celebrate the nation’s bicentennial. Some of those events include:

--A Bicentennial Colloquium in Philosophy entitled "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness: Past, Present and Future," September 19 and 20 in Kennedy Union, Room 310. Guests will be J.J. McDermott, Queen's College, CUNY and Andrew Reck, Tulane University. Lecture times will be 3 and 7:30 p.m. and Friday and Saturday at 11 a.m. and 2:30 and 7 p.m.

--A three-day residency Sept. 30 through Oct. 2 by Frank Capra, American film director, as a part of the Distinguished Visitors Speakers Series. Three of Mr. Capra's movies will be shown free of charge in the Boll Theater. Movies to be screened are "It's A Wonderful Life" at 2 p.m., Tuesday and "Mr. Deeds Goes To Town" at 7 p.m. Mr. Capra will also speak at 4 p.m. Tuesday on the topic "Faith in People." The third movies will be "Meet John Doe" at 2 p.m., Wednesday.

--Prof. Harold Cassidy who will speak Thursday, Oct. 9 at 3 p.m. on "Morals, Ethics and Values in Science," in the Kennedy Union Ballroom at 3 p.m.