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THE DEPARTMENT OF SPEECH AND THEATRE

PRESENTS

AS YOU LIKE IT

DIRECTED BY

DR. CARY CLASZ

DESIGNED BY

MR. BARRY BENGTSSEN
(Based on illustrations
by Kay Nielsen)

APRIL 18, 19, 20, 21
8:00 P.M.

PLAYHOUSE ON BROADWAY

ABOUT THE PLAY:

As You Like It was first performed about 1600 at the Globe Theatre and has remained one of the most popular of Shakespeare's plays.

The theme of the play is love in its various aspects. Full of merriment, gaiety and good humor it is a play for springtime and youth.

Like all pastoral romances it takes place in a timeless world and a mythical place where no turn of events is surprising and only love is serious.

ABOUT THE PRODUCTION:

We have used the Folger Shakespeare Library edition for our text, with minor line deletions. We have retained two of the songs and changed three others to ones more in keeping with our notions of woodland gaiety.

Through sets and costumes we have emphasized the story-book quality of the play, the never-never land where all lovers are true and reality is irrelevant.

Since Shakespeare's Company was all men and we have both men and women, we have changed many of the functional characters from Lords to Ladies, etc.

LOCALE:

The play takes place in and around Duke Frederick's palace and in the forest of Arden.

THERE WILL BE TWO 10 MINUTE INTERMISSIONS.

THE DEPARTMENT OF SPEECH AND THEATRE
DEDICATES THE PRODUCTION OF

AS YOU LIKE IT

TO

DR. ROBERTSON I. STRAWN
PROFESSOR OF SPEECH

IN RECOGNITION OF HIS
SERVICE AND RETIREMENT

AND

IN HIS HONOR
DESIGNATES THE OPENING PERFORMANCE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 1979

AS

DR. ROBERTSON STRAWN NIGHT

ROBERTSON I. STRAWN
PROFESSOR OF SPEECH

1909 - Born at Columbus, Kansas

1927 - Graduated from Columbus High School

1927 - Enrolled as freshman at Kansas State Teachers
College, Pittsburg

President of Student Council

Editor of Kanza

Member of Debate Squad

1931 - Graduated, with Bachelor of Arts, Major in
English

1931 - Married to Dorothy Martin

1931 - Entered University of Kansas

1932 - Began teaching at Cherryvale High School

Subsequently taught at Eldorado,
Kansas; Independence Junior College;
Tulsa High School

1934 - Completed Masters degree in English at KU during
summer. Master's Thesis: The Literary Criticism
of H.L. Mencken

- 1935 - Began doctoral work during summers at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- 1939 - Granted teaching fellowship at University of Michigan, teaching speech and English in the College of Engineering
- 1940 - Received Doctor of Philosophy degree, with a major in Speech. Dissertation title Public Speaking in the Iroquois League
- 1940 - Employed at Kearney State College, Kearney, Nebraska, as chairman of the Fine Arts Department which included speech, art, and music
- 1944 - Entered the Naval Reserve and became a Communication Officer, serving in the Pacific on a cruiser in Admiral Halsey's Task Force 38
- 1946 - Following discharge from the Navy, returned to Kearney State for spring semester

Appointed Chairman of the Department of Language and Literature, Kansas State Teachers College, Pittsburg, holding that appointment until the department was divided in 1966 into the Departments of English, Speech-Theatre and Foreign Language

- 1966 - On leave at University of Michigan and University of Illinois
- 1967 - Joined the faculty of the new Department of Speech and Theatre as Professor of Speech until present
- 1979 - Retirement, end of spring semester

SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Directed Great Books Lecture Series, 1946-1963

Advisory Committee for NBC Theatre of the Air, 1949-1950

President of Kansas Association of Teachers of English, 1952-1954

Chairman of Major Attractions Committee, 1952-1966

President of Pittsburg Lions Club, 1955-1956

District Governor of Lions International, 1957-1958

Directed Summer English Institute, 1964, 1965, 1966

Editor-in-Chief of Kansas Speech Journal, 1970-1978

Initiated the Language in Action Conference which is still an annual tradition. Initiated the "Today on Campus" daily news bulletin. In recent years, initiated courses of Speech for Foreign Students, Language of Children and Aging and Communication.

THE FAMILY

The Strawns have five children--two sons and three daughters--and 18 grandchildren. Their children are:

John Strawn, Dallas, Texas

Mary (Mrs. Sam) Smith, Pittsburg, Kansas

Robertson (Bobby) Strawn, Shaker Heights, Ohio

Elizabeth (Mrs. Lynn) Erickson, Nevada, Missouri

Mrs. Susanne Means, Kansas City, Missouri

CAST

Orlando	Mark A. Gideon
Adam	Paul LeBounty
Oliver	Harvey Lee Newton
Denise	Cheryl Leonard
Charles	John Bartels
Rosalind	Wendy Ijams
Celia	Laurie McManus
Touchstone	Bryon Sommerfield
Mde. LeBeau	Patty Pettus
Duke Frederick	Roy Mosher
First Lady	Lizabeth Broyles
Second Lady	Leah Doughty
Duke Senior	Brad Saunders
Lady Amiens	Paula Tocci
Lady #1	Olive Sullivan
Lady #2	Lenola Herrill
Lady #3	Jannette Mauk
Corin	Laura Wolz
Silvius	Preston Benoit
Jacques	Steve Teller
Audrey	Pam Handshy
Sir Oliver Martext	Paul LeBounty
Phebe	Beth Sutton
William	John Bartels
Hymen	Lizabeth Broyles
Sister Jacqueline	Sue Schimmel
Court Lords & Ladies	Preston Benoit, Brad Saunders, Beth Sutton, Pam Handshy, Jannette Mauk, Lenola Herrill
Forest Lords & Ladies	Roy Mosher, Cheryl Leonard, Patty Pettus, Leah Doughty
Musician	Pat Terry

18TH SEASON OF SUMMER THEATRE

COMING ATTRACTIONS

FINAL AUDITIONS FOR SUMMER THEATRE APRIL 29
3:30 P.M. - 108 GRUBBS HALL

CARNIVAL JULY 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8

A warm and loving family musical comedy
about a girl and her puppet friends.

ARSENIC AND OLD LACE . . JULY 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17

Madcap adventure with two charming elderly
ladies and their recipe for elderberry
wine with an added touch of arsenic.

PAJAMA GAME JULY 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27

Battle of the sexes in a pajama factory,
a musical from tops to bottoms.

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KELCE CENTER AUDITORIUM (Playhouse on Broadway)

Tickets are available in the Student Union Ticket Office
and at the door.

