

Shackelford to direct "Amadeus" April 27 - May 1

By Katie Hall
Staff Writer

"Amadeus" will open in Jean Browne Theatre at 7:30 p.m. April 27 and continue through May 1 with a matinee at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Theater Instructor Jacque Shackelford will direct "Amadeus," the final spring play, written by award-winning playwright Peter Shaffer. "Amadeus" tells the story of a famous court musician, Mozart, and his archrival's desperate attempt to destroy him.

Justin Velnosky will play Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and John Grote will play his archrival,

Antonio Salieri.

The cast includes: Jared Davis as Johann Killian von Strack, Eric Faulds as Major Domo, Christina Ivy as Teresa Salieri, Steve Lassiter as Count Orsini-Rosenberg, Caleb McGeown as Baron van Swieten, Megan Moore as Constanze Weber, Lindsay Ressman as Katherina Cavalieri, Katie Smith as Guiseppe Bonno and Sam Stokes as Joseph II.

Others in the cast are: Holly Bell as Salieri's Pastry Cook-Valet-Citizen, Brooks Burton as Salieri's Valet-Citizen, Emily Davis as a Valet-Citizen and Sara England as a Citizen of Vienna.

Other performances are: Daniel Frost as a Priest-Citizen of Vienna, Jathan Innerarity as Venicelli 2, Lindsey Laperriere as a Valet-Citizen, Kahlila Merritt as a Citizen of Vienna, Chris Newby as Venicelli 1 and Tiffany Norman as a Citizen of Vienna.

Faculty and crew include: Assistant Director - Stage Manager Lindsey Jones, Makeup managers Becky Faulds and Josie Weeks, Box Office Manager M'Liss Hindman with Samantha Moore and Kathi Prince, Set Designers Clarence Strickland and Brooks Burton, Lights Managers Vic Siller and

Jared Davis, House Managers David Crawford and Cody Crawford, Sound Manager Becky Faulds and Amy Price, Props Managers Vic Siller and Holly Bell and Costume Managers Jacque Shackelford and Lindsey Laperriere.

"Amadeus" was chosen because it is near the 250th anniversary of the Mozart-Salieri rivalry.

"Amadeus" is about greatness, God and the pain of being mediocre," Shackelford said. It is a "beautiful play with a lot to say to audiences," a "great show with a great cast."

Gas prices go up, enrollment goes down, survey says

By Matt Hogan
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With gas prices rising frequently in Texas, many complain about having to pay more at the pump, some try to drive less and some even switch forms of transportation altogether to save money. While gas prices are at a high point, TJC enrollment numbers are also down. Are these two facts related in any way?

TJC enrollment has dropped during the past three years, from 9,629 in 2003 to 9,430 in 2004 to 9,288 in 2005, after showing a steady growth from 1998 until 2002. Gas prices have wavered, but increased steadily during those three years. Comparing average gas prices and enrollment numbers shows interesting results. Would spending a little

more at the pump be a viable reason to consciously forego an education?

Fall semesters usually draw the highest enrollment in any year, Fred Peters, marketing and public information director, said. The Energy Information Administration, which provides official energy statistics from the U.S. Government, keeps records dating back to 1993.

Each month's prices for all grades of gas, in units of cents per gallon can be found online. Average gas prices during August and September were used for this comparison, because during these two months, fall enrollment ends and fall classes begin. The prices were then compared to the fall enrollment numbers, from 1999 to 2005.

After this comparison was made,

an exact correlation between the two figures for each year was shown, except on one occasion. For the most part, as gas prices fell, enrollment numbers increased, and as gas prices rose, enrollment numbers decreased. Only once was this not true, in 2002-2003.

Only seven of 20 students surveyed said gas prices have an impact on their school driving habits. These effects range from buying a different vehicle to taking online

classes, carpooling, driving slower, not leaving campus between classes, but still attending TJC because it is close to home. Most students surveyed said gas prices, while high, do not have a major impact on their driving because the drive is required for their education.

Why has enrollment dropped over the past three years? It could have many answers, but gas prices are not one.

Oops! We're Sorry.

In the March 27 issue, the story "Phi Theta Kappa induction ceremony to be held April 2," omitted the name of Dr. Alan Barnes, interim English language studies department manager, from PTK leaders.

We reported that approximately 600 inductees were inducted when in fact 600 was the number of invitations sent out.

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