

## NEWS RELEASE

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### University of Saint Mary to Present Pulitzer Prize-Winning Play "Picnic"

*7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15, through Saturday, April 17, Xavier Theatre*

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—The University of Saint Mary department of fine arts-theatre presents "Picnic," William Inge's Pulitzer Prize-winning classic American drama, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15, through Saturday, April 17, in Xavier Theatre on USM's main Leavenworth campus.

Tickets are \$10 and are available at the door. Call (913) 758-6152 or go to [www.stmary.edu/tickets](http://www.stmary.edu/tickets) online for advance tickets.

This play contains some mature themes, and is intended for adult audiences.

"Picnic" relates the small-town drama touched off by the Labor Day weekend arrival of a handsome drifter and one-time college football star. His attraction to a spoken-for beauty queen comes to the fore at a community dance, and the town's quiet existence is forever changed.

The play, which debuted on Broadway in 1953, became a smash hit for Inge, an Independence, Kan., native.

"I have always wanted to do an Inge play because he is a Kansas playwright, and we are a Kansas university," said USM Theatre Instructor Danielle Trebus. "I think his themes still resonate with audiences today."

Call (913) 758-6152 for more information.

*The University of Saint Mary is a Catholic co-educational applied liberal arts university founded and sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth. The University of Saint Mary is located at 4100 South 4th Street, Leavenworth, Kan., with additional locations in Overland Park, Shawnee, and Kansas City, Kan. Visit [www.stmary.edu](http://www.stmary.edu) for more information.*

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