Cast enters final production

By Linn Edens
May 17, 1997

Rehearsals for "Flowers for Algernon," a one-act drama based on the short story of the same name, and the final production of the college theater ensemble begin on Sunday.

The play, scheduled for April 16-18, is the story of Charlie Gordon, a young man who is mentally retarded and has been ridiculed all of his life because of it.

He has an opportunity to undergo an experimental operation that could possibly improve his handicap, but there is also the possibility that he may die in the process.

Charlie elects to have the operation and his intelligence rapidly increases so much that he becomes a genius.

But, the cure is short lived and Charlie eventually recovers his original IQ.

"The play makes a statement about the way we treat those who are less fortunate. Jokes are constantly being made about those who are less than perfect," said Brian Thomas, director of the play.

"Charlie is an example of all those who are less fortunate, but it is a statement of how we as a society, treat those people," Hauck said.

Total funding to Oklahoma higher education must double in four years to become average in per student funding, according to a Higher Education Alumni Council of Oklahoma funding, after a special meeting called to discuss their organization's position on several funding issues.

Directors have agreed to a package of positions which will help move Oklahoma toward a future funding goal.

Specifically, directors agreed that the organization in Fiscal Year '88 state funds to higher education and Oklahoma should move in the national average of state appropriations per students in four years.

The directors also agreed that tuition and fees should be increased to cover 25 percent of instructional costs from two to four years and HEACO supports efforts of executive and legislative leaders to increase revenue to full fund higher education appropriation in increase necessary to meet the national average per FTE appropriation goal in four years.

In a related area, directors discussed various reports on studies of higher education and agreed to commend members of the several groups for their effort for focus Oklahoma's attention on the need for increased quality in higher education.

"One of the package's strengths is its support of programs previously taken by the ORRHE. The Oklahoma Task Force on Higher Education and the Governor's Survey Team on Higher Education has made several major points.

HEACO and the three other groups agree there should be no further cut in state funds and the HEACO package supports the ORRHE's budget recommendations for a 95.5 percent state fund in increase in FY '88.

Also supported are Task Force recommendations that Oklahoma reach the national median state appropriation per student in four years.

Directors also reaffirmed support for the concept of tuition and fees paying 25 percent of costs, a position also held by the ORRHE.

Task Force and Survey Team. The various reports differ in the time when the 25 percent goal should be reached, but a point of consensus is that HEACO officials should be reached by the 25 percent goal should be reached in two years but no more than four years.

Part of the package, especially tuition protection, are very independent. For example, the 25 percent of costs could be reached with increases of less than 8 percent if there is no state fund increase in FY '88.

However, if state funds increase in four years to meet projected national FTE averages, tuition increases of about 30 percent per year would be required to reach the 25 percent of cost limits in four years.

HEACO positions are based on information provided in reports by Dr. Kent Halsted of Research Associates of Washington.

Lance Ward, HEACO executive director, explained the Halsted data through FY '86 were used to estimate funding for FY '87 and averaged for projections four years into the future.

"We are assuming that average national appropriations per FTE will continue increasing 7.6 percent per year, that average tuition increases will continue at 9.7 percent per year and that there will be no change from ORRHE's FTE projections for FY '88," said Ward.

Based on those assumptions, reach the national average per FTE in state funding in four years and have tuition pay 25 percent of costs, state appropriations must increase about $100 million per year while tuition increases either $33 million or about 30 percent per year.
Bigotry increases on college campuses

Across college campuses in America, bigotry has spilled over into the dormitory, in labs, in the classroom and on our own campuses. Bigotry has been reported after a 20-year absence on the college campuses. But the violence is happening on college campuses now. It is not supposed to be cleaned up in the 60's. There has been a great increase in college campuses in the last year against blacks, women, homosexuals and religious organizations as well as other groups.

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith found in its 1986 Audit of Anti-Semitic Incidents that vandalism directed at Jews on campuses rose from 12 incidents in 1983 to 10 in 1986. There seems to be increased violence against all minorities all over the nation, not just in the north or south. Incidents have been cited at college campuses in the north, east, and west as well.

Last October, at the Citadel, a military academy in Charleston, S.C., five cadets were dressed as members of the Ku Klux Klan and broke into a black freshman student's room, shouted obscenities and left a burned paper cross.

Other incidents include white students attacked black students who attend University of Massachusetts in Amherst in a brawl after the New York Mets beat the New York Yankees in a World Series victory over the Boston Red Sox.

Just last month on the campus of the University of Michigan, a racial tension flared with the circulation of flyers declaring "open season" on blacks.

Other racial things happen on the campus with racial graffiti and a student disc jockey who broadcast racist jokes.

Occasionally the violence is present. Foreign language students have been assaulted, and there has been some violence against students.

Across the campus just this semester, the Ku Klux Klan has founded a chapter on the campus which claims information explaining how a person can join the official Ku Klux Klan.

College in place were people of all minorities are supposed to come and get an equal opportunity to receive an education.

This is unfair for any person to deny another person the same opportunity that they receive themselves.

All students come to college for education, an education. Getting it gives them a chance to achieve a better opportunity.

So no matter what race a person is, or what sex they are, and what religion a person is, let us all give them the opportunity to excel.

Incidents of Bigotry on College Campuses

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So, even with all the similarities to "Pretty In Pink," I feel this movie is still "Some Kind of Wonderful." "Hoosiers.

It has shooting, screaming, and a lot of action. But it is not a Clint Eastwood movie. It is a story about a basketball team in Indiana and is called "Hoosiers." The great character actor, Gene Hackman starts this movie.

He takes over the head coaching position in small rural town in Indiana after a long lay-off. The best performance does not come from Hackman in this movie. It comes from Dennis Hopper. Hopper portrays a town drunk who helps out on the basketball team. He has been nominated for an Academy Award for his performance in the movie and one of the frontrunners for the award.

This movie is one of the best of the year. The story is good, the acting is wonderful and the movie will be a delight.

Gregg Emerson

Eric Stoltz plays Keith who falls in love with one of the most popular girls in school whose name is Amanda Jones, played by Lea Thompson. She hangs around with rich kids, but she really, she comes from the same side of town as that Keith's from. This is the downside of the community.

Keith's best friend comes from the same side of town also and, in a girl who is referred to as Drummer Girl, played by Mary Stuart Masterson. She has a secret love for Keith, which he does not realize until it is almost too late.

I feel Masterson's character is a female counterpart to the character Rudy in "Pretty in Pink." But, for a movie that too much resembles a picture Hughes has already made, it is more interesting and is still delivered to the audience in a respectful manner.

So, even with all the similarities to "Pretty In Pink," I feel this movie
Chairman pulls double duty

By Kathi Hison

Dr. J.D. Wilhoit has held or earned the following offices and honors: mayor of Miami, president of the Rotary Club, deacon at the First Christian church, EPF fellow at OSU, president of the Oklahoma Technological Society and national board of directors for the institute of drafting and design. "He has served as co-chairman and helped establish the landscaping programs and advisors in any other engineering matters we need assistance with," said Dr. Charles Angle, vice president of academic affairs. Dr. Wilhoit will soon accompany Jane Douglas to OSU to study their erosion program through the architectural service. This trip will allow Dr. Wilhoit an opportunity to utilize his vast engineering expertise in aiding the college in designing a more elaborate erosion facility. He has also headed up the federal remaining programs for the Poncani and the United States as well as been past president of the state junior college academic administrators organization.

Before coming to this college, Dr. Wilhoit was the head of the drafting department for George E. Fülle, which was originally the developer of the mobile drill rig. The grandfather of Dr. Wilhoit married Rosalind, an employee of the college bookstore, and has one son, John, and one daughter, Terry Lynn. His hobbies include travel, roving and farming. Another idiosyncrasy Dr. Wilhoit possesses involves culinary delights. So the next time you see a well-dressed man around campus, look twice because it's probably Dr. Wilhoit's feast.

Hard work benefits related roommates

By Sheryl Lowell

All of the hard work, time and effort has definitely paid off for students, Leigh Ann and Shell Gillese, freshmen living in trustees housing.

"Doing my homework and studying a lot are some of the priorities I take to make good grades," said Leigh Ann.

"To make good grades I study from six until nine in the evening," said Shell.

Both students are from South Coffeyville and have an interest in business. Leigh Ann is majoring as a legal secretary and Shell is an accounting major.

Both students agree that your classmates can be an advantage.

"We give each other advice about things," said Shell.

"We are actually friends not cousins," said Leigh Ann.

There were different reasons made to the decision of moving in trustees housing.

"It is not in your own apartment before we lived in Vann Hall as roommates," Leigh Ann said.

"Because the dorm was too loud, I couldn't study and couldn't sleep either," said Shell.

Although, it was not difficult to adjust to college life both feel college is easier than high school.

"In college there is a lot more time to do things and study than in high school," said Shell.

"It's more indepth in studies and in college there is more time to study," said Leigh Ann.

Both students feel that it is very important to take the time to study and to learn something from it.

"No one can pass a class without studying especially taking shorthand," said Leigh Ann.

"Because, if you don't study you won't know what is going on," said Shell.

Although, they were both active in extracurricular activities in high school both have not taken the time to get involved in college activities. Both students are taking over 18 credits hours.

"I was in basketball and student council in high school, but I have not gotten involved in other activities until I feel I know more about them," said Leigh Ann.

"I participated in softball and basketball in high school, but I didn't think about joining anything until being an honor student," said Shell.

To be an honor student, one must make the time and effort towards improving their study habits.

"It takes hard work and being interested in what you are studying," said Leigh Ann.

"To make good grades other students should take classes on that interest them and study with other people.

"They should take classes that they like and study a lot," said Shell.

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**Twin's remain best friends**

By Kristin Smith

"Although my twin brother, Doug was my best friend, I wasn't NEQ in order to gain individuality," said sophomore Brian Walker. Walker's twin, Doug attends the University of Arkansas as an economics major.

"He is a part of my life because he's my best friend. I'd want him to be a part of my life," Walker said.

Walker's leadership ability is evident in his active student union participation.

He is involved in Who's Who Among College Students, chairman of the outreach on the BSU sophomore executive council, and sophomore class secretary. His leadership skills have earned him the nickname "Pea and Pork." Walker said.

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Softball squad relies on youth

"Even though we're young all the way around, our girls have excellent work habits and are going into this season relaxed," said Lady Norse softball coach Bob Maxwell concerning the start of the 1987 campaign.

After guiding the Lady Norse to the finals of the NIC-10 District C tournament in its inaugural year at the Lady Norse Starmead, Maxwell has six returning letter winners from last year's squad. Finishing third in the district last season the Lady Norse posted a school-record 23-6 mark.

"You have to past a season with as many inexperience players as we have without getting out more than we have. Because of all the inexperience, we've only been outside four of five days since we've come back from Christmas break and that's not enough work," said Maxwell.

The Lady Norse were scheduled to open the 1987 season, Thursday, against Bi-State Conference foe Belvidere on the college softball diamond. "With all the rain we've had, it's hard to say if the field will be ready in time," Maxwell said.

Although the Lady Norse will rely on the talents of two freshmen pitchers, both players were highly recruited out of high school. Dana Sehms, of Stephenville, and Tonya Blackley, of Tula, will share the Lady Norse mound duties.

"Dana was probably the most recruited softball pitcher in the state and Tonya is really developing into a strong pitcher. Because both of these girls have good control and plenty of stuff on the ball, our pitching could be overpowering as time goes on," Maxwell said. Experience abounds throughout the Lady Norse infield. Returning to handle the catching chores is sophomore Sherry Stivers of Broken Arrow. Last season Stivers hit .350 with 26 hits and 22 runs batted in. Studies also contributed five doubles, two triples and two home runs.

Anchoring the first base position for the Lady Norse is veteran Kyra Sydowhorn. A native of Olathe, Sydowhorn hit .396 with 32 hits and 10 RBIs. Sydowhorn also contributed five doubles, two triples and two home runs.

The second base position is manned by sophomore Angie Gilliland of Broken Arrow. Gilliland was the team's second offensive leader as a freshman with a lofty .424 batting mark. With 34 RBIs, Gilliland collected 56 hits while leading the team with four home runs.

Veterns Karen Harris and Leslie Polk are returning at the third base spot. Harris, from Moore, hit .310 as a freshman while seeing action at second base and shortstop. Harris collected 29 hits and scored 27 runs. Polk could see action at either shortstop or third. A Tulsa Memorial product, Polk batted .294 with 23 hits as a freshman.

Expected to start at shortstop for the Lady Norse is freshman Kari Stoy of Perry. "Right now, Kari has shown a lot of ability to play short, but that doesn't mean that we won't take a look at some other people there," Maxwell said.

Another freshman, Rebek Larson, of Skiatook, could see plenty of action at shortstop.

Starting at second base will be freshman Gina Ward of Stillwater. "Gina has been hitting the ball real well and is an excellent leader," said Maxwell.

Other freshmen along the infield are Jamie Wolfe and Marcy and Lisa Rose, all of Sapulpa. Sophomore Chantell Stedal, of Tulsa East Central, should get the starting nod at third.

As a freshman Stedal batted .309 with 38 hits and 18 RBIs.

Freshman Bobbi Mann, of Miami, should start in center field while first year performer Angel Martin, of Muskogee, should start in right field.

Other outfield candidates are sophomore Janet Poehlman, of Okeene, and freshmen Julie Eschter, Sapulpa, Trevi Flynn, Fairland and Anisia Slap, Perry.

"We're two deep at every position which is a lot more depth that we had last year. All that's left now is to get on the field," said Maxwell.

The entire schedule is as follows:

March 19: Broken Arrow Junior College, 7 p.m.
March 20: 7 p.m. at Coweta tournament in Coweta, Okla.
March 21: Vinita Junior College, 7 p.m.
March 24: 7 p.m. vs. Owasso.
March 25: 7 p.m. vs. Coweta.
March 26: 7 p.m. vs. Maysville.
March 27: 7 p.m. vs. Washington.
6 Intramural Highlights

**Basketball**
Unique Amazing Dolls capped the women's Intramural League title Tuesday night, with a slim 23-22 victory over the Thunderbirds. Because of a tie-breaker tie between the Unique Amazing Dolls and Cowgirls and Baptist Student Union in the women's league intramural director John Winters added up the final scores of each team's schedules and selected the top two for the championship finals.

Men's action featured a playoff. Number one Dyer-Wadsworth of the Bomber Conference lost to the number two Dyer Tigers of the Bomber Conference. Top-ranked Cabagge Patch Kids defeated the number two Russell Running Rams of the Bomber Conference. The championship for the men's league was played Thursday night continuing the Cabagge Patch Kids with a perfect record of 8-0 against the Dyer Tigers with a 6-4 record. Each team's name were from the Bomber Conference.

Leagues Standings: Bomber Conference
- Cabagge Patch Kids - 8
- Dyer-Wadsworth - 8
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Intramural Highlights

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- Cabagge Patch Kids - 4
- Dyer Tigers - 4
- Thunderbirds - 4
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Women's Conference
- Unique Amazing Dolls - 7
- Cowgirls - 7
- Baptist Student Union - 7
- Dyer Tigers - 1
- Russell Running Rams - 1
- Cabagge Patch Kids - 0

**Volleyball**
Baptist Student Union No. 2 - 17
Bomber Conference
- Cabagge Patch Kids - 17
- Dyer Tigers - 17
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- Unique Amazing Dolls - 17
- Cowgirls - 17
- Baptist Student Union - 17
- Dyer Tigers - 17

**Softball**

Intramural Highlights

**Track**
An intramural track and field meet will be held, April 1, at 3 p.m. on Robertson Field track. Intramural may either pre-register for the meet in the intramural office prior to the start of the events.

Seven events will be held in the track competition while four events highlight the field action. Certificates will be presented to the top three finishers in each category. Events in the track portion include 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash, 400-meter and 800-meter run.

Relay events include 400-meter and 800-meter.

Competition in field events include the long jump, shot put, high jump and discuss.

Two track team members earn All-American honors

Sophomore Margaret Carmine and freshmen Tyrone McKnight earned junior college All-American honors during the National Junior College Athletic Association indoor track and field championships, last week, in Warren, Mich. Carmine, from Quincy, received second team All-American honors for the second year in a row while fourth place in the shot put with a toss of 43-3. McKnight, from Pess Bluff, Ark. placed third in the 60-yard dash to earn first team All-American honors with a time of 6.93.

"The first and second place finishers wound up in a virtual dead heat with identical times of 6.83. Tyrone was just an eyelash behind," said Golden Norse coach Willie Webster.

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Tough Shot

Ben Brower (44) put up a shot off an offensive rebound by John Starks (32) and Mike Schmitz (46) of Oklahoma Junior College attempt to prevent the shot. Brower was instrimetric in leading the Norse to a 96-97 overtime victory for the state title.

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