Sonia Keff(e)r, Maria Elena Buscet(d) work this weekend under Amy Harmon’s direction. Photo by David Powers.

‘Six Characters’ student-directed for senior thesis

by Kristi Wise

Senior Amy Harmon, a theater major, presents “Six Characters in Search of an Author” as her Bachelor of Fine Arts thesis project, the first undertaken by a directing student inCreightond’s history.

The play tells a story of a loft hearted acting troupe interrupted in mid-rehearsal by six very serious characters in search of someone to produce their drama. As the six characters enter, the rehearsal fades and all attention is drawn to the family.

Creightond University will present Pirandello’s prized work “Six Characters in Search of an Author” from Feb. 14-18 in the Interim Performing Arts Center. Performances begin at 8 p.m. today and Saturday. Sunday’s performance begins at 2:30 p.m.

Terry Doughman plays a father who needs to tell a haunting secret. Sonia Keff(e)r depicts a grief stricken mother because of the shape of her family. The stepdaughter, portrayed by Maria Elena Buscet(d), knows the father’s secret and announces it to the world. Bill Hoover plays the son. The two children are played by Chris Mallett and Sarah Kelly.

The cast of the acting troupe includes Tim Stragaus, who plays the director, a man who does not realize he has a secret passion for good drama. The leading lady, Amy Earlbach, and leading man, Brian Kokensparger, struggle to keep their respect as good actors.

Other members of the troupe are: Regina Smith, the second lady; Kerry Toot, the ingénue; Doug Hayko, the juvenile lead and Ronn Manhattan, the second manager. On-stage technical support is done by: Tim Comb(s), the stage manager; Maureen Brady, the assistant director and Caroline Nichols, props. Kate Janca plays the dual role of the technical director and Madame Pace.

The assistant director is senior Cathy McGuire. The second assistant is Brandie Ranz.

The Interim Performing Arts Center is located on the corner of 30th and Burt streets. Ticket prices are $5 general admission, $3 students and senior citizen groups. Weekday groups are available for additional information call 280-2399.