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International Students Take Lead in Quintessential American Farce

Post Theatrical Players present Neil Simon's epic comedy, *Rumors*

WATERBURY, Conn. (Dec. 9, 2010) – International students Nicole Chen and Qi Wang played lead roles in the Post University Theatrical Players rendition of Neil Simon's *Rumors* on December 1-5. The University's new president, Ronald W. Ogrodnik and his wife, Sherry, also made special guest appearances in this quintessential American farce.

Neil Simon brings his usual humor to *Rumors*, based on a dinner party where four affluent couples gather at the home of Charlie and Myra Brock to celebrate the tenth wedding anniversary of their hosts. The party plans are short-lived, however, when the guests discover that their host has shot himself in the head, and his wife is missing. His lawyer is the first to arrive and learn the news, and attempts to hide what has happened from the other guests to protect him. His cover becomes more and more strained as each couple arrives to the suspicious scene. Hilarity ensues as the friends try frantically to protect their host, deputy mayor of New York, and themselves, by concealing the evening's events from the outside world.

Nicole Chen and Qi Wang, both students from China, played Chris and Ken Gorman. Additional members of the cast included Micai Tucker as Claire Ganz, Kelly Marchand as Lenny Ganz, Tiara Wolf as Cookie Cusack, Raymond DelValle as Ernie Cusack, Vanessa Champagne as Cassie Cooper (Post '10 alumna), and Francis Arevalo as Glenn Cooper. Bob Tansley, the show's director, made an unexpected appearance as Officer Welch at the student show when cast member Barry Zucker became ill. Zucker

played Officer Welch for the next three showings. University President Ronald Ogrodnik and his wife Sherry played Officers Pudney and Welch at the Dec. 5 show. Additionally, various faculty and staff alternately played the role of Officer Pudney for each show: Dean Erica Kluge (Dec. 1), Dr. James Nardozzi (Dec. 3), and Krystal Sevivas (Dec. 4).

Under the direction of Bob Tansley, Post University's Director of Security, The Post University Theatrical Players have built a solid reputation for putting on outstanding productions complete with sophisticated sets. The University makes a special effort to include members of its international student population in its productions, offering them a unique opportunity to get more involved in on-campus activities, and improve their English and public speaking skills at the same time.

Founded in 1890 and located in Waterbury, Connecticut, Post University is a student-focused, career-driven university that offers a wide array of degree programs for on-campus and online students of all ages. It is known for its quality, career-driven academic programs, small classes, and competitive NCAA Division II athletics. Its more than 6,000 full- and part-time students come from the United States and abroad, and are supported by faculty whose mission is to prepare students to compete and succeed in today's global workplace. To learn more about Post University, visit www.Post.edu or call 800-345-2562.