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Auditions for the first two productions of the semester will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, January 19 and 20 in the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

The first production, Reasons of State, by Alejo Carpentier, has been adapted and will be directed by D.A. Silverman. Dr. Silverman describes the production as "a creative analysis of the nature of power regardless of where it occurs...whether in Latin America, the U.S.A. or the U.S.S.R." There are parts available for 7 men and 7 women. Auditions for the production are open and will be held in The Playroom (FAT-116).

The Second production, The Pirates of Penance, is a joint effort on the part of the Departments of Music and Theatre. This Gilbert & Sullivan operetta is a current Broadway smash-hit starring Linda Ronstadt and Rex Smith. "Pirates" isn't about anything except a crew of benign pirates, a bevy of marriageable maidens and a platoon of cowardly bobbies. According to the director, G.E. Sullivan, there are parts available for approximately 35 people. Auditions for "Pirates" are open and will be held in FAM-013 in the basement of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Both directors encourage any student with a taste for the theatrical to audition. Anyone interested in working on the production in a technical area or "behind-the-scenes" may contact J. Sain at 581-3110 for further information.