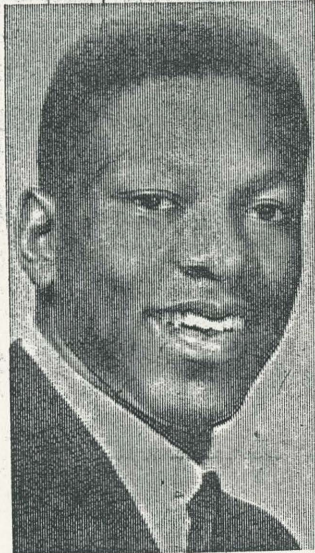


"Hello Out There"

Leading Roles for Kokomo Campus Theater Play Cast



GLORIA FRANCIS



CHARLES TAYLOR

Gloria Jean Francis and Charles Franklin Taylor have been cast by director Robert D. Hennon in the leading roles of the Kokomo Campus Theater's production of William Saroyan's one-act drama, "Hello Out There," which will be presented in four performances Wednesday, Dec. 19.

Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Taylor of Kokomo, though a budding Thespian, is no stranger to fans of Kokomo High School's wrestling and track teams of last year. He won major letters in both sports, and was a member of the K-Club. In addition to his athletic skills, he played trombone in the high school band.

Taylor graduated from KHS in 1962, and enrolled this fall as a part-time student at the Kokomo Campus, where he is working toward a degree in vocational arts. He has said of "Hello Out There" that it should be a fine play for the community to observe and possibly receive a great deal of insight into racial problems. Hennon feels that Taylor displays surprising sensitivity in the role of an itinerant gambler falsely accused of rape.

Unlike Taylor, Miss Francis, at 18, has already had considerable experience in performing before audiences. She graduated in 1962 from Middleton High School in Tampa, Florida, where she had played the role of the queen in a children's theater production of "Rumpelstilkskin" and the part of Gretchen in a production of "Mississippi Melody," a musical based on works of Mark Twain.

Miss Francis studied voice while attending school in Florida, and sang with "The Chimes," a local singing group, that has appeared on the Ed Sullivan Television show. She was a finalist in the

talent division of "Miss Greek, Inc. of 1962," a beauty contest. Before moving to Tampa, Miss Francis had studied ballet for two years at the Startime Television Studios in Trenton, N.J., and at Tampa she presented recitals in the Municipal Auditorium. She is also a painter, and has had some of her work on display at exhibitions in Florida.

As a result of her artistic talents, Miss Francis was awarded a scholarship in fine arts. She is now enrolled as a full-time student at the Kokomo Campus, where she is majoring in fine arts.

Rounding out the cast of "Hello Out There" will be IU students, Arliss Jeffries, Linda Smith, Van Ross Easterday and Ronald Booth.

The play will be presented at 7, 8, 9 and 10 p.m. in the Carriage House at the Kokomo Campus. A small admission will be charged, and the public is invited to attend.