

DULUTH--An empty stage will make relatively easy work for the production crews but will offer a special challenge to the actors as the University Theater presents its first drama of the 1958-59 year next week (Oct.2-4).

The play, William Saroyan's "The Cave Dwellers," takes place in a vacant theater on the lower east side of New York. The play will be presented at 8:20 p.m. Thursday through Saturday (Oct.2-4) in Main auditorium.

An old actress, an old actor and an ex-prize fighter have taken refuge in the theater, somehow left standing in the midst of a slum-clearance project.

The motley family takes in a young girl and a couple with a trained bear. The love which mankind can generate toward one another in circumstances of poverty and hopelessness infuses warmth and reward.

William Morgan, assistant professor of speech and assistant director of the University Theater with Harold L. Hayes, is directing the two-act play, which includes 10 scenes during an interval of several days.

The cast includes Robert Ritchie and Cornelia Dacey, juniors, Ronald Reed and Ruth Kent, seniors, Nancy Kelly and Frances Barrett, sophomores, and Robert Murdock, freshman, all of Duluth; Marion Kukkola, junior, Cronwell; Perry Luellers, Canby, senior; Joseph Ketola, Virginia, freshman; Robert Harper, Motley, junior, and Leonard Skrobel, Milwaukee, senior.

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Kay Klein, Duluth, is assistant to the director. Joan Engberg, Duluth, is in charge of lighting, and John Rupkalvis, Duluth, sound. Miss Kelly and Miss Barrett are in charge of properties.

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