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Truffaldino (Charlie Kimball, middle) tries to stop his two masters (John Sanders and Kaitlin Olson) from punishing him.

Play to revive commedia dell' arte

'The Servant of Two Masters' will bring physical comedy to Robinson Theatre

By Nicole Krueger
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Good physical comedies are becoming rare as people often turn to the theater for catharsis and social commentary rather than a good laugh.

But *The Servant of Two Masters*, the Robinson Theatre's latest production, aims to remedy this by reviving commedia dell' arte, an Italian comedy performance style popular in the mid-1500s. This style is characterized by word play, sight gags and other comic clichés that have evoked laughter for centuries.

The Servant of Two Masters, directed by Kirk Boyd of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, will bring commedia dell' arte to campus at 8 p.m. today, with additional performances Nov. 9, 14-16 and 22-23. According to Boyd, the production "will

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University professor to conduct booksigning

University Professor Steven Shankman will be available for a book-signing Nov. 11 at the University Bookstore.

Shankman, a professor of English and classics, will sign copies of Homer's *Iliad*, which he edited, from 4 to 5 p.m.

Shankman has written a book, *In Search of the Classic*, and is the editor of *Plato and Postmodernism*.



The Beer Facts

Before your next mug, glass or bottle, take some time to learn about this age-old beverage

By Steven Asbury
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Each year, more than 30 gallons of beer per person are consumed by Americans 18 and older, according to the Statistical Abstracts of the United States.

In Oregon, the boom of the microbrew industry has opened the door for many to try new types of beer. But before heading off to get samples, inform yourself about this strange brew.

SOME DEFINITIONS

- **Malt:** The basic raw material of brewing.
- **Malted Grain:** Grain that has been soaked in water and allowed to sprout.
- **Mash:** The substance that is created when water is simmered with a malted grain.
- **Wort:** The amber color liquid that is drained from the mash.
- **Hops:** Flower blossoms used to flavor beer. The amount and type of hops determine a beer's bitterness.
- **Fermentation:** The process by which yeast breaks down sugars into alcohol and carbon dioxide.

LAGERS AND ALES

There are two main types of beer: lager and ale.

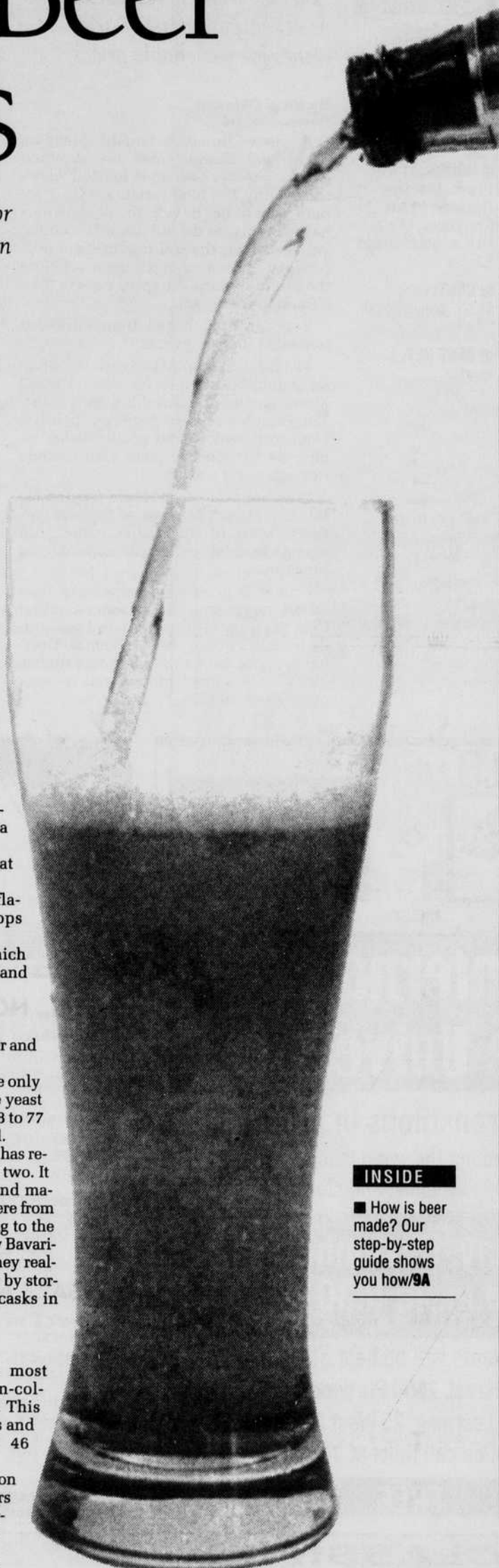
Ale is the older of the two and was the only type of beer available for centuries. Ale yeast ferments at warm temperatures, from 58 to 77 degrees and rises to the top of the vessel.

Lager is a bottom-fermented beer and has recently become the more popular of the two. It is fermented at cooler temperatures and matures for a longer period of time: anywhere from three weeks to three months. According to the *World Guide to Beer*, it was invented by Bavarian Monks about 500 years ago when they realized they could produce a clearer brew by storing it during the summer in wooden casks in cold caves.

LAGERS

- **Pilsner:** This is probably the most famous beer style. It is a pale, golden-colored beer with a well-hopped palate. This style of beer includes American lagers and should be chilled, but not below 46 degrees.
- **American Lagers:** With the exception of low-calorie, light beers, these pilsners are considered the most bland and carbonated of beers. Most of the beer consumed in the United States is this type,

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Oregon Jazz Ensemble

The Oregon Jazz Ensemble will perform contemporary jazz tunes by Thad Jones, Herbie Hancock and Duke Ellington at the Hult Center Nov. 14 at 12:15 p.m.

The concert is part of the Hult Center's SHOCASE Concert Series, a series of free performances.



Michelle Beaudry

Comedian Michelle Beaudry will perform stand-up comedy at Kowloon's Nov. 9 at 9 p.m. Cover charge is \$6.

Beaudry has written comedy for television specials and has composed music for several musical comedies.



Gary Anderson

Artist Gary Anderson's acrylic paintings are on display until Nov. 20 at the Lawrence Art Gallery.

"Be There" is a weekly column highlighting the week's top local entertainment events.