

Basketball actor discusses future career in filming

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Hector Bloom is a star player on the college basketball team, the Ohio Leopards.

Bill Tepper plays the part of Bloom in the movie, "Drive, He Said," currently being filmed on campus.

Monday afternoon Tepper was going over lines for a scene to be filmed that day in the men's locker room below McArthur Court. While cameramen, the production crew and other actors were pausing to rest between film shootings, Tepper spared a few minutes to discuss his film-making career.

"I like to portray a character who is in the midst of an important change in his life," he said of his present and future roles in films. "Change and life are the same thing to me."

"Drive, He Said" is his first major effort as an actor and he feels it has been successful so far. Tepper commented, "I would do it for free."

Tepper is pleased with the character he plays: Hector Bloom. However, he does have reservations about the name Hector. "I sure wouldn't name my son Hector," he commented.

The 21-year-old actor said he was chosen for the Bloom part mainly because of his "certain brand of Jewishness." He stated tryouts for the part lasted two

months and that many people contended for it.

Tepper added that filming his part takes a great deal of concentration, saying that sometimes "it gets me a little upset."

Regarding the filming of large crowd scenes in McArthur Court last week, Tepper said he had no problems, except for the final day. Because he had fallen down and hurt his hip the previous day, he "had a little trouble running" during Saturday's session.

Tepper liked the "funky" nature of McArthur Court and added that the auditorium was good for the film because it didn't look modern.

He emphasized that most of his experience in basketball has come from "just playing it as a kid." He also played high school basketball for Fairfax High School in Los Angeles, Calif.

In summing up his character, Tepper mused, "I've been trying to make Hector bloom."

As for his future, the bushy-haired Tepper said he would like to become a film artist including screenwriting and directing, as well as acting.

"I'd like to play a midget sometime," Tepper speculated. He said this would be possible through the use of mirrors in filming. "It would be very taxing on me and I would be very proud if it was done successfully," he added.

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Blank stares, turned heads, refusals to take the money offered and comments like, "Is this a women's liberation thing?" greeted the painted students.

Back in the classroom, Miller and the class analyzed the incident, concluding that a loud speaker and more theatrical effects would have allowed more audience control and participation.

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