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PROVIDENCE, R. I. -- Whatever happened to Florence Nightingale?

This just may be the question that audiences will be asking themselves after seeing One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest to be presented by the Providence College Theatre Arts Program. The FRIAR'S CELL is the location of the production which will run the evenings of December 6th through December 12th. Curtain time is 8:00pm. The play is Dale Wasserman's adaptation of Ken Kesey's popular novel of the ~~same~~ name. Ms. Lynn R. Slavin is directing the production.

The Play presents the terrifying and sometimes hilarious happenings inside a mental hospital. Randal McMurphy, a violent roughneck, more sane than not, is committed to the hospital. The aim of this hospital is reducing one to the human vegetable. McMurphy encounters a variety of patients, whose care is in the hands of a man-eating Nurse Ratched. All of McMurphy's attempts to bring a little sanity to the inmates' insane lives are frustrated by Ratched, a fiendish woman, as icy as blood-on-the-rocks, herself in need of some kind of treatment. Although the hero wins the hearts of the patients, it only serves to increase Ratched's cruelty, and she refuses to be satisfied until she has driven him to rebellion, when she can subject him to the horrors of treatment. As the story progresses, one gets so involved, that he worry's whether the wicked nurse will call "Next" and put him in a straightjacket, or order him up for shock treatment. The touching elements are the patients in the place.-- an Indians that just won't talk-- a mother's boy who-

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literally has no mind of his own -- a highly educated, but sexually twisted volunteer patient, and many others.

And so, come one, come all -- see the Man-Eating Nurse -- the figure of pure meanness, one that you'll probably hiss, certainly never forget, and one that probably will cause you never to trust a nurse again.

Tickets are \$2.50 for General Admission, and \$1.50 with Providence College Student Identification. Tickets may be reserved by calling 865-2444.

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