“Harvey”
Directed By David Peck

Geneseo Community Players
and
The School of Performing Arts
present

HARVEY

A comedy in three acts by
Mary Chase

Directed by
David Peck

Austin Theatre, Brodie Hall, SUNY Geneseo

January 22, 23 and 24, 1998, 8 p.m.
January 24, 2 p.m.

Produced by special arrangement with Dramatist Play Service, Inc.
CAST
(in order of appearance)

Myrtle Mae Simmons ........................................... Linda Cofield
Veta Louise Simmons ......................................... Sue Rabe
Elwood P. Dowd .................................................. William Plonk
Miss Johnson ...................................................... Sally Wood
Mrs. Ethel Chauvenet .......................................... Pam Good
Ruth Kelly, R.N. .................................................... Laura Wrubel
Duane Wilson ...................................................... Vince Cali
Lyman Sanderson, M.D. ......................................... Bill Alden
William R. Chumley, M.D. ..................................... Dennis Dawson
Betty Chumley .................................................... Sally Fox
Judge Omar Gaffney ............................................ Jim Adwell
E.J. Lofgren ........................................................ Bob Weeks
Mrs. Moss .......................................................... Patty Moss

Scene Synopsis

The action of the play takes place in a city in the Far West in the library of the old Dowd family mansion and the reception room of Chumley's Rest.

Time: The Present

ACT I

Scene 1: The library, late afternoon.
Scene 2: Chumley's Rest, an hour later.

ACT II

Scene 1: The library, an hour later.
Scene 2: Chumley's Rest, four hours later.

ACT III

Chumley's Rest, a few minutes later.

There will be a 10-minute intermission between Scenes 1 and 2, Act II.
PRODUCTION STAFF

Stage Manager................................. Shane Ray
Light and Sound Design......................... Dan Brunk
Costumes....................................... Sue Jischke
Properties...................................... Jane Hogan
Set Dressing................................... Carla Vitale
Art Work....................................... Cheri Natoli
Sound Board operator......................... Dan Brunk
Light Board operator.......................... Jane Hogan
Stage Crew........................................
   Kathy Deffenbaugh, Ellie Houston,
   Bob Weeks, Sally Wood
Fly Operator.................................... Eric Wiener
House Manager................................... Donna Bigger
Box Office....................................... Bruce Klee,
   Don Mills
Patrons............................................ Don Mills
Publicity.......................................... Bettina DeBell

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   Glenda VanRy; our ushers

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GENESEO -- Sightings of giant white rabbits are very rare. But Elwood P. Dowd sees one every day in Mary Chase’s play, ‘Harvey.’ Harvey, a time honored classic, is being performed by the Geneseo Community Players on January 22, 23, and 24 at the Alice Austin Theater at SUNY Geneseo. Performance times are 8 p.m., with a matinee on the January 24 at 2 p.m.

Heading the talented cast is Geneseo’s own, Dr. William Plonk. Dr. Plonk, a family physician in Lakeville, portrays Elwood P. Dowd a man with a giant, invisible bunny as a companion. The role was made famous by Jimmy Stewart in the 1950 movie classic by the same name. Dowd is an amusing, distracted man who never met a stranger. His best friend is a six foot rabbit named Harvey. Dr. Plonk is making his stage debut in ‘Harvey’.

Sue Rabe plays Elwood’s down to earth sister, Veta, who is faced with the decision of sending her brother to a sanitarium. Her efforts to explain Harvey to the doctors have quite an opposite albeit hilarious effect, however. Touched by her brother’s faith and charm, Veta states, “It’s our dreams that keep us going,” and within the statement lies the significance of Mary Chase’s Pulitzer Prize winning play. Ms. Rabe, a Players veteran, has appeared in their productions of ‘Arsenic and Old Lace,’ ‘Plaza Suite,’ ‘Confusions,’ and the 1977 Players production of ‘Harvey.’

Rounding out the cast of thirteen are many faces familiar to Players’ audiences, including: Linda Cofield as Myrtle Mae, Sally Wood as Miss Johnson, Pam Good as Ethel Chauvenet, Laura Wrubel as Nurse Ruth Kelly, Vince Cali as Duane Wilson, Bill Alden as Dr. Lyman Sanderson, Dennis Dawson as Dr. William Chumley, Sally Fox as Betty Chumley, Jim Adwell as Judge Omar Gaffney, Bob Weeks as E.J. Lofgren, and Patty Moss as herself.

Dave Peck of Avon, directs ‘Harvey’ in his third time in the director’s chair for the Players. Audiences will remember last winter’s well received production of ‘Harold and Maude,’ also directed by Mr. Peck. When not directing, Mr. Peck is a second grade teacher at the Livonia Primary School and is the former drama director of Livonia High School.

The Geneseo Community Players’ production of ‘Harvey’ promises to be a hilarious and touching evening of theater. Tickets are available for purchase at The Around Back Cafe, Pictures and Salon Secrets. Reservations can be made at the Brodie box office on the SUNY Geneseo campus beginning on January 21 between the hours of noon and 2 p.m. as well as the evening of the performances. The box office phone number is 243-5833. Seating is general admission. Tickets are $7. Senior citizen and student tickets are $5.

Cast members (standing left to right) are Jim Adwell, Linda Cofield, and Vince Cali. Seated are Sue Rabe, Bill Plonk, Sally Wood, and Laura Wrubel.
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DUTCH VANRY, local contractor, begins work on the set for the Community Players' production, "Harvey." The play will be presented in the Doty Building (old Geneseo High School) at 7:30 p.m., on April 28, 29, 30.