

Theatre

Cast, director bring out joy in 'Merry Wives'

Review by Charlie Krig

In the UNL University Theatre production of *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, the character of Mistress Page sums it up for all of us (not only wives): "Wives may be merry, but honest, too."

This lively, boisterous play, which opened last Friday, is indeed full of both merriment and honesty. Director William Morgan has molded the crew into a set of fantastic characters. Each actor takes his or her role and transforms it into a comical view of life that the entire audience can enjoy.

Falstaff, played by Eric Sorenson, has the necessary gusto and conceit to make you laugh, but he still has some personal foibles that you have to sympathize with.

The audience knows from the start that his pompous attitudes will get him nothing but trouble and the audience even finds out about the plans to trick him. However, the real fun of the evening comes from watching how Falstaff is deceived in his lustful endeavors. That is the secret of Morgan's directorial skills in *Merry Wives*.

The way the play fits together is much like the way the characters conform to their needs. Loreda Shuster plays a greedy yet agreeable handmaiden to a "t." Cliff Radcliff as Frank Ford is a perfect representation of comically jealous rage as he turns over his wife's alleged adultery. And foppishness with a capital "F" describes Doug Anderson's portrayal of Shallow.

The scene-stealer of the show, however, has to be Jack Honor as the crazy little French physician, Doctor Caius.

Although the character is indeed little in stature, his antics in motion and malapropism make him a giant.


Under all the fine qualities of the cast, there lies the ultimate responsibility: the direction. Morgan gets the best out of people which includes rowdy staging that avoids over playing the laughs. The subtle humor comes through with double entendres and gestures to match. Movement on stage flows with meaning instead of resembling a "time to move around a bit" mood.

This was especially notable because *Merry Wives* has such a large cast and increased numbers of actors means blocking them as heards and not individuals.

It does take a while for the play to gain momentum. Within a matter of minutes, though the cast sparks and the plot fires up.

Speaking of the plot, there lies a slight problem. The involved subplots sometimes get too tangled to follow easily.

The play will be at 8 p.m. tonight through Saturday at UNL's Howell Theatre.



- 1227 'R' Street
6 a.m. - 10 p.m.
All night Friday
- Open 7 Days
- 48th & Holdrege
6 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Til 6 p.m. Sundays
- Fresh Ground Coffee
- Fresh Pastry Everyday
(Where quality still counts.)

embassy
1730 'O' St. 432-6042

A sex film only the French could make!

felicia



Starring
MARY MENDEM BEATRICE HARNOIS
A Quality Adult Film (X)

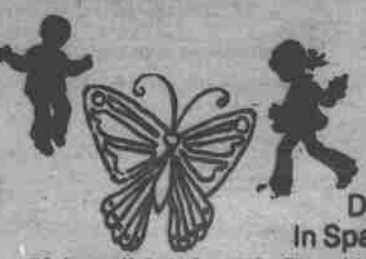
Plus
"YOUR WIFE OR MINE"

Continuous from 11am
Late show Fri-Sat.
Must be 18-Have I.D.

AMERICAN
CANCER
SOCIETY

SHeldon
FLM THEATER

Sheldon Art Gallery,
12th & R



THE SPIRIT OF THE BEEHIVE
Directed by Victor Erice.
In Spanish With English subtitles.

"A beautiful and poetic film which captures the spirit of children's imaginations. An evocation of childhood, aided immeasurably by the miraculous performances Erice has elicited from his child-actors; a film that everyone in Lincoln should not miss."

—Dan Ladely/Sheldon Film Theater Director

plus a cartoon, THE DODDLERS

Tuesday through Saturday
May 4, 5, 6, & 7
Screenings at 7 & 9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday matinees at 3 p.m.
We accept Lincoln Community Arts Council senior citizen coupons.

The ZOO, 136 N. 14th presents
from Austin, Texas
Cookin' Country, Rock-a-billy, & Swing

JON EMERY

and the
Missouri Valley Boys

★ one full week ★

Lowenbrau special: 40¢ a glass all week!

And Now... after four years of preparation and production

A UNIVERSAL RELEASE
ALBERTO GRIMALDI presents

Fellini's Casanova

HIS FIRST ENGLISH LANGUAGE FILM



A Film by FEDERICO FELLINI
Starring DONALD SUTHERLAND

475-5969

CINEMA 1

201 N. 13th

RESTRICTED

ACADEMY AWARD WINNER!
TONIGHT AT 8:15

douglas 2

13th & P 475-2222

starts friday

"Robert Altman's *3 Women* confirms his status as one of the most original, provocative, and adventurous of contemporary filmmakers..."

Judith Crist - Saturday Review

"*3 Women* has an originality and beauty of form that moves you beyond the force of its insight."

Jack Krull - Newsweek

3

Robert Altman's
Women

Shelley Duwall
Sissy Spacek
Janice Rule

writer/producer/director Robert Altman
Final in Paramount's "Star Trek" series

PG

A part-time job can be just a job...
A way to earn some extra money...
Or it can be an enjoyable, educational and profitable experience.

Take this brief test below.

1. Have you established a "Success Pattern" in either your personal, academic or working activities?
2. Do you go out of your way to help people?
3. Are you well organized?
4. Are you a self-starter?
5. Is your mind open to new ideas?
6. Do you have the time and zeal for part-time work?

If you have answered "yes" to these questions, we encourage you to further pursue this interesting and challenging opportunity.

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

***A GOOD INCOME?** We offer you an opportunity to finance your education, to improve your home or to supplement family income. Frequently, when favorable hours exist and the individual exhibits an above-average effort, the income can equal full-time annual incomes earned in other fields.

***FLEXIBLE HOURS?** Part-time positions are available year round. Hours can be suited to your class schedules or your family or social commitments without interfering with existing activities.

***A CHANCE TO USE YOUR EDUCATION?** This program requires the application of your acquired learning skills. Instead of the dull routine of a menial job, you will enjoy the benefits of personal development, challenge, and a sense of accomplishment offered by this exciting program.

***ADDED EXPERIENCE?** We are in the people business, which requires the learning of the principles of communication. Whatever endeavor your future brings, whether it be as a doctor, lawyer, teacher, salesperson or plumber, your degree of success will be in direct proportion to your ability to communicate with others. The experience you gain with your association with us will prove valuable in many ways throughout your life.

***OPPORTUNITY TO INVESTIGATE A CAREER?** There are several fields of endeavor this opportunity will help train you for. Whether it be with us, or utilized with your education in another company or profession, this experience in the "real life" world of business can profoundly affect your growth and success.

Our career opportunity may be one you may never have considered but one which does offer the potential for immense success... and allows you to escape the carbon-copy mediocrity of certain industries.

Interviews today and Tues. May 3rd.
at 9:00, 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, & 4:00.
Nebraska Union, Room number posted. Be prompt.