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FIRST FRINGE PRODUCTION TO OPEN

MISSOULA--

"A Breeze from the Gulf," a play by Mart Crowley, author of "The Boys in the Band," will open On the Fringe at the Great Western Stage at the University of Montana Thursday through Saturday, February 7-9. This is the first Fringe production for 1980, a year which will see several more plays directed by UM directing students.

"Breeze" depicts the struggles of a family in a small Mississippi town. The mother turns to drugs, the father to alcohol, in efforts to ease the emptiness of their unfulfilled dreams. Caught in the middle is their son, an artistically inclined young man, plunged into a world of suffering he did not create, who must find the resolve to live his own life as he must before he is enveloped by his disintegrating family.

This is the first major production directed by Bruce Alan Elsperger, a graduate student from Cando, N.D., by way of Drake University. Elsperger has previously directed "Black Mass" and "Ruffian on the Stair", two one-act plays, for the Great Western Stage. His cast includes Craig Menteer, Patti Adams and Greg Younger as the Gulf Coast family.

Curtain is at 8 p.m. Great Western season-ticket holders will be admitted free. General admission price is \$2. Tickets and information may be obtained at the University Theatre Box Office, open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and from noon to 6 p.m. Saturdays. The phone number is 243-4581.

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CUTLINE FOR PIX WITH UM HELPS CHILDREN WITH LANGUAGE...

LEARNING BY DOING--pre-school children in the Early Childhood Language Intervention Program (ECLIP) at the University of Montana learn by interacting with each other and members of the ECLIP staff both on the playground and inside the Speech, Hearing and Language Clinic on campus. The children enrolled in the program are about evenly divided between those who have language impairment and "models" who do not.

#26 - Pictured on the playground are Brandy Morse, at the wheel, and Sarah Marengo. Brandy is the daughter of Jeanne and George Morse, Missoula, and Sarah is the daughter of Cyndie Ployhar, Missoula.

#15 - Inside the clinic, Jessica Graff and Lisa Baye, a graduate student in the communication sciences and disorders department and an ECLIP clinician, inspect art work done by the children. Jessica is the daughter of Kathy and Jon Graff, Missoula. (UM photo by Gordon Lemon)

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