News from the Marymount Alumni Association

Recapture the magic!

By BETSY GREEN WEARING ('84)

It all started with social media. Pam Kerrihard Sollars ('84) posted that it might be fun to have a reunion for Marymount theater alumni. The response was quick and positive. As a result, on Aug. 1-3, alums from across the years and across the country will gather in Salina to share stories and reminisce about shows, songs and friendships formed at Marymount College.

A small group gathered this spring at the home of Dr. Dennis Denning, longtime Marymount theater department chair, to map out the reunion. Pam continues to spearhead the event with help from other alums. Barb Evans Nichols ('85) has been posting photos from the theater archives in a Facebook album on the Marymount College of Kansas Alumni group page. (It is a closed group, so you must be a member to see the posts. To request admission to the group, find the page and click on the "Join Group" button. You will be verified as an alum and then get access to the group.)

The photo album posts have generated lots of great memories and comments from alums, as well as from Denning and other faculty. It is clear from the interest generated that Marymount theater gave us fond memories and funny stories. Sharing them all in person will be a special treat.

We hope all who had an interest in Marymount theater will feel welcome to attend. The department included many students who were not theater majors. If you feel a connection to Marymount theater, we want you there!

Theater reunion at a glance

FRIDAY, AUG. 1
8 p.m. — Informal gathering at the home of Trudy Bricker ('80)
RSVP requested

SATURDAY, AUG. 2
1 p.m. — Marymount campus tours including the Fine Arts Building
4 p.m. — Mass in the Marymount Chapel
5:30 p.m. — Cocktail reception at the Salina Country Club
7 p.m. — Dinner at the Salina Country Club — which may include performances, a slideshow, Armadillo awards and more. ($30 per person; RSVP required by July 25)

SUNDAY, AUG. 3
10 a.m. — Brunch at Coyote Canyon
Reunion information can be found on the Marymount College of Kansas Alumni Facebook Group page. Please go to the Event tab for the Marymount Theatre Reunion event entry. There’s a Registration Form available on Facebook and also on www.cjskansas.org/marymount.

To RSVP, or for questions, call 816/695-2748 or email pamsollars@att.net.

Tyrees Allen returns to Salina stage

Actor and Marymount alum Tyrees Allen ('78) will be performing a two-man show, "Life in the Theatre," at the Salina Community Theatre on July 18-20 and July 25-27.

Also performing in "A Life in the Theatre" is Bob Wearing, a recent graduate of the University of Central Missouri and the son of Marymount theater alum Betsy Green Wearing ('84).

"A Life in the Theatre" is the story of two actors, one in the latter stages of his career and one at the start of his career. Ticket information is available from the Salina Community Theatre box office, 785/827-3033 or at salinatheatre.com.

Salina Library needs Marymount yearbooks

The Salina Public Library has a collection of Marymount College of Kansas yearbooks available to anyone who would like to view them. They are missing yearbooks for these years:


There are a few that are in bad condition and replacements are requested:

- 1937, 1938, 1939, 1946, 1957 and 1964

If you have yearbooks you’re willing to donate, contact Mark Messenger, information services assistant, at the Salina Public Library, 301 W. Elm St., Salina; 785/825-4624.