

ENTERTAINMENT

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This past weekend the Misericordia Players presented the College Misericordia production of "The Wizard of Oz" in Walsh Auditorium on the Dallas campus. It was 20 years ago that the magical world of Oz was first created at the college. If the 1966 rendition was as good as this year's, director Walter "Rusty" Andersen has ever right to be proud.

Anyone who has a child or who enjoys children's theater should take advantage of this excellent opportunity by calling 675-2181, ext. 214, or 675-0828, to make



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reservations for the weekend of April 25-27. Tickets are \$2.00 for children and \$3.00 for adults; the price is well-worth the two hours of fantasy and entertainment received in return.

The classic children's story, as dramatized by Adele Thane and based on the story by L. Frank Baum, consists of two acts with a 10 minute intermission between acts. Dorothy (Bethany Szymusiak) and Toto (Mark Oberstaedt) first appear in the prologue of Act One. At times, the dialogue was difficult to discern, but Toto's barking and antics certainly compensated. Children in the audience adored Toto, a truly "unique-looking" dog.

Scenes one through four, with an interlude down the yellow brick road, took place in Munchkinland, a cornfield, the edge of the forest, and the throne room in the palace of Oz. Musical numbers and songs included the OVERTURE, OVER THE RAINBOW, MUNCHKINLAND, DING DONG THE WITCH IS DEAD, FOLLOW THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD, IF I ONLY HAD A BRAIN, HEART, OR THE NERVE, HIPPIITY HOP, WE'RE OFF TO SEE THE WIZARD, and TO WINKLIE LAND WE'LL GO. They were performed adequately by the cast. Special recognition is given to the musicians, in particular, John Shemo for musical direction and arrangements.

Auntie Em (Anna Shandra), the munchkins, Scarecrow (Gregory

Lapatofsky), Tin Woodsman (Leonard Zarnoch), among others were introduced in the first act. Glinda, the good Witch of the North, was convincing simply by her appearance. The Wicked Witch of the West portrayed by Tricia Mack and the Cowardly Lion portrayed by Thomas Galka, had, by far, the best stage voices in the production. The various conceptions and guises of the Wizard of Oz were quite interesting. Costumes by Pat Mravchak were excellent, not only attractive but suitable to the multitude of characters.

Act Two consisted of Scene 1 - Lnd of the Winkies, Scene 2 - Courtyard of the Castle of the Wicked Witch, Scene 3 - The Throne Room in the Palace of Oz, and the epilogue.

In Act Two, the romp through the audience in an attempt to get the Wicked Witch was especially thrilling and delightful. Some lines of dialogue were also rather catchy, such as the Soldier with Green Whiskers remarking, as he distributed green glasses in the throne room in the palace of Oz, "I have several Vision Centers..." What was extremely comical, though not intentional, was Toto stepping on the Cowardly Lion's tail as they happily sang HERE WE GO ROUND THE WICKED WITCH. The Lion finally resorted to picking up and carrying his tail for the remainder of the musical number, rather than being accidentally tripped. EASE ON DOWN THE ROAD was appropriately the grand finale to a grand production.

The strengths of the Misericordia production of "The Wizard of Oz" ranged from lighting, special sound effects (particularly the cyclone, Wicked Witch, and Oz sequences), to its superb set designs, notably The Emerald City. Through the eyes of a child, Emerald City was really a sight to behold!

Meeting the children and seeing all those happy and excited faces after the performance must be tremendously gratifying to the members of the cast. "The Wizard of Oz" is an extremely difficult production, but the staff of College Misericordia handled it with ease and a high degree of professionalism. "Hats off" to those associated with this fine children's musical!

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Accepts plaque

Charlotte Martin of Shavertown is shown with a plaque that was presented last Monday night at the School Boards' monthly meeting, honoring her father, the late James A. Martin, who passed away a few weeks ago. Martin, who served as supervising principal at the school from June 7, 1932 to June 18, 1960, played a key in the Dallas School system and was largely responsible for purchasing land for the development of school buildings. Recognized as a dedicated man who put his life into the education system, Martin's contributions will not be forgotten. The plaque will remain at the Dallas Senior High School in his remembrance. Shown here during the presentation of the plaque are, from left, Frank Galicki, assistant secondary principal; Gerald Wycallis, Dallas School Board Superintendent; Miss Martin, and James Alexander Martin III, a Federal Judge residing in Dallas, Texas, and son of the late Mr. Martin.

Spring clean-up slated

A Spring Clean-up '86 will be conducted throughout Dallas Borough from Monday, May 5, through Saturday, May 10. Hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Dallas Borough residents can take their items to the borough building on the above dates.

Large household items such as washing machines, dryers, refriger-

ators, water heaters, etc. will be picked up by borough trucks at the curb after residents have come to the borough building during the dates listed here and pay a \$5 fee per item to be picked up.

Proof of residence will be a current Pennsylvania driver's license. Household garbage will not be accepted.

Township plans clean-up

The Kingston Township Board of Supervisors will be sponsoring an Annual Spring Clean-up for the benefit of Township residents.

The Clean-up will be conducted at the Municipal Warehouse on East Center Street from May 5 through 16. The hours will be from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Saturday hours will be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be no hours on Sunday.

Only Kingston Township residents will be permitted to participate in this program, proof of residency will be required.

Items not permitted will be: Washers, dryers, refrigerators, television sets, hot water heaters, boilers, furnaces, stoves or large appliances. No tree stumps, concrete or rock or household garbage.

The Kingston Township Supervisors have noted that the last Spring Clean-up was a tremendous success and township residents are encouraged to participate in this year's program. There is no charge to residents for participation in the clean-up.

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