

submission rather than the close brush with loss of faith.

One particular creative choice by Nolan related to casting that deserves mention was his decision to cast women as the male clergymen of the period—an interesting nod to "Holy Mother Church" that punctuates the Church's need to emphasize nurturing mercy while rationalizing its authoritarian ways. It's a cleverly illustrative move on Nolan's part, but adds little in the way of insight or understanding, and so becomes

court jester and charmingly obsequious as a fawning servitor).

Nolan's brisk staging and largely interesting cast kept the proceedings moving at a lively pace, but there were moments, particularly in the closing moments of the play, where Nolan succumbed to the need to be witty, clever and stagey, a character trait endemic to all the Arden productions I've seen. But as their experience and taste develops, it's a quality that is slowly being edited out.

the large number of female impersonators "doing" her, while few impersonate Crawford. If Davis herself actually made this observation, one could believe that she would feel especially grateful to Allen for this loving portrayal. For, to quote Allen, supposedly quoting Davis, he "did it all, the bitter and the sweet."

OBITUARIES

Gerald L. Mallon, Activist

Longtime gay rights activist Gerald L. Mallon died Nov. 5 of complications related to AIDS. "Jerry," as he was known to his friends, had been employed by the Methacton School District for 17 years.

Mallon was a dedicated educator known internationally as an expert and proponent of the use of planetariums in schools.

Jerry graduated from West Chester University in 1974 with a degree in elementary education. He began and served his entire teaching career in the Methacton School District.

As the district's first planetarium director, he was solely responsible for developing a kindergarten-through-12th-grade program that enriched the lives of students with his love of astronomy and science. The program was a premier example of a "participatory oriented planetarium" that serviced students, community and many fellow teachers.

In tribute to his major contributions to the school district, the planetarium will be renamed in his honor. While future stu-

dents will not know him personally, his legacy will live on in the high standards and quality of programs he developed.

Jerry was a founding member of the Philadelphia Chapter of Black and White Men Together, and most recently had completed work on a book, "Resisting Racism: An Action Guide," published by the National Association of Black and White Men Together.

Jerry had held many positions in the local chapter, and had received numerous awards both locally and nationally.

He was a founding member of Dignity. During his more than 15 years as a member, he served in various positions. Jerry's most recent involvement was as a lector and Eucharist Minister on the Liturgy Committee.

As an award-winning scholar, author, teacher and loving friend, Jerry Mallon will be missed.

Jerry is survived by his mother, father, two brothers, a sister, and many who knew his kindness—especially his companion and caregiver, Chris Taylor. Jerry was 39.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Gerald L. Mallon Memorial Fund, c/o Patrick Mallon, P. O. Box 42257, Philadelphia, Pa. 19146.

Services for Jerry Mallon will be held at the Church of St. Luke's and the Epiphany, 13th and Pine streets, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m.

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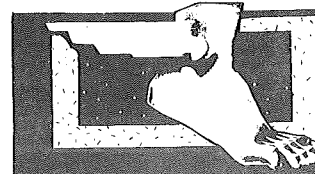
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