Theater season includes 'Fifth of July'

Flower children of the 1960s reunite and a Greek legend returns as the Fine and Performing Arts Department prepares for "Fifth of July" and "Antigone."

"Fifth of July" deals with the 1977 reunion of a group of students who belonged to the revolutionary and peace movement of the 1960s. Creighton is probably the first in the Midwest to present this play, director Bill Hutson said. The play shows the changes experienced by the students in their life goals and in their relationships with each other, he said.

One of the eight characters in this play is interpreted by guest artist Joan Hennecke, a local actress who has performed at the Omaha Community Playhouse and in most local theaters, Hutson said.

The rest of the cast includes former Creighton student Rick Brayshaw; Frank Kosmicki, and Arts sophomore; Robin Zeplin, a graduate of the University of Iowa in Iowa City; Arts senior Frank Malensek; Business sophomore Beth Polk; and Daniel Edgington, a graduate student of the American Academy of Dramatic Arts of Pasadena, Calif. The assistant director is Heather Winterer, an Arts junior.

Performances of the "Fifth of July" will be on Oct. 7-9 and 14-16, in the Little Theater.

The modern version of "Antigone" was written by Jean Anouilh during the World War II when France was under German occupation. The play is a modern adaptation of the ancient Greek legend, with modern implications, said Dr. Suzanne Dieckman, theater coordinator.

"Being a feminist," Dieckman said, "I feel the story is interesting because there is a female hero."

The cast includes two former Creighton students, Mary Kelly Arrieta and Kelly Hitch. The rest of the characters are interpreted by Arts senior Dave Daly; Business senior Thomas O. Maloney; Arts juniors Willima Ray, and Vito LaBella; Arts sophomores Heather Winterer, Kris Bergquist, Pat Lashley and Frank Kosmicki; Arts freshmen Dottie Kris and Anne Leary. The assistant director is Arts sophomore Tammy Medinger.

Performances of "Antigone" will be December 2-4 and 9-11, in the Little Theater.