Sophomores choreograph all-girl show

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For the first time ever, the Creighton Theater Department will perform a play choreographed entirely by students.

Daniel Fix and Jennifer Parker, both Arts & Sciences sophomores, choreographed the dance sequences for "A...My Name is Alice," which the theater department is performing at the studio theater in the Lied Education Center for the Arts tonight and Saturday night at 7:30 p.m.

Although this is the first time for each choreographing a play at a college level, both had choreographing experience before.

"I was a choreographer in high school for various musicals," Fix said.

Parker had similar experience. She has been the choreographer for plays put on by Millard North high school for the past three years.

"I also work in a dance studio," Parker said. "So I was used to working with other people."

Alan Klem, the play's director, said he wasn't worried handing the choreography reins over to two students.

"I had worked with Dan before when he was in 'Carousel,'" Klem said. "I already knew he could dance really well and he showed me he was a capable choreographer. After that I put the word out if any more students were interested they should contact me. Jen contacted me after that and had the necessary skills and experience to perform the job."

Klem said the quality of the choreography has not suffered as a result due to the student choreographers.

"The choreography for the play is wonderful," Klem said. "They both have a lot of potential."

Fix and Parker have left good impressions with the cast, as well.

"They've been very dedicated," said Arts & Sciences sophomore Melanie Wighton, who is playing Actress #2. "It's run real smoothly. With both of them being students it's been more laid back. It's put the actors and actresses more at ease."

Parker said the experience has been a good one.

"Dan has more of a tap dance background while I have more of a jazz perspective," Parker said. "We meshed together. We complemented each well."

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