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Profile of a young Shakespeare

Love's Labour's Lost is a poor man's Much Ado About Nothing and can only suffer in the wake of last year's brilliant production of that play. If you missed it, then no disappointment can cloud your enjoyment of Love's Labour's Lost. If you saw it, compare the two.

As in any farce, the plot is negligible and convoluted. The King of Navarre and three male members of his court decide to swear an oath of study for three years during which time women will not interrupt their pursuit of knowledge. All break the oath, while putting on the pretense of keeping it. Love letters fall into the wrong hands in the plot's comic unfolding.

The unfortunately large number of characters in Love's Labour's Lost is its undoing. Early in the action there are four wooing couples, and all are given equal scope in the action. In addition there are several peripheral characters to cloud the main story. There needs to be a main focus of our attention, a main thrust of the action and characterization around which to centre the plot.

According to scholars Love's Labour's Lost is one of Shakespeare's earliest plays, certainly his earliest comedy, so a rookie mistake — such as too many loosely drawn characters — is only natural. For much of the 18th and 19th centuries the piece was vilified by critics and scholars, who considered it Shakespeare's worst play. Give the Bard a break.

In fact the play was probably rewritten by Shakespeare, which might account for its unevenness. The protagonists never really become

BACK STAGE

with BRAD REAUME



rounded and often step out of character. Much of the play revolves around the use of language and sophistry.

In the main, the work is highly entertaining, though it is clouded by another mistake of the young Shakespeare — it is more topical than any of his other plays. Many of these references are lost in the mists of time, at least on less learned audiences. The resulting obscurity of puns makes one feel that he's lost his ear for Elizabethan English.

Not so, as the play and the audience settle in to enjoy the farce. Once you become attuned to the spoonerisms inflicted on the characters by one Don Armado and the country man Costard, and the verbal

thrust and parry of Moth, the page of Don Armado, your fears are swept away. Don Armado is an antecedent of Manuel of BBC television's *Fawlty Towers* fame, whose butchery of English is played strictly for laughs.

Too many elements, too many characters, too much topical sophistry from the young Shakespeare, render Love's Labour's Lost a profile of a genius in development rather than full flourish. It is a disappointment to some, but an experience absolutely necessary to understanding all of Shakespeare.

Love's Labour's Lost by William Shakespeare runs until October 18 at the Stratford Festival. Colm Feore plays Berowne, Diego Matamoros is the King of Navarre, Lucy Peacock is the princess of France and Alison Sealy-Smith is Rosaline.

For ticket information, call 1-800-567-1600 toll free outside of Toronto. In Toronto, phone 363-4471, a local call.

Help for pregnant teens

Are you a pregnant teenager? Do you know someone who is?

A new session of seven practical classes specifically for teens begins in late September. They are being offered by Young Parents Support Services.

Pregnant teenagers have special needs and concerns that will be addressed in the classes, said Susan Stuart, co-ordinator of the program.

"Being a part of a group with other teens gives them a chance to

share their feelings and discuss their fears," she said. "Participants discuss what it's like to be a pregnant teen and a teen parent and what options they have."

Besides preparing for labour and delivery and attending a hospital tour, group members also learn about community resources and assistance available to teen parents.

The first three classes are for expectant mothers only, and the "coaches" (who may be the baby's father, a friend or a relative) are invited to the last four classes, Ms Stuart added.

Volunteer coaches can be provided for support during labour and delivery if needed.

Transportation to the sessions can be provided from anywhere in Halton. Pregnancy counselling is also available through Young Parents Support Services.

For further information, call Susan Stuart at 844-5502.

Help for frazzled moms

Help! I can't take it anymore! They're driving me crazy!

That may be the cry of a frazzled mother. If you are one, help is nearby. The Halton Children's Aid Society (CAS) is starting a Mothers' Group in Milton.

Mothers can bring their children to the free weekly group, said Susan Stuart, co-ordinator of support services for the CAS.

"While we're at our meeting, the children do crafts, sing songs, and play games," she said. "And you're nearby, so they can call you quickly if your child is missing you."

Mothers have fun as well. Participants listen to speakers, learn about parenting, do crafts, and go on outings. "It's very informal and relaxed, but we learn a lot, too," Ms Stuart added.

Transportation will be provided to those who need it at no cost.

Climber . . .

from CLIMBER'S on page 1 a wire basket to the parking lot, where he was evacuated by helicopter.

Mr. Rose, vacationing with his family in the area, suffered major head injuries, a broken wrist, and cuts to his face. He wasn't wearing a helmet while climbing.

He was flown to Hamilton General Hospital. His wife injured her hand in the accident.

RELIGIOUS SERVICE DIRECTORY

MILTON GOSPEL HALL

306 Ontario St. N.
878-2022

10:00 a.m. — Breaking Bread
11:45 a.m. — Sunday School
6:30 p.m. — Gospel Service

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Prayer Meeting
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"In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins." Eph. 1:7



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SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 1992

9:45 a.m. — Training in Truth

10:45 a.m. — The Appointment with God.

6:30 p.m. — Evening Evangelistic Rally

Nursery Care and Children's
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10:30 a.m.

Ordinary Time

Morning Worship
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Sermon Title:

"A word for Ms. Ferguson"



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