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The cast of *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* rehearses for their November production of the play. They are, from left: Bob Van Duren, Jeff Meads, Alan Alexander, Khalid Baum, Troy Lewter, Joel Parker, Lamar Frasier, Gary Walton, Marsha Lynn Williams and Stacy Brock.

Wyclef Jean's solo album is 'the bomb'

by Tiffany M. Newell

If you thought The Fugees' *The Score* was all that, then check out Wyclef Jean's first solo project, *The Carnival*: it is the bomb.

Jean, a member of the multi-platinum recording group, The Fugees, shows his creative genius by mixing hip-hop, disco and other musical genres to form his album.

The Carnival features his first release "We Trying To Stay Alive" which samples the Bee Gee's "Staying Alive." Its latest single "Guatanemera" is an example of the multi-cultural, multi-genre debut. Four tracks off *The Carnival* have cutting edge rap lyrics in two different languages; Creole and French (*Sang Feze, Jaspore, Yele'* and the Calypso flavored "Carnival")

Themes are drawn from the creator's experiences in life, including his personal relationships. Consider the lyrics from "To All The Girls"

"The second verse is gonna hurt/ based on a true live story/ I got married at twenty-four/ In New Jersey/ You know the feelings start nature taking its course/ Two years Clef gets a divorce/ To all the girls I cheated on/ It's a new year/ I got a new gear/ I swear/ I can see clear now that the clouds disappeared/ You forgive but never forget/ You still think I'm a hoe."

Not only do you get a view of Jean's personal relationship and experiences, several songs have insightful messages about living in the world today. Tracks such as "Street Jeopardy," "Anything

Can Happen," "The Year of the Dragon" and "Gunpowder" have incisive lyrics which challenge the mind and remind us how vulnerable we are to sudden, unexpected changes. For example, in "Anything Can Happen," Jean sings,

"Yo, when you're rolling to the carnival/ Anything can happen/ What? What?/ Say what?/ Anything can happen/ Making love to your girlfriend/ Anything thing can happen/ She's sleeping with your best friend/ 'Cause anything can happen."

This song suggests that one must be aware of the consequences of one's actions. The lyrics are saying don't live life in a shell thinking you're untouchable because you're not. As in "Anything Can Happen," "Street Jeopardy" describes the repercussions of living a life of crime.

This 24 track album (which has eight interludes) is not just for the hip-hop fan; it includes Jean's first love song *Mona Lisa* featuring The Neville Brothers. While Jean is the primary writer, producer and performer of *The Carnival*, the Refugee All Stars, Lauryn "L-Boogie" Hill, Prakazrel, John Forte, sultry songstress Celia Cruz, and members of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra all make guest appearances on the album.

The Carnival takes the listener on a musical journey through different cultures. With the added international flavor Jean's solo project is sure to be a success.

U. Players to present *One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest*

by Tiffany Newell and Angela Burrus

Will the University Player's score big on their season premiere, *One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest*?

The director, Shawn Smith, has high expectations for this new incarnation of Dale Wasserman's stage adaption of the acclaimed novel by Ken Kesey.

"It's a good solid play with a mixture of comedy and drama," said Smith, director of the University Players.

Smith feels this will be better than the Players' 1984 production of *Cuckoo's Nest*. Although that play was well received, he believes this production will have "the quality of excellence." He also feels the diversity of roles will enhance the production.

At the audition held on Sept. 24 in the Little Theater, forty people tried out for the 13 male and six female roles.

A line of veteran actors will appear in the play. They include Marsha Lynn Williams as Nurse Ratched, Lamar Frasier as Chief Bromden and Shaunell

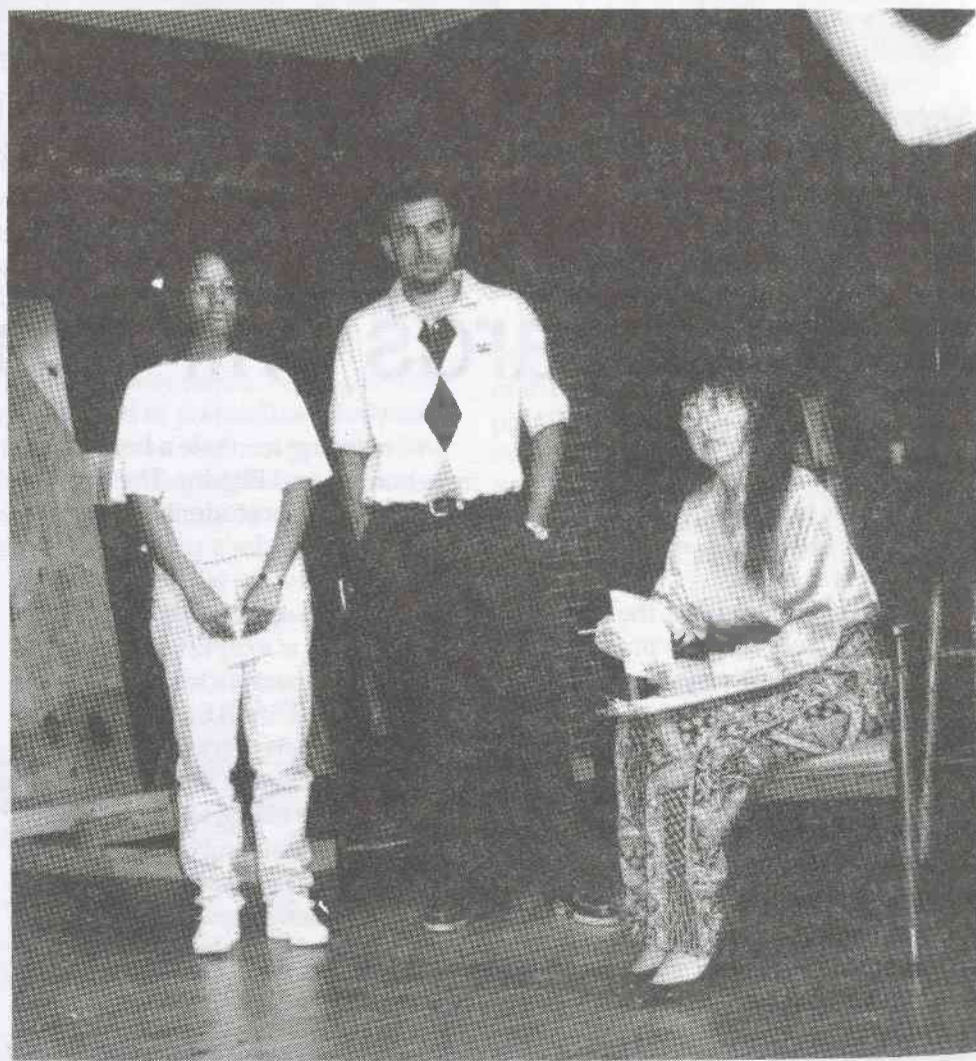
McMillian as Randle P. McMurphy.

Also appearing in the play are Khalid Baum as Anthony Martini, Jerome Brothers as Aide Turkle and Felicia Best as Candy. Making acting debuts are freshman Stacy Brock as Nurse Flinn, Samuel Norman as Ruckley and Troy L. Lewter as Aide Williams.

Lewter, a senior, was acclaimed for his one-act play *The Bench Warmers* last season.

One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest is a comedy-drama centered around Randle McMurphy's efforts to challenge the authority figure in a mental hospital. McMurphy is a charming rogue who contrives to serve a short sentence in a mental institute rather than prison. He is in constant battle with head nurse, Ratched.

The performances will run nightly at 8 p.m. Nov. 5-7 and Nov. 9. Tickets are \$5.00 for the public, \$1.50 for faculty and staff and \$1.00 for students.



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From left, Stacy Brock, Troy Lewter, and Marsha Lynn Williams take stage directions from Shawn Smith, Director of *One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest*. Brock plays Nurse Flinn, Lewter plays aide Williams, and Williams plays Nurse Ratched.