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Brunch-Theater Event to Benefit University Center of Lake County

The value of completing a college education is not subject to debate. However, on Sunday, October 11, a vivid historical debate will make a valuable contribution toward helping local students complete a college education.

And on the Eighth Day: Bryan vs. Darrow, is being staged at the University Center of Lake County's Grayslake facility from October 9 – 11, 2009. This historically accurate account of the 1925 Scopes "monkey" trial has won awards from The Wisconsin Association of Broadcasters and the Wisconsin Bar Association. Proceeds from the Sunday matinee and a noon champagne brunch preceding the 70-minute performance will benefit the University Center Scholarship Fund. Tickets cost \$50 and may be purchased via www.brownpapertickets.com/event/79829.

Written by Salem, Wisconsin residents Steven Brown and Michael Ullstrup, the play returns to the actual trial transcripts to capture the wit and passion of noted orators Clarence Darrow and William Jennings Bryan, while illuminating a period in American culture when scientific advances began to challenge the bedrock of truth that the Bible represented to so many people.

Kenosha-area actor Terry Lawler both directs the production and plays the role of Clarence Darrow. William Jennings Bryan is played by Chicagoan Christopher Leonard. Additional performances are scheduled at 1:30 and 7:30 on October 9 and 10, with tickets ranging from \$12 - \$15.

Playwright Dr. Steven Brown is a longtime supporter of the University Center of Lake County. Currently serving on the Center's Council of Member Institutions, he was a founding Governing Board member.

The University Center is a consortium of 18 Illinois colleges and universities that bring bachelor's completion and graduate degrees, plus professional development programs, to Lake County. Its

Grayslake facility is located at 1200 University Center Drive, on the southeast corner of Washington Street and Lancer Lane.

For more information about the University Center, visit www.ucenter.org or call 847/665-4000. For more information about the play, visit www.8thdayplay.com or call (847) 721-1548 to enquire about group discounts.

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