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way of life is constantly present. Also, ecological problems such as the destruction of the buffalo lead to the elimination of the Indian culture in the play.

Kopit was inspired by the Vietnam War to write this play. He wanted to portray the cultural shock between the two cultures and show how circumstances can lead to destruction although none of the members of either party really want destruction.

But Kopit did not want to show these conflicts through the Vietnam War itself, so he decided to do it through the examples of Indians and Western culture.

Leader of the Indians, Sitting Bull, is played by Arts sophomore Vito J. LaBella. The Western culture is represented by Sen. Logan, played by Don Gibbs, assistant professor of modern and classical languages; Sen. Dawes, played by Rev. Bruce Stegger, S.J.; and Sen. Morgan, played by Tom Munger, Arts sophomore.

Before the center opened last week, Mass was celebrated by Rev. Michael Morrison, S.J., with Rev. Don Doll, S.J. giving the homily.

Following the Mass, Doll gave appreciation plaques to Jack Swaney of Swaney Construction, Technical Director Thomas Mazur and the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. The plaques were awarded for these people’s efforts in transforming an old shed into a performance space.

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