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## Arguments Here Dec. 16

### Leading C Drama



Dustin Parks, a 1995 graduate of Brady High School, is currently featured in the Angelo State University Drama Department's latest production, the American premiere of Helen Edmundson's *"The Mill on the Floss."*

Parks, 19, the son of Joe and Caroline Parks of Brady, is a drama major currently in his sophomore year at ASU, and has been active in the drama department since his arrival last year. He was most recently seen in two student-directed productions from last season, as Taylor in "K2" and as Samuel in *"Leavin' Cheyenne,"* also appearing as Diego, in the mainstage *"The Royal Hunt of the Sun,"* in addition to his extensive technical work.

The ASU production of *The Mill on the Floss* will mark the first time the show has ever been performed in the United States.

An adaptation of George Eliot's semi-autobiographical novel of the same name, the show was penned in 1944 by British Playwright Edmundson, and originally performed as a "work in progress" by London's Shared Experience Theatre Company, who successfully toured the production throughout Britain, Europe and India—but never reached the shores of North America.

Parks said, "It would be worth their while for everyone from Brady to drive an hour to see the show."

In the show, Parks portrays two characters, in addition to supervising construction of the set. He first appears as Bob Jakin, a longtime family friend of the play's central character, Maggie Tulliver (a rebellious and unconventional young woman who struggles to find happiness and fulfillment amid the restrictive attitudes and behavioral conventions of the Victorian Era in England) who emerges as one of her most unlikely champions as she falls upon hard times. Later he appears as an old Gypsy man who accosts Maggie as she flees from home.

The show will run Wednesday, Nov. 20 through Tuesday, Nov. 26 in ASU's Modular Theatre located on the first floor of the Robert and Nona Carr Education and Fine Arts Building. Performances will begin nightly at 8 p. m., with a matinee scheduled

### Angelo Dispute May Set New Water Laws

A tentative date has been set for the Hickory Underground water discussion, and it will be held in Brady Dec. 16, if all goes well.

Judge James Meyer, representatives from Brady, San Angelo, and the Hickory Underground Water District will meet in the third session of their mediation plan.

According to the story Monday in the San Angelo Standard-Times "battle lines are forming in a statewide water war that threatens to pit Texan Against Texan as officials debate who can claim ownership to one of the state's most precious natural resources."

San Angelo was thrown in the battle when water district officials limited the amount of water that San Angelo could draw from the Hickory Aquifer and fights started over taking water from the Concho River.

Since the argument has started state officials have begun to work on new legislation designed to help end the growing threat of water wars. Officials said the threat is increasing because of the swelling populations and on-going drought that has caused water demands to skyrocket.

Mike Haley, a spokesman for Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, noted that "nothing is more critical to the state's future than water."

Bullock's office is working on possible legislation with representatives of House Speaker Pete Laney and Gov. George W. Bush as well as state officials from the Texas Natural Resources Committee.

Last week the head of the commission called for a sweeping overhaul of state water laws including changes in the way ground water is allocated, clearer rules on inner

basin water transfers, and increased monitoring and enforcement of surface rights.

Under big issues facing lawmakers are "right of capture monitoring and enforcement of surface water rights and transfer of water between river basins."

Right of capture, which lets landowners pump unlimited amounts of water beneath his or her land, became a hot issue throughout the state because of pumping from various underground aquifers.

Earlier this year, San Angelo officials applied for a permit to pump 15,000 acre feet of water each year from the Hickory Aquifer. But in March water district officials said San Angelo could pump only 2,750 acre feet annually from the aquifer.

That would meet San Angelo's water needs for about 50 days during a severe drought.

Attorneys with the City of San Angelo filed a lawsuit alleging San Angelo was being denied water rights already bought and paid for.

Brady officials have steadfastly opposed San Angelo's pumping water from the aquifer without strict restrictions to limit amount of water that can be pumped.

The aquifer is the primary source of water for Brady and other communities in this area, and San Angelo has paid for the water rights on the 37,000 acres of land and has nine water wells drilled, none of which currently pumps water.

It is hoped by city and water officials that the Dec. 16 meeting planned in Brady will help overcome some of the questions and demands that have been brought about by the City of San Angelo.

### Clerk Dies

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She was a long-time active member of the Central Baptist Church in Brady. When she moved to Austin to be with her daughter, Petreta Watson and her husband, Jack in October, 1980 she became a member of the Bethel Assembly of God Church and the Women's Ministries. She lived there until her death.

Survivors include her three daughters and their husbands, Petreta and Watson of Austin, Mary and

