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DAYTON, Ohio--Playwright Eugene O'Neill did not come from an all-American family so he created one in "Ah Wilderness," a play filled with characters that fit his idea of a perfect life. The University of Dayton will present "Ah, Wilderness," Oct. 18-20 and 25-27.

"This play centers around the type of family life O'Neill wanted," said Patrick Gilvary, UD theatre professor and director of the production. "These characters are similar to those in 'Long Days' Journey Into Night,' which is autobiographical. However, the 'Ah, Wilderness' roles are exact opposites of the type of people O'Neill grew up with. They're loving, caring and charming.

"O'Neill hasn't been done at UD for quite some time and this is a good one to do because it isn't depressing," he said. "It's also a good chance for students to be exposed to this playwright."

The lead role of Richard Miller will be portrayed by senior John Zajac. Junior Kevin Sexton will play Nat Miller, senior Dan

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Simon will portray Sid Davis and senior Eileen Bitterman will play Essie Miller.

"Ah, Wilderness" will be presented at 8 p.m. in the Kennedy Union Boll Theatre on campus. General admission tickets are $5, and the box office will be open beginning the first week in October from noon to 5 p.m. To reserve tickets, call (513) 229-2545 or 229-3950.