

Review

'Barn' Play Called Uninspired Effort

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The State College Community Theatre's production of "Harvey" by Mary Chase, now at the Boal Barn Playhouse, is a generally uninspired effort by an indifferent cast which serves only as a comedy vehicle for the invisible rabbit and his friend Elwood P. Dowd, played by Joe Servello.

Servello is the star of the show in every respect. With the spirit of "team effort" in his colleagues as invisible as Harvey himself, Servello must carry the burden of the story's forward progress.

With the understanding and humor of a real trouper he makes every effort to support his less polished friends on stage while masterfully maintaining the integrity of his own part.

Florence Rowlands as Veta Simmons, Elwood's sister, tries hard to play a flighty somewhat self-centered woman. For the most part she does this with wild gesticulation and incoherent babbling.

Only in the first scene of the second act does she slow down enough to be understood — receiving applause from the grateful audience.

Her performance in the last act becomes especially weak when the expression of her role demands a measure of calculated sincerity.

Kenna Holderman as Myrtle Simmons is almost as distracting on stage as Miss Rowlands. Although an expert at reciting her lines and flailing her arms, she makes no headway as a competent actress in this particular role.

In happy contrast is the brief appearance of Grace Holderman as Mrs. Eibel Chauvenet whose performance reflects the learned efforts of a fine actress. She is the strongest thespian in the show despite an all too short appearance on stage.

Mention should be made of the performance of Harvey, playing himself. In relation to many of his fellow actors Harvey is refreshing in his silence, a delight in his invisibility. One might say that for the first time in the history of the theater, a group of thespians have been unstaged and outplayed by an invisible rabbit.

Mexican Group to Study Here

For the third consecutive year, the University has been chosen to present a six-week course in industrial engineering to a group of engineers and professors in engineering from Mexico.

The International Corporation Administration, a government organization which supervises this program, has sent from 20 to 25 people to this campus for training since its beginning two years ago.

Luis J. Marentes, a member of last year's group said that this type of training has been well accepted both here and in Mexico.

Marentes, who was studying mechanical engineering at the National Polytechnical Institute in Mexico City, said he liked the course offered here so well that he decided to return this year to pursue his studies in industrial engineering.

This program has been very important because of the great need of industrial engineers in Mexico, he said. "In this respect," he continued, "Penn State is going to be

of great help to industry in Mexico."

Beside this intense technical training, Marentes said, the program also provides some social activities to acquaint the Mexican students with the American way of life.

Members of these groups, through the moral support and help given by professors and students, have returned to Mexico with a very high opinion of America and Americans, he said.

Explorers--

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rifle, swimming, football, baseball and track.

Tomorrow morning the emphasis of the conference will move to the topic of "Which College... Which Career?" in a speech by Arthur M. Wellington, professor of counselor education.

Following this, a vocational-educational panel, composed of businessmen and educators, will answer prepared questions from a group of Explorers.

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Williams--

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admissions, and recruitment as they are likely to affect the University in the future.

The four-term plan, which developed from his studies, went into effect on June 15 at the opening of the Summer Term.

As to leaving the University, Dr. Williams said, "I have had much satisfaction for the last 35 years at the University and regret leaving the daily activity."

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