

New committees will stroke PET project with determination

Four major committees have been named and a new symbol produced as a project continued to preserve the Egyptian Theatre as a center for entertainment and the arts.

Barbara Kummerfeldt, president of Preservation of the Egyptian Theatre (PET), a not-for-profit group, said each of the committees will handle an important phase of the drive to obtain the theatre for use by all residents of the DeKalb area.

Also new to the project is a design which will be used to symbolize the theatre. Created originally by Mike Guajardo, a former Northern Illinois University design student now in La Jolla, Calif., the symbol incorporates various Egyptian elements. Kummerfeldt said the design combines the feeling of the theatre's roots in Egyptian antiquity with the bold graphics of today.

Modification of Guajardo's original design, including changes and additions to the lettering, was made by a member of the PET Steering Committee, Vanessa Bell, a student in the NIU art department.

Among the many uses for the symbol will be creation of buttons. Kummerfeldt said the buttons will be available in return for donations during DeKalb's Corn Festival, Aug. 26. Receipts will be part of PET fund-raising efforts.

Committees now working on the theatre project are: Programming, archives, publicity and promotion, and fund-raising.

Heading the committees are: Programming — Willard Welsh, acting chairperson, and Mary Pier Keys, chairperson; Archives — Roger Keys, chairperson; Publicity and Promotion — Linda Rissman and Steve Johnson, co-

chairpersons, and Fund-raising — Irv Kummerfeldt, chairperson.

Members of the committees include:

Programming — Diane Fohrman, Barb Peterson, Gary Mullis, Lucille Aikins, Bob Cain, Ed Diedrich, Millie Olson, Jeris Poindexter, Derrick Smith, and Norman Potts.

Archives — Vanessa Bell, Linda Rissman, Lucille Aikins, Phil Vandrey and Anna Dzyzewski.

Publicity and Promotion — Kati Rooney, Joel Klaff, Vanessa Bell, Rachael Burchard, Barb Peterson and Irv Kummerfeldt and

Fund-raising — Frank Freed, Bary Fohrman, Mike Welsh, Gene Damaier, Howard Eychaner, Mary Pier Keys and Millie Olson.

Among PET's scheduled events will be a Corn Festival variety show directed by Willard Welsh at 2 p.m., Aug. 26. The show will be on DeKalb's downtown mall, between First and Second streets, next to the Egyptian Theatre. PET Steering Committee and volunteers also will seek donations in return for buttons and for popcorn. Buttons will be available from costumed vendors circulating through Corn Festival crowds in downtown DeKalb. Popcorn will be available under the marquee of the Egyptian Theatre.

Officers of PET are Barbara Kummerfeldt, president; Millie Olson, secretary, and Lucille Aikins, treasurer.

Board of directors members are Barry Fohrman, Roger Keys, Norman Potts and Edward Diedrich. The organization is a not-for-profit Illinois organization, which makes all contributions to the project tax deductible.