

A real live play

Women take major role

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Aileen Wenck and her all-female cast give it all they've got, and that's something. The props, make-up and sets were so good I hardly noticed them. Costumes were a constant source of amazement and delight. With 21 women changing clothes 10 times, the sheer volume of costumes was overwhelming, yet they all looked good. Best of all they all seemed to match the character of the woman wearing them.

And speaking of women, it's high time that such a large number of female Players had a chance to display their talents. The overall quality of the performance was fine, with a few rough spots and many more shining moments.

The rough spots were very minor and mostly technical. The generally excellent sets were marred by a familiar backdrop of speckled flats. The lights were a little slow on

blackouts during the first act. The biggest blooper occurred during Act II, Scene 3, when the telephone rang after it had been answered. One complaint which is endemic to the ballroom is that it is sometimes difficult to hear all the lines. Especially when one is laughing hysterically.

The play itself is amusing and very human. All the women succeed in portraying characters which are stereotyped and at the same time multi-faceted. With such a large cast, there isn't room to critique each character adequately.

Marsha Pugsley, in her stage debut, was very convincing as Mary, especially in her scenes with her daughter. She maintained her character consistently, even through the changes brought about by her divorce. The only awkward moments involved physical contact with her daughter, innocently played by Valerie Zrubek, and with her own mother, Mary Jane Bowen.

Bowen directed most of her lines to the back of the stage and did not convince me that she was a mother. Jo Montgomery, in the role of the naive Peggy was good and funny, though she dropped her jaw a bit too far a bit too often.

Holly Faison as the Countess DeLage positively stole the show whenever she was on stage, but her

high voice does not carry well and many of her lines were lost. Carol Poitevent was absolutely the epitome of resigned motherhood. She was pregnant throughout the play, which covers a span of over two years.

Many of the girls played several parts and some were understandably better in one role than in

another. Cindy Baker was good as Princess Tamara and even better as Lucy.

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The library ceremonies, open to the general public, will be at 9:30 a.m.

Included in the program will be the unveiling of plans for a \$12 million addition, giving the overall library complex the capacity to accommodate two

million volumes. The addition, to be constructed east of the present facility, is envisioned as a six-story structure containing 235,008 square feet of floor space.

Evans, a 1921 graduate, served as a member of the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents from 1959 until 1971 and was board chairman in 1963-64. He is a recipient of the "Distinguished Alumni Award," the highest honor bestowed by the university and its Association of Former Students.

He served as the first chairman of Friends of the Texas A&M University Library, an organization formed in 1971 to help the library accomplish certain goals which might otherwise have been unattainable, Williams noted.

The program at the library, part of Scholarship Weekend activities, will include remarks by alumni Mayo Thompson of Dallas and Washington, and John Lindsey of Houston, Board of Regents Chairman Clyde H. Wells of Cranbury and Dallas, Student Body President Jeff Dunn and Williams. Dr. Irene B. Hoadley, library director, will preside.

In conjunction with the ceremonies, University Archives will have several historical exhibits on display in the library, including photographs of the campus during the 1917-21 era when Evans was a student here.

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