

Weston Stage Will Spotlight Play Tonight

Baylor Theater will present "The Cherry Orchard" by Anton Chekov tonight at 8 p.m. in the Weston Theater.

Mrs. Patricia Cook, assistant professor of oral communications, will direct the play with James W. Swain, associate professor, in charge of costuming.

The story is about a Russian family in 1904, one year before the abortive revolution. The family, at one time, was a member of the aristocracy, but now are losing everything because of the pretenses they try to uphold. Even their beloved cherry orchard on which the family estate is built is in danger.

The family can't cope with reality; they can't save any money to save the cherry orchard.

"Life is this romantic dream to them. They can drink wine, dance, flirt and play games—do all these leisurely things with total grace, but work is totally foreign to them," Mrs. Cook said.

All of this sounds sad, but there is quite a bit of comedy to the plot, Mrs. Cook said.

It is Chekov's style not to get involved. He was a very detached person; therefore he makes this detachment a part of his play, Mrs. Cook said. He is very different because of this objectivity. He strives for this balance; he does not have a theme or thesis he is trying to sell the audience.

The performance will run until Nov. 5, excluding Sunday. Three tickets are left for opening night.

Good seats are still available for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. Only single seats are left for Nov. 5. All tickets are \$1.50, and reservations can be made at the theater box office.