

Wednesday, June 24, 1959

Summer Players Plan Production

DR. E. GLENDON Gabbard will direct the efforts of the Summer Players in "Deep Are the Roots," a play by Arnaud D'Usseau and James Gow. Tentative performance dates have been set for July 13-15 in the theater of the Fine Arts Center. University students will be admitted free and general admission is 75 cents.

The play will be adapted to a performance in-the-round with the audience seated both in regular seats and on the stage. The cast of "Deep Are the Roots" includes: Nathaniel Brown, New Orleans, La., as Brett Charles; James Sarver, Moweaqua, as Senator Langdon; Greg White, Charleston, as Roy Maxwell; Bob Hodge, Moweaqua, as Howard Merrick; and Sharon Fryer, Lawrenceville, and Mary Hay, Ogden, as the Langdon sisters Alice and Genevra.

In supporting roles are Connie Cogdal, Sullivan; Mrs. Florence Harwood, Charleston; Bob Miller, Rantoul; and Mike Muchmore, Charleston.

D'Usseau and Gow have taken an extremely delicate theme and written it into a play which is at once moving and meaningful, according to Gabbard. "Deep Are the Roots" relates the story of a young colored soldier who returns to the South after World War II to find that his fine contributions to the war effort and his decorations for valor mean very little amidst the prejudices of the "aristocratic" South.