

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA
EVANSVILLE DIVISION

J.A.W., a minor child, by his next,)	
friend Wyatt Squires,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	
)	Cause No. 3:18-cv-37-WTL-MPB
EVANSVILLE VANDERBURGH SCHOOL)	
CORPORATION,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

DEFENDANT’S REPLY BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF ITS MOTION TO DISMISS

Comes now the Defendant, Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation (“EVSC”), by counsel, and files its Reply Brief in Support of Motion to Dismiss.

The Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation (“EVSC”) has moved to dismiss this action on the grounds that Wyatt Squires (“Squires”), alleged “next friend” of J.A.W., lacks standing to pursue this action in that he is not a suitable representative. Admitting that Squires can be challenged as not being a suitable representative – *see T.W. by Enk v. Brophy*, 124 F.3d 893, 895 (7th Cir. 1997); *Garrick v. Weaver*, 888 F.2d 687, 693 (10th Cir. 1989), Plaintiff’s counsel first parses standing vs. capacity, next wrongly asserts that a “next friend” is not required, and finally reaches the merits by asserting that Squires is appropriate without credibly accounting for J.A.W.’s parents’ absence here.

The following points and principles are indisputable and dispositive:

1. “To maintain a suit in Federal Court, a child or mental incompetent must be represented by a competent adult.” *T.W.*, 124 F.3d at 895, and cases cited therein; Rule 17(c), Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

2. “. . . the next friend must be an appropriate alter ego for a plaintiff who is not able to litigate in his own right; that ordinarily the eligibles will be confined to the plaintiff’s parents, older siblings (if there are no parents), or a conservator or other guardian, akin to a trustee.” *T.W.*, 124 F.3d at 897. (Emphasis added).

3. “. . . that persons having only an ideological stake in the child’s case are never eligible; . . .” *T.W.*, 124 F.3d at 897. (Emphasis added).

4. Wyatt Squires is a self-described “Tri-State Transgender Advocate & Educator” who hosts a “Transgender Support Group” for support and discussion of issues relating to gender. See <http://www.tsagl.org/newsletter-archives/2018-04.pdf>, pp. 4 and 13 (Exhibit A).

5. “To entitle a stranger to bring a suit on behalf of children or other legal incompetents on the basis of blunderbuss allegations in a complaint is too facile a circumvention of the ordinary limitations on standing.” *T.W.*, 124 F.3d at 897. (Emphasis added).

J.A.W.’s mother (or parents, or siblings, or relatives) cannot be “thrust aside by ideologues” – more than “an interest” in the subject matter of the suit is required. There must exist a significant relationship with the minor. *T.W.*, 124 F.3d at 897; *Whitmore v. Arkansas*, 495 US 149, 164 (1990). The Seventh Circuit has explicitly explained the fear of school corporations whose children could serve as stand-ins for all manner of “causes” and political policy concerns (e.g., abortion, gun control, immigration), subjecting the educational institutions to a flood of litigation:

Without such a rule, and specifically its exclusion of purely ideological “friends”, we may find [Mr. Squires] popping up in children’s suits all over the circuit, perhaps all over the country.

124 F.3d at 897.

Plaintiff’s counsel has submitted a “Declaration of J.A.W.” filled with hearsay and conclusions which attempts to account for why J.A.W.’s parents/siblings/relatives have not instituted this action on J.A.W.’s behalf. There being no declaration or affidavit from J.A.W.’s relatives, we have but a bare assertion that J.A.W.’s mother “does not want to be involved in any other court proceedings at this point”!

J.A.W.’s natural guardians under Indiana law (see I.C. 29-3-3-3 relative to parental rights) have declined to institute this action or deemed it unnecessary to protect their child’s best interests. There has been no showing that the minor’s presumed legal representative has interests which may conflict with those of J.A.W. Thus, Squires “has no standing to sue” under the first sentence of Rule 17(c).” *Developmental Disabilities Advocacy Center v. Melton, et al.*, 689 F.2d 281 at 285 (1st Cir. 1982).

Finally, Plaintiff’s counsel invites the Court to “appoint a representative as authorized by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 17(c)(2).” However, this rule specifically authorizes appointment only where there is no general guardian or “duly appointed representative.” J.A.W. has a mother (guardian) and there is no showing that Plaintiff’s counsel has sought to obtain a “duly appointed representative.”

The decision as to whether or not to appoint a special representative rests within the sound discretion of the District Court. 3A Moore’s Federal Practice 17.26 at 17-280. Here, a “female-to-male transgender individual” and self-styled “transgender advocate and educator” seeks to bring a “cause” suit on behalf of a minor whose mother has refused to participate in the

litigation. This Court should decline to recognize Squires as an appropriate “next friend.” Without a suitable representative, the Court may not determine the merits of J.A.W.’s alleged claims. *Berrios v. New York City Housing Authority*, 564 F.3d 130, 134 (2d Cir. 2009). This action should be dismissed.

Conclusion

Based upon the foregoing, this action should be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

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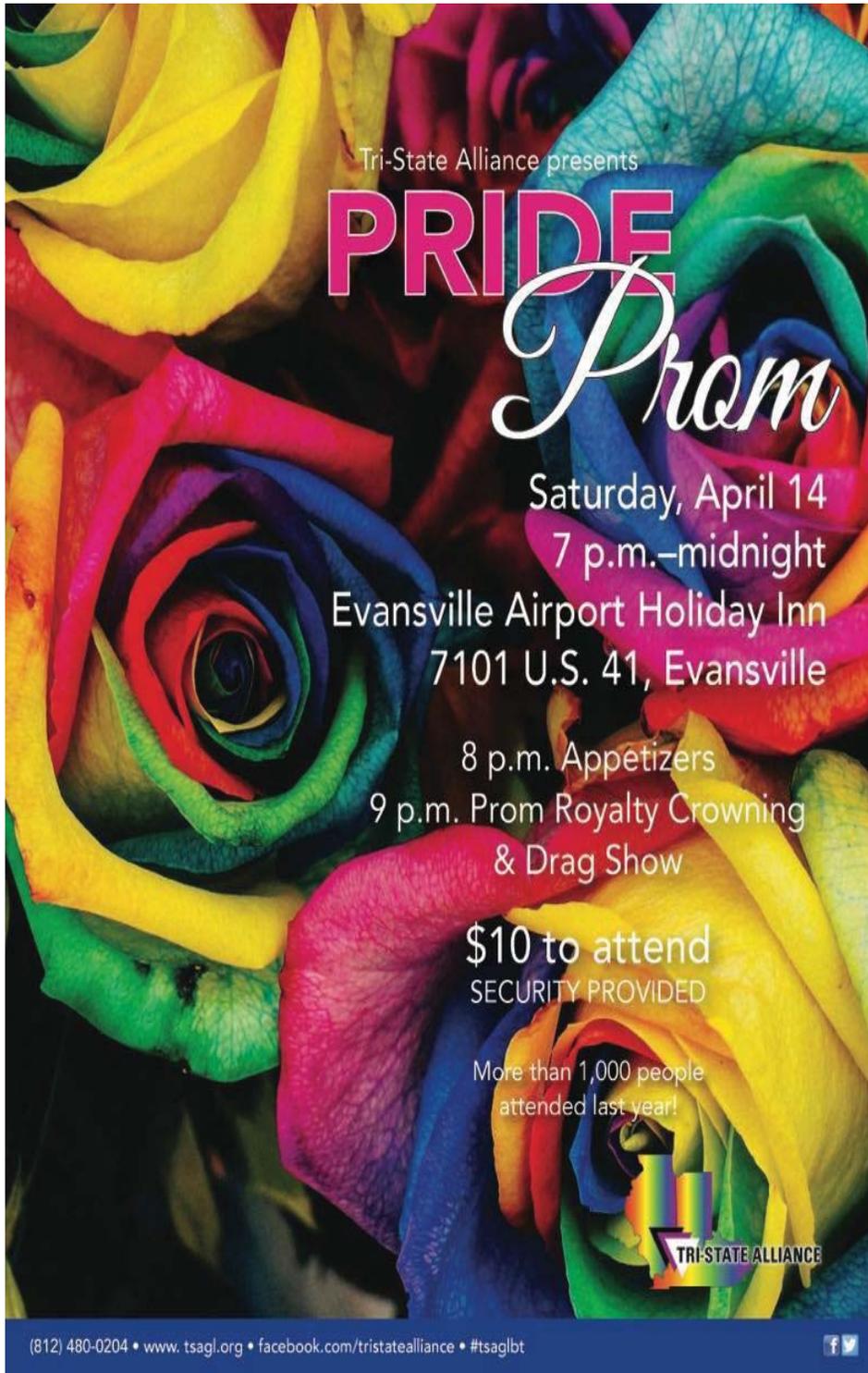
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April 2018

Volume 36 Issue 4

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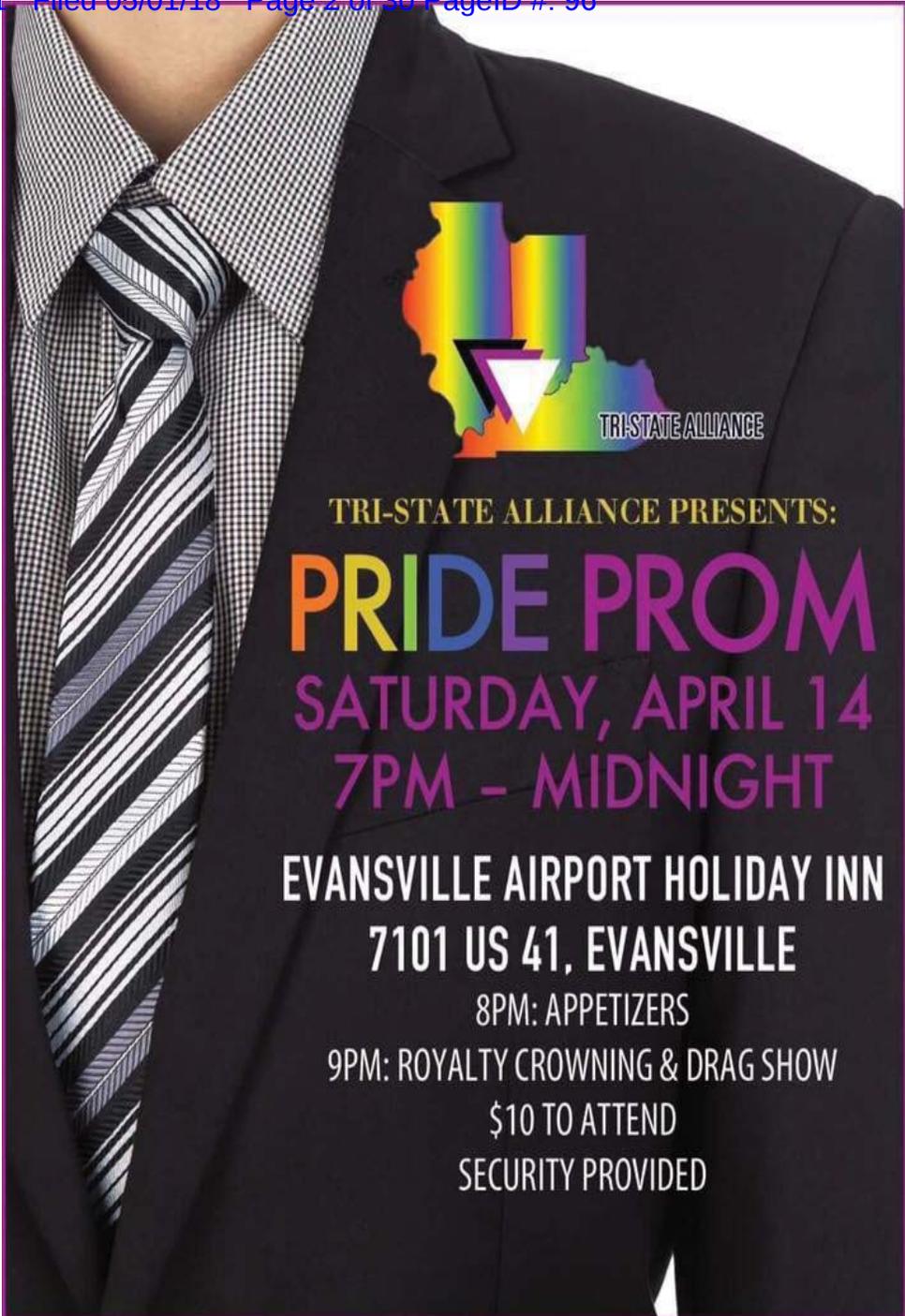


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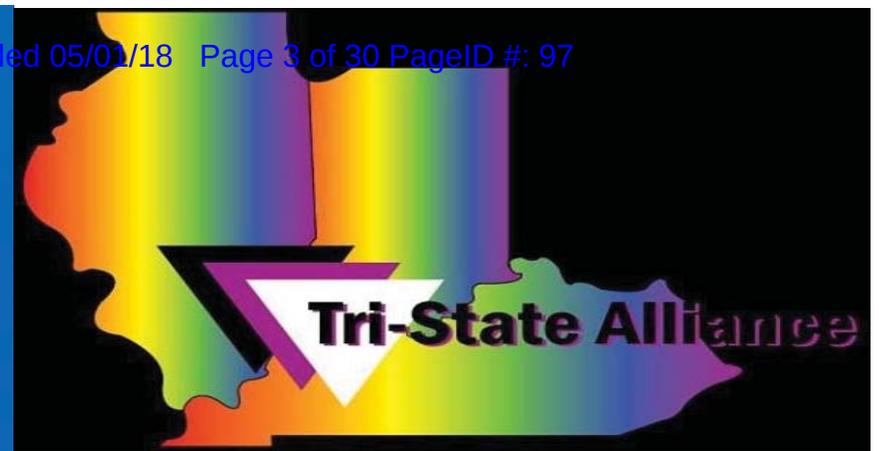


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The group is only open to those individuals, but is open to friends, family members and allies on the third week of the month.

The group is hosted by Wyatt Squires who works as a reporter in Warrick County. Wyatt works for The Standard in Boonville and covers sports across the county. He is a female-to-male transgender individual who is openly out at work and in the community.

For more information, contact Wyatt at jesnicsquires@gmail.com or on Facebook under Wyatt Squires.

When: Sundays at 2 p.m.

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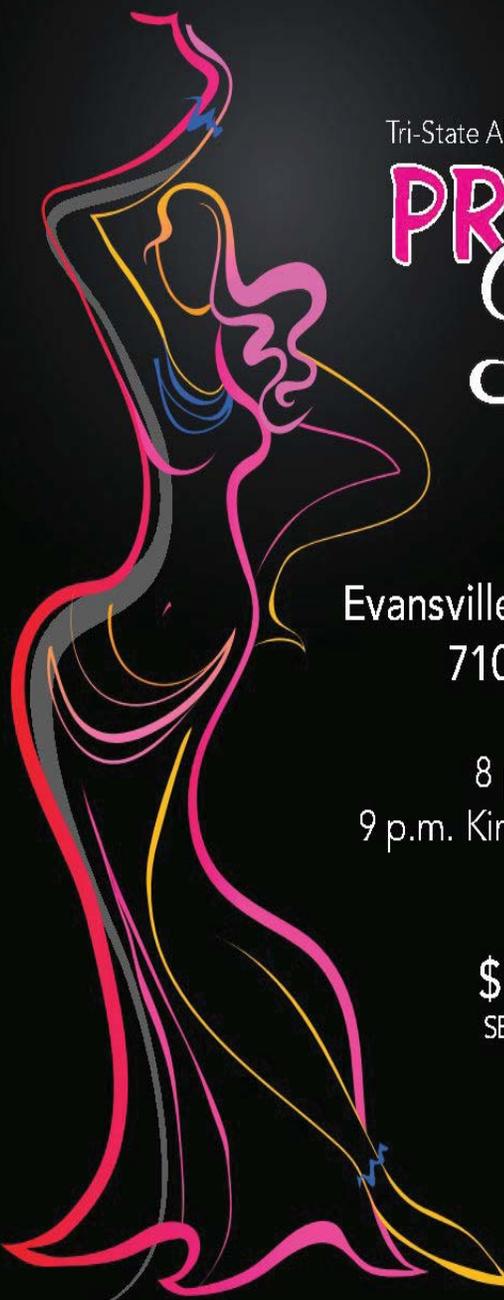
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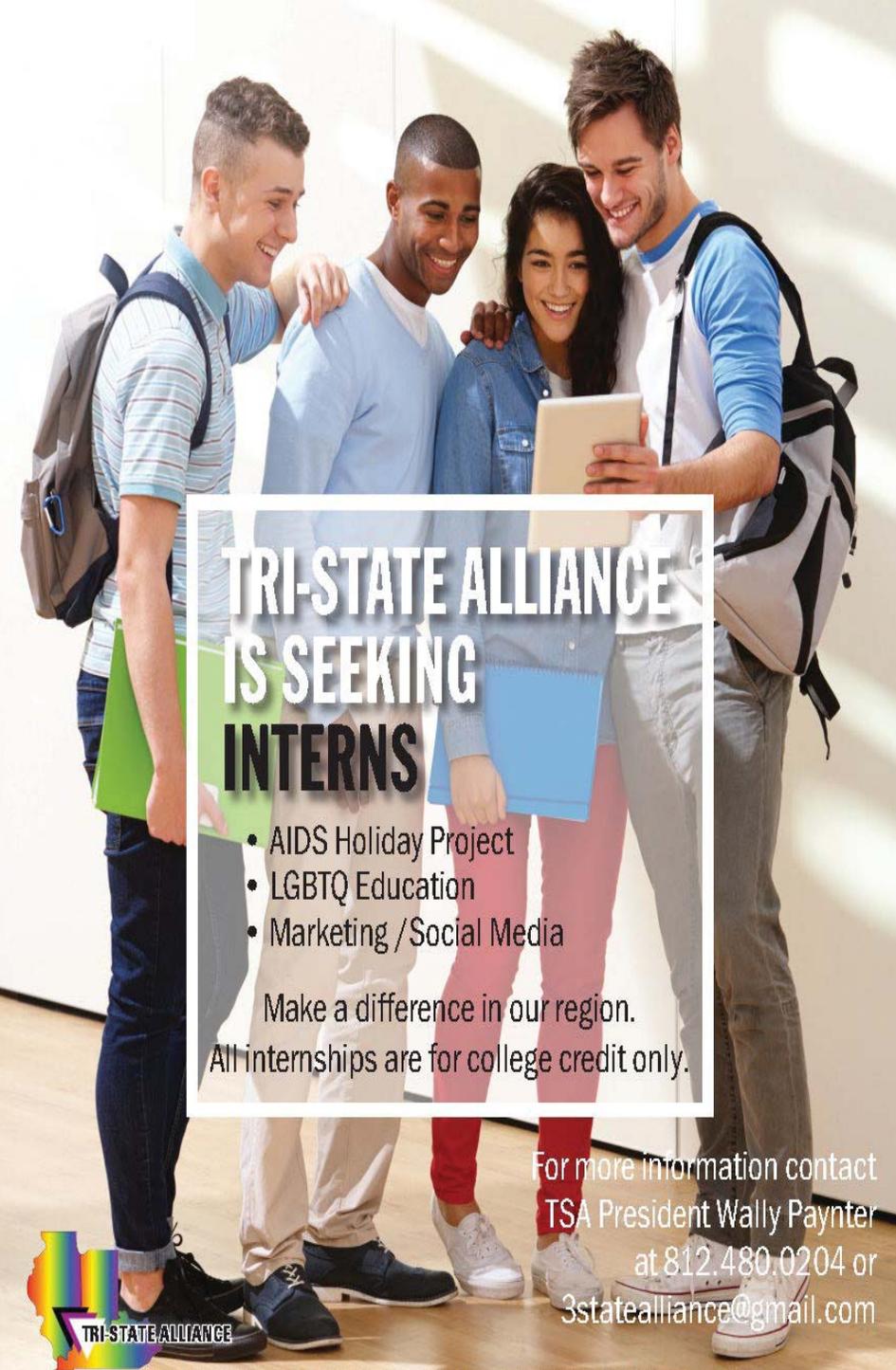
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April 9-12

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This Semester's Events

Monday, April 9

What: **The Murder of Emmet Till, documentary**

When: Morning Showings: 8-9:30, 9:30-11, 11-12:30

Afternoon Showings: 12:30-2, & 2-3:30

Where: LRC (Library), Room 131, Ina

This PBS documentary explores how Emmet Till's murder was one of the sparks that ignited the civil rights movement (60 mins).

Tuesday, April 10

What: **James Baldwin: I am Not Your Negro, documentary**

(2016 Best Documentary Nominee)

When: 12:30-2:00, Tuesday

Where: Pat Kern Private Dining Area (PDA), Student Center, Ina

This film explores black history through the filter of James Baldwin's unfinished novel Remember This House (90 mins).

Wednesday, April 11

What: **Panel & International Film: Living on One Dollar**

When: 11:55 AM - 1:15 PM

Where: RLC Theatre, Ina

Before the film, learn about RLC's study abroad program with a panel of those who have participated in it. After the film, there will be a brief Q & A.

Thursday, April 12

What: **Guest Speaker Chip Loghry from the Rainbow Café**

When: 1-2 PM

Where: Culinary Arts Dining Room, Student Center

Loghry will discuss the difference between sex, gender, orientation, and identity.



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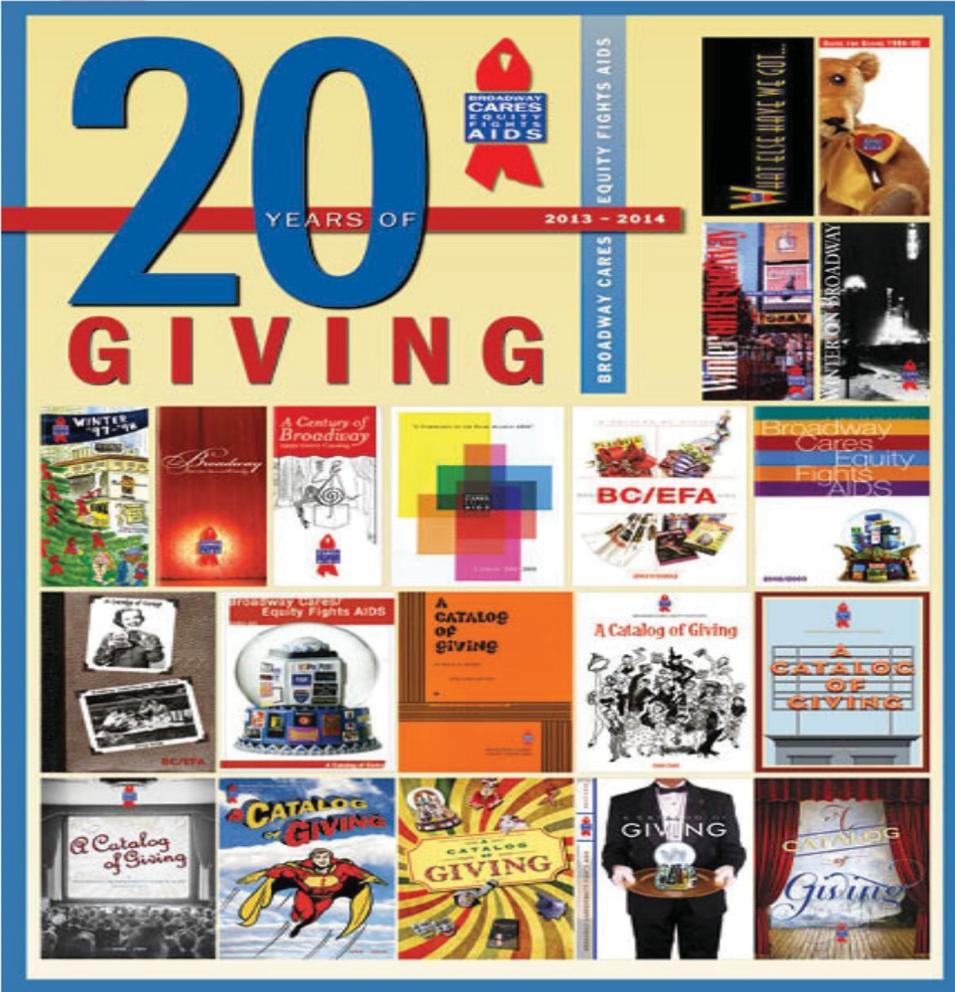
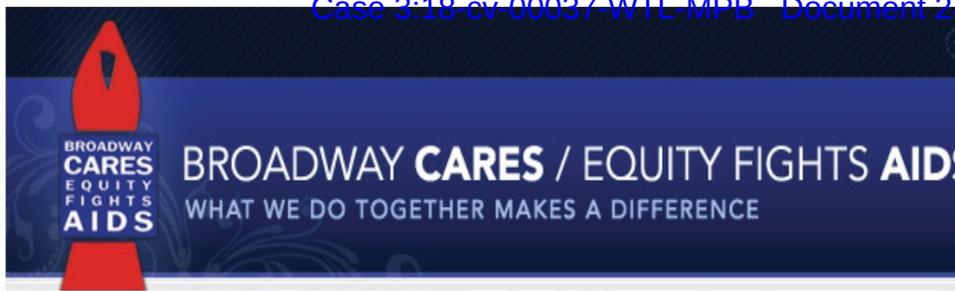
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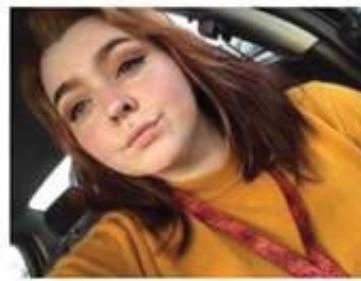
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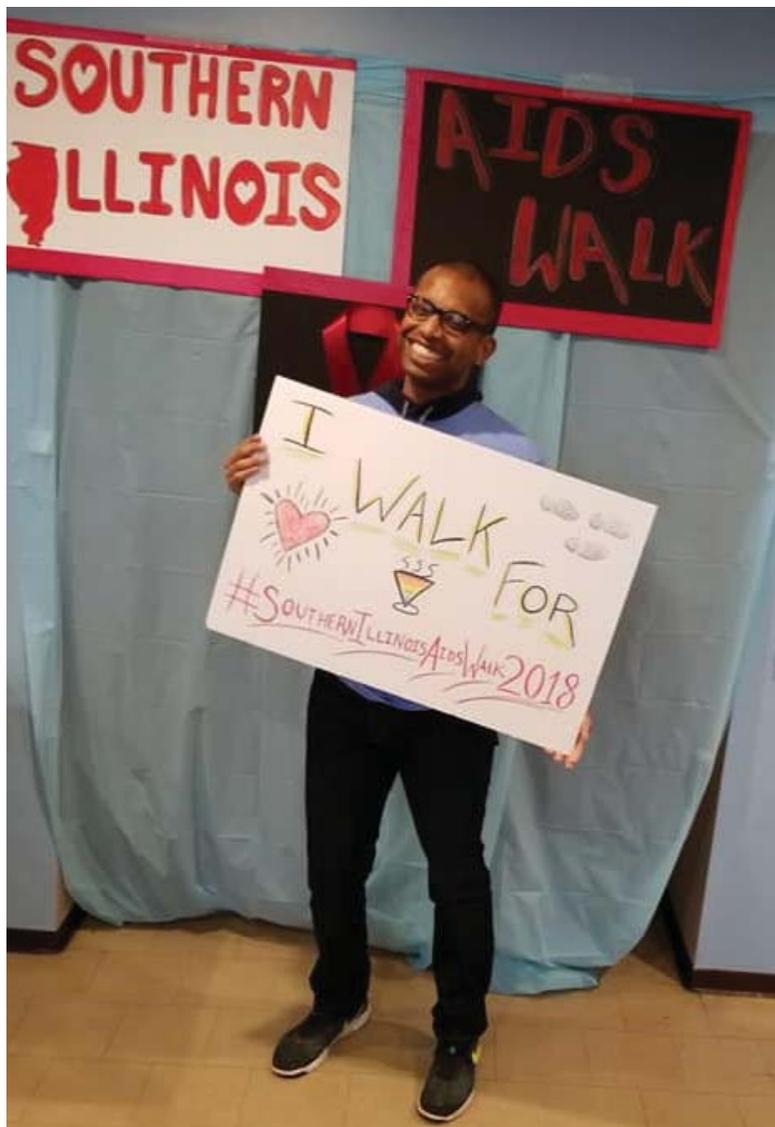
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'Love, Simon' is an important movie

By Marisa Patwa, Staff Writer, The Warrick County Standard



The only time I can remember crying during a movie is when I was watching Drew Barrymore wait for her unrequited love to come and give her her first kiss on the baseball field in "Never Been Kissed." It was the moment she drops the microphone, thinking he isn't going to show up.

But then I watched "Love, Simon" this weekend -- the first teen movie featuring a gay protagonist character that was backed by a major studio, 20th Century Fox. To be honest, "Love, Simon" wasn't on the top of my list of movies to watch at the theater, especially when I still haven't gotten to watch "Black Panther" or "Annihilation."

I was just going to eventually watch it on Netflix or rent it off of Redbox one rainy day. But my openly-lesbian sister Breana asked me several times to go and see "Love, Simon" because of how important it was to her. She had already seen it two times since it came out on March 16.

"Love, Simon" is based off of the book "Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda" by Becky Albertalli and follows the story of closeted gay 17-year-old Simon Spier. In the movie, Spier ends up in an email exchange with another closeted gay kid at school after that kid posts anonymously as "Blue" on a school forum about his sexuality.

Simon emails him back as Jaques, saying how he relates to him as a fellow closeted-gay kid. Simon then ends up getting blackmailed by a straight, piece of trash kid who finds the emails and tells him that he will release them to the whole school and out him unless he helps him get with his friend Abby. Simon then ends up messing with his own friends' love lives in order to hide his own truth, and as you can imagine, things spiral from there.

Like I said, I never cry during movies -- or at least I only do when I think Drew Barrymore is getting stood up -- but I cried a whooping five times while watching "Love, Simon." I completely surprised myself, but I realized that I was so emotional because I felt so angry and hurt by the idea of someone outing my sister like that back in high school when she was still closeted.

In fact, there is this amazing scene in the movie where Simon has a fantasy about just pretending to be straight for the rest of high school and then coming out and being as gay as possible in college. I turned to my sister during that montage and said, "That is literally you."

We both laughed because my sister did come out in college and has only grown more into her skin and let her rainbow flag fly even more since then.

But I think the reason I cried the most was because I was so happy that for my sister, and the millions of other LGBTQ young adults out there.

Now, there's finally a movie starring someone they could relate to. And I know that for a fact, based off the constant cheers the movie got at the crowded theater on a Sunday afternoon and the standing ovation it got once it was over.

I had never been in a theater before where I could really feel the impact the film had on my fellow movie goers -- unless you count the visceral grunts of the dozens of soccer moms when Taylor Lautner took his shirt off during the screening of "Twilight: New Moon" back in 2010.

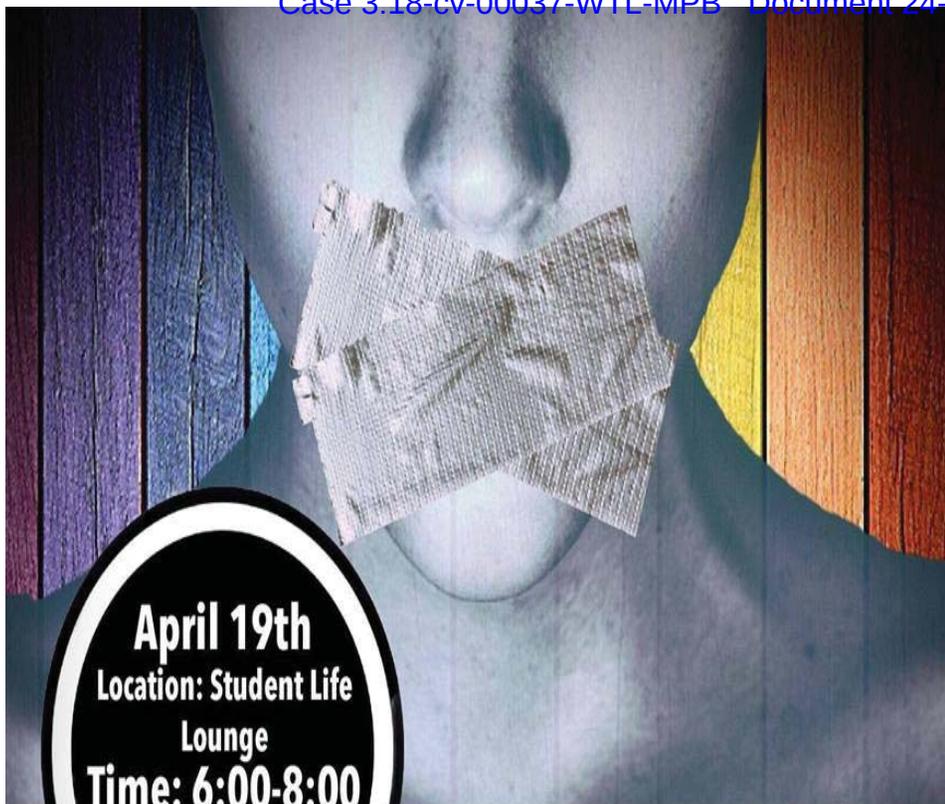
But I could tell that for the parents and kids in the audience, watching "Love, Simon" with my sister, mom and I, that this movie meant more to them than I could ever understand. And that's OK.

I understood and loved the movie, but it wasn't meant for me. It was meant for those kids in the theater sobbing as Simon finally works up the nerve to tell his parents he is gay on Christmas morning. It was meant for you, Breana.

But there's a similar scene in this movie like the one I described before in "Never Been Kissed," where Simon is waiting on a Ferris wheel at the fair for "Blue" to reveal himself. I won't spoil the ending, but let me say that as a straight person who felt empathy for Drew Barrymore, I felt just as much for Nick Robinson as Simon.

It didn't matter that the story was about a homosexual couple or a heterosexual couple. It was just about two people falling in love, trying to find their way to each other.

"Love, Simon" was a truly beautiful movie about a normal boy who just happens to love another boy and I hope that one day soon I can take my beautiful and courageous sister to go watch a movie in theaters about a girl who just happens to love another girl.



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A Critical Screening and Panel Discussion

*Facilitated by Graduate Intern of the LGBTQ Center,
Candice Sewell*

Date: April 26, 2018

Time: 5:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m.

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March 2, 2018

Wally Paynter
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Dear Wally,

Thank you for contacting me regarding the status of hate crimes in Indiana. I value your views, and your input helps me to better represent the people of Evansville in the Indiana General Assembly.

As you may know, there has been a rise in hate and bias crimes reported in Indiana and other states in the past several years. Although there have been many attempts to pass legislation that would address this important issue, Indiana currently remains one of only five states that does not protect victims of hate crimes.

I support protecting victims of hate and bias crimes. There were several pieces of legislation proposed to the 2018 General Assembly addressing hate and bias crimes. Senate Bill 418: Bias Motivated Crimes, would have allowed judges to impose tougher sentences for crimes motivated by factors such as race, religion, sex, gender identity and sexual orientation. The bill was assigned to the Senate Corrections and Criminal Law committee but unfortunately did not receive a vote. House Democrats proposed an amendment to House Bill 1006 adding a sentencing enhancement to hate and bias crimes, however it was denied a vote by House Republicans. I will continue to follow hate and bias crimes legislation carefully and should I have the opportunity to vote on a bill, I will certainly keep your thoughts in mind.

Thank you again for contacting me about this important issue. Please do not hesitate to write, call or email me again to share your views or if I can ever be of assistance. You can also receive updates on what is happening in the Statehouse and in Evansville by signing up for my e-newsletter. If you would like to receive these updates or learn more about my work in the Indiana General Assembly, please visit my website at <http://in.gov/h77>.

Sincerely,

Ryan D. Hatfield
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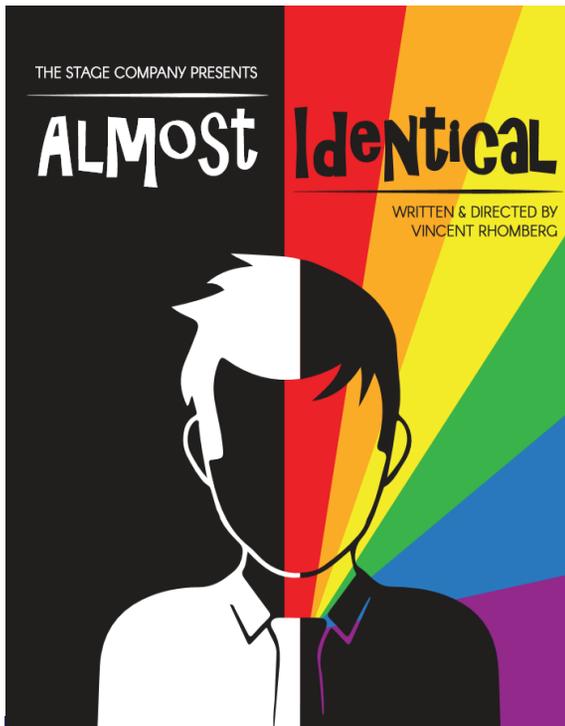
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Dear friends,

The TSA Youth Group continues to meet the needs of LGBTQ middle and high school students, and their straight-supportive friends. We meet EVERY week at 7pm at the TSA Offices.

For us to continue to meet their needs, we need donations. \$25 can purchase soft drinks and water for a meeting, \$50-\$75 can purchase food for a week, \$100-\$250 can fund a special event like our April 28 trip to the movies or our Sunday, April 22 trip to Carbondale to see an LGBTQ Play. We can only meet their needs with YOUR support!

Please consider sending a check today to TSA Youth Group, 501 John Street Suite 5, Evansville, IN 47713 OR donate online at TSAGL.org/Donations.html

THANKS!

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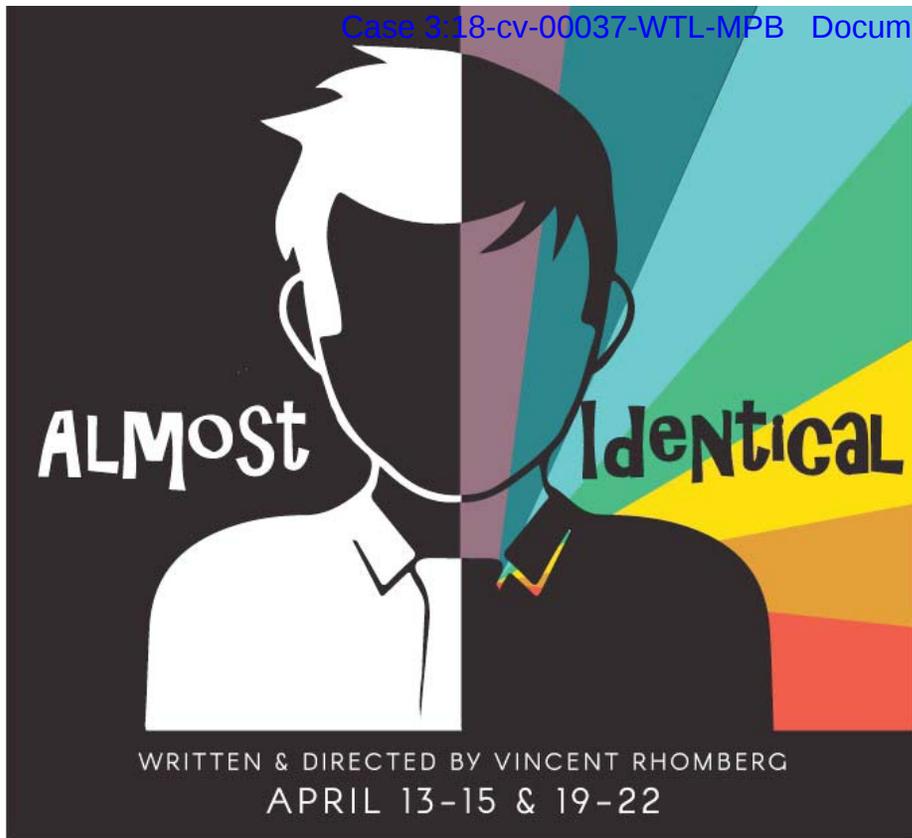
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A funny and fast-moving farce tells the story of twins, one gay and one straight, who accidentally begin to inhabit each other's lives, a development that builds a hilarious house of cards-a house that comes crashing down on all involved. "There's something queer in the family!" Performance dates: April 13-15 and 19-22 Showtimes: Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays-7:30 p.m.; Sundays-2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 adults, \$8 students. However, all tickets are only \$7 on Thursday April 19. The box office will be open from 5-7 p.m. April 9-14 and at 1 p.m. on April 15. The box office will again be open from 5-7 p.m. April 18-21 and at 1 p.m. on April 22. Call (618) 549-5466 to purchase tickets. Also, you can buy tickets any time by visiting <https://stagecompany.org/>

About the writer and director: Vincent Rhomberg is probably best known in the area for his time as the Coordinator of Marketing for the Southern Illinois University-Carbondale Department of Theater and the McLeod Summer Playhouse, but his career spans many years. He has directed, produced and/or written nearly

300 productions, ranging from Shakespeare to new works, for theaters including Off-Broadway, regional and summer stock companies. For the Stage Company he has appeared in several productions and directed others, including *Nickel and Dimed*, *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, and *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf*. "I love working here," said Rhomberg recently. "The people in this area are some of the kindest and most caring I've met on my journey." His experience in business and administration is nearly as wide-ranging as his production vita. He was a professional dancer, an administrator for a prominent New York City law firm, a project manager for real estate development companies, the general partner for various entertainment ventures, the executive director for a not-for-profit professional theater in Florida (the Public Theater of South Florida in Fort Lauderdale), and the strategic business planner for an art center in the United Kingdom. Add that to a canon of penned work, some 45 plays, 10 musicals and 2 opera attempts, and you've got a busy career. As to the future: "That is always unknown," Rhomberg says. "I am looking forward to more opportunity to fulfill my dreams, meet great people, like the ones here, and to experience love in an ever expanding and joyous appreciation." Mr. Rhomberg holds the Master of Fine Arts degree from SIUC.

Cast: Paul/Peter Gemini - Jeremy Osinga, Bobby - David Waters, Antonia Valencia - Tricia Burns, Christopher Wright - Seth Stearns.
The Assistant Director is Jim Lambert and the Stage Manager is Jodie Salazar.

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In new play, twins learn self-acceptance after switching places

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The Stage Company is coming out. That's what Vincent Rhomberg, the director of the Stage Company's next production, says about the debut of his play, "Almost Identical," at The Varsity Center next week. It's the first play in recent memory that the local community theater outfit will produce with a gay central character. (There have been gay characters in Stage Company productions before, but they've never been a protagonist.)

It's a comedy — a fast-paced farce — that tells the story of twins, one gay and one straight, who through a series of hilarious mix-ups and mishaps, begin to inhabit each other's lives. And, in the process, they learn to accept and understand themselves and each other.

After Paul, a struggling artist who identifies as gay, mismanages a bit of his family's trust money, his identical twin, Peter, a womanizer who's enjoyed financial success, blackmails him into pretending to be Peter so as not to arouse his fiancée's suspicion while he's spending time with a saucy stewardess.

Complications abound, crescendoing at a family dinner marked by miscommunications and missed connections.

"Under the comedy of it — and I hope it's funny — there's that sense of finding — what they find in the play is a way to accept themselves and each other," Rhomberg says. "Both brothers have a similar journey but they get their rewards."

Rhomberg, a former Carbondale resident who worked for Southern Illinois University for 12 years and is a longtime member of the Stage Company, also wrote the play. He got the idea from a friend of his, a fellow playwright, who he says struggled with his own identity and self-acceptance issues before he was diagnosed with schizophrenia and disappeared in the late 1990s.

Before his friend disappeared — "in that process of his decision to escape from life," as Rhomberg puts it — he asked his friend if he could purchase rights to the idea and write the play himself. "I liked the sexuality issue and how that plays into their characters and the way their lives have been," Rhomberg says.

To this day, the agreement the two drew up for Rhomberg to purchase the rights sits at home in his jewelry box, "a treasured memento" of his dear friend.

"I had a funny thing that he would hear about (the production) and show up and make a scene," Rhomberg jokes.

The production of "Almost Identical" isn't just momentous to the Stage Company because it's the first show to feature a gay central character. It's important to Rhomberg because it's also not a tragedy. "A gay play should not always be people that are dying of AIDS, or victims that are being thrown up on fences and beaten," he says. "There has to be room for positive views of life ... You should be able to have a gay character that is traveling through a journey through life and is able to find success and happiness, and not die in the end."

Writing and directing the play has come with its own set of challenges. For one, the twins are played by one actor, Jeremy Osinga.

"Typically when there's a conflict, the climactic scene is a confrontation of the two opposing forces," Rhomberg says. It's been a challenge to make that happen when the two opposing forces — in this case, the twin brothers — are never on stage at the same time. And so, less than three weeks before the premiere, Rhomberg and his cast and crew were working out the kinks of backstage quick changes and off-stage dialog and sound effects.

"Almost Identical" may focus on themes of sexual identity, but Rhomberg wants people to know there's something for everybody in his production. "Because that universal sense of accepting and finding the ability to love yourself is something that everybody experiences," he says.

"Almost Identical" runs at The Varsity Center April 13 to 15 and April 19 to 22. Thursday, Friday and Saturday showtimes are 7:30 p.m. On Sundays, showtime is 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for students, except on Thursday, April 19, when all tickets are \$7 each. The box office is open from 5 to 7 p.m. April 9 to 14 and April 18 to 21, and at 1 p.m. April 15 and 22. Tickets may also be purchased by calling 618-549-5466 or at stagecompany.org. The Varsity Center is at 418 S. Illinois Ave. in downtown Carbondale.

Editor's Note: The TSA Youth Group will be seeing the final performance of this production.



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