

"You Can't Take It With You," but it was fun while it lasted



Gay Wellington (Mariya Thomas) sleeps off the effects of too much fun.



Grandpa Vanderhof (Tony Dettmers) explains his philosophy to an IRS agent (James Day).

"You Can't Take it with You" as a play, after fifty years, certainly qualifies as an anachronism. Yet it is a play with sufficient classic elements to play well in any generation.

The Shawn Steven's directed effort of Vernonia High School was no exception; a thoroughly delightful production.

Most astonishing, perhaps, is overcoming the seemingly impossible task of recruiting a cast of 19 from so small a student population, and make them fit the highly individualistic roles created by Hart and Kaufman. On balance, the play was a great success, enjoyed by all.

Standout performances by Cassie Seeberger as Essie, Ed Dotter as Paul Sycamore, Tony Dettmers as Martin Vanderhof and Gay Wellington as Mariya Thomas, all excellent performances in great parts, contributed to its success.



Essie Carmichael (Cassie Seeberger) leaps into the arms of a surprised Tony Kirby (Damon Knight).



Paul Sycamore (Ed Dotter) makes an entrance from his basement laboratory. Also shown is Jill Budge as Penelope Sycamore.

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