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Open Auditions on July 14th and 15th for Bleacher Bums through South Suburban College PAC Rats Theatre Company

SOUTH HOLLAND, IL– The PAC Rats Theatre Company of South Suburban College will hold open auditions for the comedy *Bleacher Bums* on July 14th and 15th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Readings will be held in the Kindig Performing Arts Center on the main campus at 15800 S. State Street in South Holland, Illinois.

In the bleachers at Chicago's Wrigley Field, die-hard Cub fans root for their team. Members of the group include a sun-worshipper, a blind man who follows the game by transistor radio, a professional gambler, a husband and wife, a nerd, and a little kid.

Director Paul Braun of Highland, IN, will cast seven men and two women, of all colors and types, ranging in age from 16 to 70 plus. Braun is planning evening rehearsals. The show, collaboratively written by members of the Chicago's Organic Theater Company from an idea by actor Joe Mantegna, is set to perform during the last two weekends of September.

Auditions are open to all community members as well as SSC students. Appointments and prepared audition materials are not necessary. Auditioners will read from scenes, which will be available at the time of auditions. Be prepared to list all conflicts with the rehearsal schedule.

"South Suburban College is still concerned for the safety of our students, staff and community members." said Ellie Shunko, the manager of the Kindig Performing Arts Center. "As such, auditionees will need to enter the building at the Atrium entrance for a temperature check. Masks will be required when not on stage." Signs will be posted pointing the way from the Atrium entrance, which is a short walk away.

In addition to acting talent, the PAC Rats are also seeking volunteers who want to try their hands backstage. "Putting on a play takes a lot of hands," said Shunko. "We hope that those who aren't ready to step on stage will enjoy working backstage on sets and props."

For character descriptions, rehearsal schedule and more information, visit the Kindig Performing Arts Center's website at http://learn.ssc.edu/theatre/ or email ssc.edu/theatre/ or email <a href="ssc.edu/