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Olivia (Marybeth Wise) is charmed by Viola/Cesario (Meredith Jones) in the National Players 43rd tour production of William Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*.

## National Players Visit; Perform *Twelfth Night*

On Monday, November 4th, the National Players brought their production of William Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* to Moore Auditorium.

After 42 consecutive seasons of touring, National Players has earned a unique name and place in American theatre. The name has become synonymous with quality productions of the world's greatest plays done by professional actors against handsome sets with beautiful costumes and freshly conceived staging.

In 42 seasons, this remarkable acting company has given approximately 5000 performances of plays by Shakespeare, Moliere, Shaw, Brandon Thomas, Kafka, Sophocles, Peter Shaffer, and many more.

*Twelfth Night* is an intriguing story centering around the holiday so entitled. This was the twelfth day of Christmas where in each family a king was crowned for the day. Shakespeare tells of Viola (Meredith Jones), a high-born young woman, who is separated by shipwreck from her twin brother, Sebastian (Scott Harrison), and each thinks the other dead. Cast ashore on the coast of Illyria, Viola disguises herself as a boy and enters the service of Duke Orsino (Andre Marrero). The Duke sends her to press his love-suit with the Countess Olivia (Marybeth Wise), who is in

mourning and will not receive him. Viola, calling herself "Cesario," and now in love with Orsino, succeeds in her mission only in making Olivia fall in love with her under the impression that she is a young man.

After the entrance of many more complications to the story, matters are brought to a head when Olivia openly declares her passion to her page. Sir Andrew (B. Michael MC Farland) is encouraged by Sir Toby (Ian Le Valley) to win Olivia's favor by challenging her page (Cesario/Viola) to a duel. Meanwhile, Viola's brother Sebastian arrives in Illyria with Antonio, a sea captain. After they separate, Antonio (Rob Monson) comes upon the dueling scene. Believing "Cesario" is Sebastian, Antonio comes to the rescue but is arrested. Later, Sir Toby mistakes Sebastian for Cesario and challenges him, but before any blood is shed, Olivia appears and takes the befuddled but delighted Sebastian away with her. He falls in love, and they are married.

When the Duke arrives at Olivia's house, the twins are reunited, identities revealed, Malvolio released, and Viola and the Duke pledged to wed.

The play was excellently performed and was highly enjoyable. We thank the National Players for a fine performance Monday.

## Induction ceremonies honor excellence

Machelle Cathey feature writer

The North Carolina Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Chi held its Induction Ceremony and Installation of Officers on Monday, October 28, 1991, at the Western Steer Family Steakhouse in Mars Hill.

Alpha Chi is a national honor scholarship society designed to promote honor, academic excellence, and exemplary character among students in all academic divisions.

Mars Hill students of junior or senior standing who are in the top five percent of their class and have a grade point average of at least 3.5 are eligible for membership.

Students inducted into Alpha Chi include Ronya F. Banks, Julia Lynn Bates, Penny Lynn Brown, Machelle Jeanene Cathey, Cynthia Berry Deyton, Virginia Dillingham, Tara Shore Dooley, Wendy Winona Fox, Ronald Bradley Harrison, Wendy Gayle Miller, April Lane Phillips, Timothy Paul Snyder, Pamela Ann Stewart, and Brent Eugene Taylor.

Active members of Alpha Chi in addition to those inducted include Tammy Lynn Condrey, Robert Richard Cothran,

Jennifer Enrich, Amy Marlowe Laughter, Annie Beth Parrish, Patrick Elgando Prince, Jennifer Lynn Stamey, Dawn Noel Tyler, Jeffrey Lamar Wakefield, John Joshua Wood, and Elke Sabine Worley.

Officers installed for the 1990-91 academic year were Robert Richard Cothran, President; John Joshua Wood, Vice President; Amy Lee Marlowe, Secretary; and Jennifer Enrich, Treasurer.

Faculty sponsors of the North Carolina Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Chi are Professor Winona Bierbaum, Dr. Susan Kiser, and Professor Harrell Wood.

At Thursday's ceremony, Alpha Chi recognized Mr. Emmett Sams, Professor of Mathematics at Mars Hill, for his support of academic excellence.

Dr. C. Earl Leininger, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College, was the speaker at the ceremony. Entertainment was provided by Matt Corbin. Alpha Chi President Rob Cothran closed the evening with a challenge to the members.



Alpha Chi for 1991-92