

## History of the Department

The Department of Theatre offers a wide array of courses of instruction designed to develop students' theoretical as well as practical skills. The departmental facility, the McCoy Theatre, is a sixty by sixty (60' x 60') black box theatre capable of being arranged in a variety of configurations. The 2003-04 season included *The Laramie Project*, *Equus*, and *Big Love*. In the spring of 2005, Rhodes and The University of Memphis collaborated on a production of *Metamorphoses* and for 2005-06 the season consisted of *The Tempest*, *Tongue of a Bird*, and *Ubu Roi*.

In the summer of 2005, construction began on an expansion of the theatre, and the 2006-2007 academic year opened with a facility more than double the size of its original incarnation. The expansion includes a classroom, a costume construction shop, faculty offices, and a second theatre space only slightly smaller than the performance auditorium. This space, dubbed the McCoy Studio, serves as an instructional classroom, a rehearsal hall, and a location for mounting student-run projects.