

Play is real-life tale of bravery during WWII

Facing down evil is one thing, but doing so with humor and intellectual depth is another.

Middle and high school students are encouraged to learn some history and something about humanity in a free performance of "First Of All I Am A Human Being" on Feb. 16, 2 p.m., at Marygrove College Theater.

The play, sponsored by the Piast Institute (located in Hamtramck) and the University of Detroit-Mercy, is based on the prison letters of Krystyna Wituska and adapted for the stage by Irene Tomaszewski.

"First of All ..." tells the brave and poignant story of a young Polish woman sen-

tenced to death by the Nazis for underground activities during World War II. While she awaits her sentencing and fate she carries on a secret uncensored correspondence with a German girl that is by turns funny and profound.

A lighthearted, even frivolous, young girl matures into a serious and determined woman ready to sacrifice her life for her country and for her ideals of human brotherhood.

For tickets, call the Piast Institute at (313) 664-0321. The theater is located in the Marygrove Liberal Arts Building inside the campus at 8425 W. McNichols.