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Carousel Highlights 2005 University of Saint Mary Theatre Season

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—The University of Saint Mary 2005 Theatre season is set with two classic productions ideal for avid theatre enthusiasts or the casual theatre fan.

Highlighting the season is Rogers & Hammerstein's American classic, *Carousel*. The curtain rises on *Carousel* at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6 in the newly renovated Xavier Theatre. Shows continue through Saturday, Oct. 8.

Carousel tells a story of tragedy and hope that two lovers and their friends must endure in a small east coast town. Set in a fishing town on the coast of New England, the production opens in an amusement park at the heart of which is a grand carousel. Billy Bigelow, a handsome man with a violent temper, is the barker of this carousel. By the carousel, he meets and immediately falls for the lovely but shy Julie Jordan. Their ill-fated love is played out throughout the production.

Charles Dickens' classic *A Christmas Carol* also hits the Xavier Theatre stage in early December. *A Christmas Carol* features the transformation of the penny-pinching Ebenezer Scrooge, who spurns everything, including his loyal worker Bob Cratchit, to save a dime. Not until he is visited on Christmas Eve by the ghost of former partner Jacob Marley, and the ghosts of Christmas past, present and future does, Scrooge begin to realize the error of his ways.

A Christmas Carol plays out on the Xavier Theatre stage Dec. 2-10. Show times are still pending.

The Complete University of Saint Mary—Theatre Season Dates & Times:

Oct. 6-8: *Carousel*, 7:30 p.m., Xavier Theatre

Dec. 2-10: *A Christmas Carol*, TBD, Xavier Theatre

Feb. 23-25: *Honestly*, 7:30 p.m., Xavier Theatre

April 20-22: *The Madwoman of Chailot*, 7:30 p.m., Xavier Theatre

May 4-5: Student Directed One-Act Plays, TBA, Xavier Theatre

Xavier Theatre is located on the south-east side of the University of Saint Mary Campus, 4100 South 4th Street, Leavenworth, Kan. Call 913-758-6152 for ticket information or additional show information.

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