Problems plague Bard's comedy

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current production by Oakland University's Student Enterprise Theatre is beset by problems.

Because "The Comedy of Errors" is one of Shakespeare's weaker comedies, it requires especially delt handling. Oakland's production is clumay. Performances range from adequate to awful, and on opening night lines were of their stumbled over or stepped upon the stumbled over or stepped upon Director Thomas Aston chose to present "Comedy" in the manner of the Italian commedia dell arte with the performent donning masks and clowning during a warm-up prologue. Though the visual effect is pleasant, the concept is not enough to give the show the sease of style its to hadly needs.

"The Comedy of Errors" is classic farce, based entirely on repeated instances of mistaken identity. Thouse of the control of the company of the control of th

AARON FORD and Alan Spiller ap-pear as the brothers, Antipholus of Ephesus and Antipholus of Syracuse. Spiller's performance is credible, but Ford seems insecure in his role. The two servants, each named Dro-

The two servants, each named Dro-mio, are portrayed by Jane Schulle and Dan Derkacz. In identical costumes and masks, the pair are as well-matched physically as Tweedledee and Tweedledun. Their deliveries are in-consistent; in the prologue both are mostly unintelligible, but at various other moments they hit the comedy right on target.

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Cynthia Cole, as the confused wife of Antipholius of Ephesus, and Janet Marie Cheff, as her sister Luciana, do the best work of the ensemble. Their speeches are the most animated, their performances the most convincing.

Margaret Patton's Duchess of Ephesus is stiff. Her outsies ecepter looks budierous and only adds to her difficulties in trying to seem regal. Robert Wright doubles as Egeon, father to the Antipholius brothers, and as Doctor Pinch, a schoolmaster. His delivery is exceptionally wooden and siuggish.

DAVID KELM is pleasing as Angelo, a goldsmith to whom one of the brothers ower money. Beeky Ridley as the courtesan gets her message across. Dawn Marie Sanly is amusing as the hefty kitchen maid who pursues one of the Dronio brothers.

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The pace is reasonably brisk and the pratfalls and slapstick very much in evidence, but Oakland's production of "The Comedy of Errors" just doesn't mesh into a laugh-filled comedy.

Additional performances are slated for Friday-Sunday evenings and Sunday matiness through June 22 at the Barn Theatre on the Oakland University campus, Rochester. After a summer hiatus, "The Comedy of Errors" is scheduled for another three-weekend run Sept. 12-28. That should give the Student Enterprise Theatre time to work out some of the problems.

Church presents Greek Festival

The Yassoo Greek Festival will be presented from June 20-22 at St. George Greek Orthodox Church on Woodward Avenue in Bloomfield Hills. Yassoo means "to your health" in Greek, Festival hours will be 5-11 p.m. June 20, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. June 21-22. The church is one-half mile north of Square Lake Road on the east side of

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