

Graduating Gonzaga Players

“All the world's a stage, And all the
men and women merely players ...”

~ William Shakespeare

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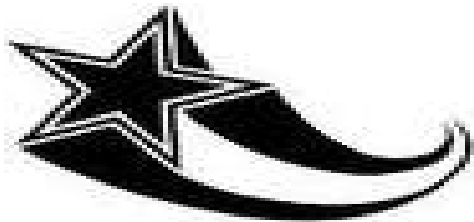
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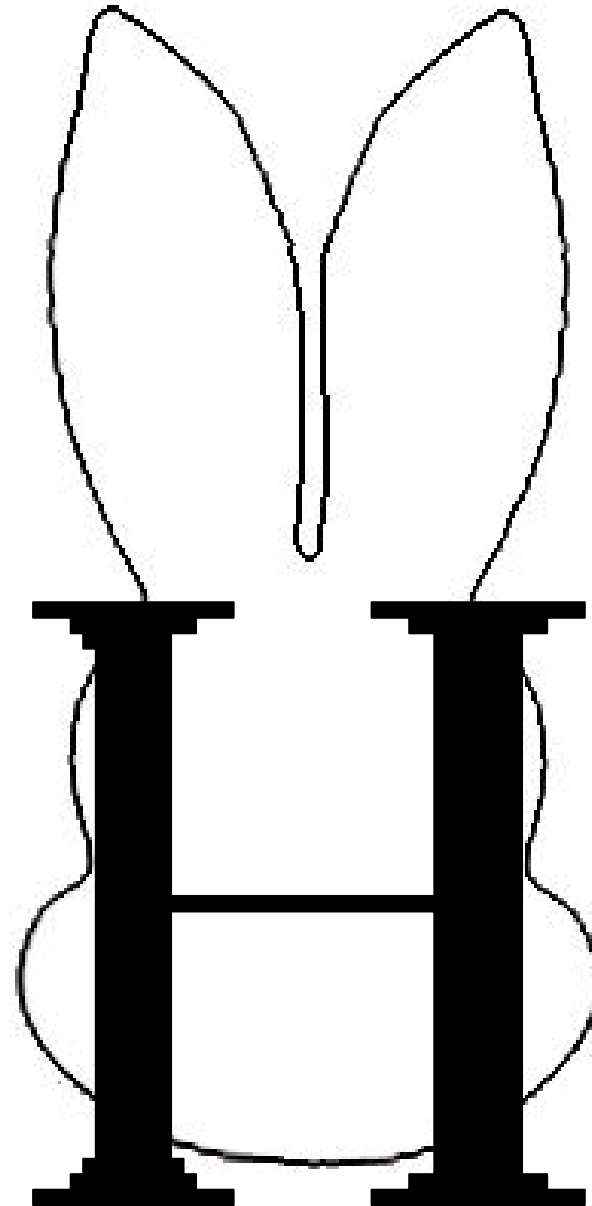
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HARVEY



MARY CHASE

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Harvey: Mary Chase

Summary

It is a spring afternoon at the Dowd family home, and a tea for the high-society ladies of the Wednesday Forum is in full swing. The hostess, **Veta Louise Simmons**, is hoping that the event will allow her daughter, **Myrtle Mae**, now in her twenties and still unmarried, to mingle with the mothers and grandmothers of some of the town's remaining eligible bachelors. To Veta's horror, her brother, **Elwood P. Dowd**, arrives home unexpectedly with his closest friend, Harvey, a six foot one-and-a-half inch tall white rabbit—a friend nobody else can see. Veta and Myrtle Mae are mortified as Elwood who, ever pleasant and polite, begins introducing his companion to the ladies of the Wednesday Forum, including **Mrs. Ethel Chauvenet**. The embarrassing family secret is now exposed, and all that Veta and Myrtle Mae can do is watch helplessly as their guests flee the house.

In spite of the fact that they are living in Elwood's house and being supported by his money, Veta and Myrtle Mae vow that this is the last time they will be humiliated by his eccentric behavior. They determine that the only solution is to commit Elwood to Chumley's Rest, a sanitarium (i.e. mental hospital). Later that afternoon, they arrive by cab with Elwood at the sanitarium. Elwood is hustled away by **Wilson**, the sanitarium orderly. In the office, Veta meets with **Nurse Kelly** and **Dr. Sanderson** and attempts to explain the situation of her brother and his invisible rabbit companion. Veta's agitated state of mind, however, leads Dr. Sanderson to the conclusion that a terrible mistake has been made and that it is she, not her brother, who is the one in need of treatment—so he releases Elwood and sends Veta off to the hydro-therapy tub.

In an ensuing conversation between Dr. Sanderson and his superior, **Dr. Chumley**, it gradually becomes clear that yet another mistake has been made. It is indeed Elwood, not Veta, who was to have been committed. Veta, having suffered many indignities, is thus released, and the hunt for Elwood is on.

In the ensuing confusion, the doctors, Veta, and Elwood all try to figure out who is really crazy: nobody, everyone, Elwood, Veta, or the doctors themselves? What, as **E.J. Lofgren** the cab driver says, is "a perfectly normal human being?" Of course, it all gets sorted out in the end, but there are many surprises (as well as comic doses of wisdom) along the way, as everyone questions just what exactly is real.

Past Productions

The Crucible	2005-2006
Biloxi Blues	2006-2007
The Effects of Gamma Rays	2006-2007
Death at the Mansion	2006-2007
Bloody Reunion	2006-2007
Halloween Havoc	2007-2008
Death at Dark Lake	2007-2008
Death Metal Mayhem	2007-2008
A Midsummer Night's Dream	2007-2008
Curse of the Burmese Idol	2008-2009
A Streetcar Named Desire	2008-2009
Antigone (Sophocles & Jean Anouilh)	2009-2010
Whiskey Stop	2009-2010
Real World: Gonze'Zaga	2009-2010

Antigone
Sophocles'



Antigone
Jean Anouilh





Thomas Siman Gr. 11

Role: E.J. Lofgren

Don't leave me Wilson - Chumley

It has been a pleasure working with a group of such talented and fun-loving actors, actresses and crew. This piece is something you can really sink your teeth into; it's funny, witty, and a touch mysterious all at the same time. Frequent rehearsals can sometimes be monotonous, but Mr. Burnham and this eclectic group of individuals kept things fresh and kept the laughs coming on and off the script. I am very lucky to be a part of Gonzaga's production of Harvey!



Anisah Ali Gr. 11

Audio Crew

This is my second year being part of the Gonzaga Players. I can honestly say it always great working with a talented cast and very amazing and committed teachers: Burnham, Eagles and Gomes.



Vanessa Francone Gr. 11

Audio Crew

Helping out with the school play has been an awesome experience. I have learned so much and enjoyed working with the cast and crew. I am so happy that I got the opportunity to work behind the scenes because I love theatre and enjoy watching it. I hope to find a job in this field of work one day, so this is great practice. Hopefully everyone enjoys the talented production and comes back to see it again and again!

Harvey: Mary Chase Playwright



Mary Chase was born in 1907 in Denver, Colorado to parents who immigrated to the United States from Ireland. In 1942, she began writing *Harvey*, a play about a friendly inebriate named Elwood P. Dowd and his invisible companion. The inspiration for the play came from a dream she had in which a psychiatrist was being chased by a giant white rabbit. It reminded her of stories her Irish uncles had told about pookas, mischievous goblins in Irish folklore who appear only to those who believe in them. The pooka is well-known as one of the most powerful of Irish fairy folk. It is an adroit shape-shifter, and it may appear as a horse, rabbit, goat, goblin, or dog. Though the pooka enjoys confusing and sometimes terrifying humans, it is considered benevolent. It has the power of human speech, and it has been known to give advice and lead people away from danger. The names of both Puck from *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and Winnie-the-Pooh are said to have derivations in common with the word "pooka." Mary Chase's play *Harvey* enjoyed a phenomenally successful Broadway run, playing for nearly five years after its 1944 opening. It won the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, and the 1950 film version starring James Stewart has achieved iconic status. The dreamer that lies in each of us should never lose sight of the following ...
this play that has become a classic ...
this play that has endured for generations ...
this play that is about one of the most famous dreamers in literature was created because an artist listened to her dream.
~ Alan Bailey

Harvey

Directed By: Mr. M. Burnham

The Cast

Myrtle Mae Simmons	Tatiana Serrano
Veta Louise Simmons	Olivia Brutto
Elwood P. Dowd	Dylan Zahra
Mrs. Ethel Chauvenet	Lyla Abbas
Nancy Carruthers Huisenga	Diana Bucuresteanu
Ruth Kelly R.N.	Elekes Mackende
Duane Wilson	Konnor Hughes
Lyman Sanderson M.D.	Kyle Silvestre
William R. Chumley M.D.	Michael Furtado
Betty Chumley	Nicolette Ampofo
Judge Omar Gaffney	Tomek Kononowicz
E.J. Lofgren	Angelo Bonaccorso
	Thomas Siman
Harvey	Himself



Nicolette Ampofo Gr. 12

Role: Betty Chumley

Willie! - B. Chumley



Finally, its my last year at Gonzaga and I want to say thank you to whole entire Harvey cast for being one of the greatest casts of all. I am truly grateful for all of the opportunities that Mr. Burnham has given me. To Mrs. Gomes and Mr. Eagles for all their hard work and dedication to the Harvey cast. I have made many friendships within the cast and I'm very glad to be able to share this wonderful experience with all of my new friends. Thank you for all the fun years of Gonzaga Players, if it wasn't for them I wouldn't be the person I am today. Let's rock this play and I hope everyone enjoys it.

Tomek Kononowicz Gr. 12

Role: Judge Omar Gaffney

That is NOT my mother - Veta Simmons



It has been yet another crazy year for the players, a new group of people set with a new challenge ahead of them. Harvey being the trouble maker of the group really didn't end up doing anything... he even didn't show up to practices!!! What a jerk. Well enough about him, I feel that this year was a truly fun year. As this is my last year of high school I enjoyed it as much as I could. The world doesn't exist yet, it the job of the moulder to create the world as they see fit, and this is what has been created in the world known as Harvey. The Gonzaga Players really brings out an individual's abilities and personality. To have seen so many students interested in the world of drama brings a smile to my face, KUDOS to the actors of tomorrow!

Angelo Bonaccorso Gr. 12

Role: E.J. Lofgren

Fly specks! - Chumley



And so comes the end of my career with the Gonzaga Players. Many thanks to Mr. Burnham, Mr. Eagles, and Mrs. Gomes for giving theatre life at Gonzaga. It has been an incredible experience over the years and to be a part of this amazing group. All I know is that my time with the Gonzaga Players will be an experience I will never forget.

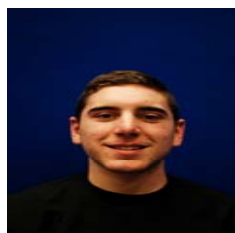


Konnor Hughes Gr. 12

Role: Duane Wilson

Hello Myrtle - Wilson

There has been no better way that I would have liked to finish my last year of high school than being a part of the school's production *Harvey*. It has been a challenging and fun experience from the very start. With the wonderful cast and crew, *Harvey* has been an experience that has helped me become more comfortable with myself and others. I'd like to thank everyone who has played a part in this production and I will miss them all terribly...except maybe for Mr. Burnham.



Kyle Silvestre Gr. 12

Role: Lyman Sanderson M.D.

Even if you have to do a striptease - Lyman

This journey was amazing. Not only was it tons of fun, but I met some great new people whom I know I will continue to be friends with. The only regret I have is not trying out for the play during my previous years of high school. It took a good seven months, being late for a handful of hockey practices, some weekend days and a bunch of spares to help with the set. However, it all contributed to some of the best months of my life. This is going to be one of the biggest things I will miss when I leave high school and I wouldn't have wanted it with any other people.



Michael Furtado Gr. 12

Role: William R. Chumley M.D.

By George we will find out about this - Chumley

I would first like to thank everyone for coming to see this play. This has been a great role for me to play and I hope you really enjoy our production of "Harvey". I am extremely excited to be a part of this great group of actors. I cannot think of a better way to end my time here at Gonzaga.

Stage Management & Crew

- Director: Mr. M. Burnham
- Costume Designer: Mrs. J. Gomes
- Stage Manager: Mr. J. Eagles
- Construction: Jordan Barker
Mr. J. Eagles
Mr. C Hamilton
- Make-up: Mrs. J. Gomes
Miss M. Gomes
- Audio Crew: Anisah Ali
Vanessa Francone
- Stage Crew: Jordan Barker
Marisa Calder
Zach Calder
Cody Dundas
Adam Selvaggio
Cameron Smith
Duncan Smith
- Portrait Artists: Lindsay Hudson
Naomi Lanoue
Lucas Gesualdi



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Lyla Abbas Gr. 10

Role: Mrs. Ethel Chauvenet

Sweet guy - Lofgren



I've had an extraordinary year, and am so grateful to have spent it with the most amazing, talented people. Thank you always to the cast who has become my second family, who made me laugh every day, gave me the best advice, and created memories that will last forever. Many thanks to Mr. Hamilton and his crew for the stunning set; Ms. Gomes for my awesome costume and crazy hat; Mr. Eagles for his constant support and the Harry Potter analogies; and finally, thank you to Mr. Burnham from the bottom of my heart for this incredible opportunity, the steadfast guidance and encouragement, and for enduring all my "sorry!"s. I hope you enjoy watching *Harvey* as much as I did being a part of it. Break a leg!

Diana Bucuresteanu Gr. 11

Role: Nancy Carruthers Huisenga

Beautiful and dumb too - Lyman

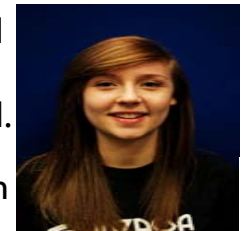


I would like to thank Mr. Burnham and Mr. Eagles for giving me the opportunity to be a part of this year's play "Harvey." I've made an incredible amount of memories with the Harvey crew and spent countless hours enjoying being a part of a team where I get to work with people who love acting and theatre. This year's play is packed with comedic scenes, and I am so excited for them to be delivered so accurately to an audience by our very talented group of Gonzaga Players.

Elekes MacKende Gr. 11

Ruth Kelly R.N.

Sweet guy - Lofgren



This is my first year as a Gonzaga Player and it has been an amazing experience for me! I loved working with everyone and facing the challenges of being new to the group. I want to thank Mr. Burnham and Mr. Eagles for all their time, patience, criticism and encouragement. As well as Mrs. Gomes and everyone else who contributed to the play. I am going to miss the cast and all our wacky jokes. This year has been incredible and tough, but I can't wait to see the final outcome of all our hard work. Good luck to everyone!



Tatiana Serrano Gr. 11

Role: Myrtle Mae Simmons

the evening wore on... - Dowd

No words can describe the appreciation I feel for being able to participate in such an amazing play with such a wonderful cast and crew. This year has been full of inside jokes, embarrassing situations and unforgettable moments. Even though we have all had our desires of hurting and strangling each other and most of all Burnham, I know it was all worth it. My admiration and thanks goes to Mr. Burnham, Mr. Eagles, and Mrs. Gomes for their dedication and support and even their undeniable courage to work with a bunch of teenage drama queens. Thank you to everyone I have had the pleasure to meet this year and for the experiences I have been able to have with all of you. Thank you for coming, Enjoy!

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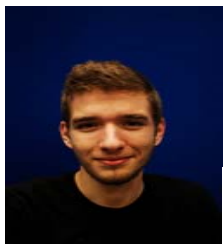
Olivia Brutto Gr. 12

Role: Veta Louise Simmons

I like that - Dowd

It's hard to believe that this is my last run with the Gonzaga Players, but boy was it ever a good one. Thank you to Burnham and Eagles for their never ending support and of course insults. Of course I would like to thank Mrs. Gomes for always making me feel beautiful. I would like to especially thank the cast; I've never had so much fun in my life. I'm envious of all you future Players, enjoy your time here. It goes by faster than a rabbit a rabbit named Harvey.

Scene Membership Card and Scene Visa Card



Dylan Zahra Gr. 12

Role: Elwood P. Dowd

Even if you have to do a striptease! - Lyman

Harvey has been an absolutely incredible experience. If you've ever considered going into dramatic arts, or even trying out for a serious acting bit in a play, go for it! The feeling of family within the cast is special and can only be found within the Gonzaga Players. We are more than just actors: we are friends that have been faced with harsh realities and glorious applause, and it has all culminated into making us feel like part of the best team in the world. I have never felt more at home and welcome than when I am at rehearsals for the plays I've done at Gonzaga. I'm so proud of everything that Mr. Burnham (and everyone else who worked their backsides off!) has put together every year, and being a part of some of those performances is a great honour. Kudos players.



Sears Drama Festival

The Happy Journey To Trenton and Camden By Thornton Wilder

The Stage Manager	Angelo Bonaccorso
Ma	Reem Masoud
Pa	Lucas Canzona
Arthur	Alain Croteau
Caroline	Rhiannon Yanush
Beulah	Julia Hanley

Tech Crew	Miriam Stauble
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Directed By:	Ensemble
Teacher Coordinators:	Ms. N. Gabriele & Ms. D. Spinjaca
Costume Designer:	Mrs. J. Gomes

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