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UMM OFFERS FIRST DRAMA PRODUCTION

First production of the Morris Players of the University of Minnesota, Morris will be "The Curious Savage" by John Patrick. The student theatrical group will present the comedy at 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, March 6 and 7 in Edson Hall Auditorium.

Author of several films, including "The President's Lady" and "Three Coins in a Fountain", John Patrick's greatest triumph was his dramatization of Vern Sneider's novel, "The Teahouse of the August Moon" in 1953. The playwright's first successful play, "The Hasty Heart", was produced in 1944 and published in 1945.

"The Curious Savage" was originally produced by the Theatre Guild and Lewis and Young in the Martin Beck Theatre in New York in 1950. Action of the play is in "The Cloisters", a home for people who are having difficulty adjusting to life. Susan Stahler of Morris is cast in the leading role of Mrs. Savage, who is placed in the home by her stepchildren.

The play is under the direction of Theodore S. Long of the University of Minnesota, Morris faculty.