

SWOSU Presents Daddy's Dyin', Who's Got the Will

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Del Shores' hilarious comedy *Daddy's Dyin', Who's got the Will?* will be staged at Southwestern Oklahoma State University on April 24-26.

Performances are at 7:30 p.m. each evening in the Old Science Building Auditorium on the Weatherford campus.

Lowake, Texas, is the setting for the comedy. The Texas bred Turnover family has recently reunited as their patriarch, Buford Turnover (played by Weatherford senior Samuel Jennings), nears the end of his life due to illness.

The four adult children of Turnover gather at their long-time family home in Texas, where middle sister Sara Lee (Norman senior Sarajane Bidwell) resides, taking care of their ailing father and the family's grandmother, Mama Wheelis (portrayed by Fay senior Ariana Farris). Lurlene, the eldest sibling (played by Mustang freshman Hannah Otto) who rarely returns home for visits, is the first to arrive. A minister's wife and mother of two children, Lurlene tends to be the peacekeeper during this time of turmoil.

Following Lurlene's arrival, the youngest Turnover sibling, Evalita (played by Hollis junior Tiffany Tuggle), a six-time married aspiring country music star, arrives with her recent hippie boyfriend, Harmony (played by Kingfisher freshman Rusty Edwards), as a guest to the unfortunate reunion. The final arrival is Orville Turnover (played by Burns Flat junior Jess Moore) and his wife Marlene (Fairview senior Jamie King).

Buford Turnover's recent declining health has caused him to lose touch with reality and despite the family's efforts to trigger his memory, cannot remember where he placed his last will and testament.

With the family's initial gathering, many personality clashes, confrontations and embarrassing incidents occur. Arguments among all four siblings bring to a head the dysfunctional family's long-held issues of jealousy and anger. New found love between Marlene and Harmony adds to the growing tension. The Turnover family invites you to join them April 24-26 at SWOSU. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for non-SWOSU students, and free for individuals with an SWOSU I.D.

This theatrical production will be the final one presented in the Old Science Building Auditorium. The SWOSU Communication & Theatre Department will begin producing plays in the newly-constructed blackbox theatre this fall.

For more information about the upcoming play, please call 580.774.3082.