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Theater: Light company: bright ideas

By Gary Bjorn

(Ed. note: This review is based on a preview performance given last week.)

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We are referring, of course, to the newly hatched Blatant Beast of campus theatre. Opening performance January 7 in its newly opened permanent home in the Little Theatre December 16.

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