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Absolute Shakespeare

University theatre arts students and a student improv group celebrated the Bard's birthday with performances

By Beata Mostafavi
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Torn by a tragic love affair, Romeo and Juliet have gone down in history as the couple that didn't have the best of luck.

But on Wednesday, the star-crossed lovers lived a different story.

This time, it wasn't royal rivalries that kept the two apart, but rather a restraining order. In this version, the characters were called Haza, who was beautiful and bald, and Bert, whose belly turned Haza on.

And their tale had a happy ending. Instead of suicide, they decided to "hump."

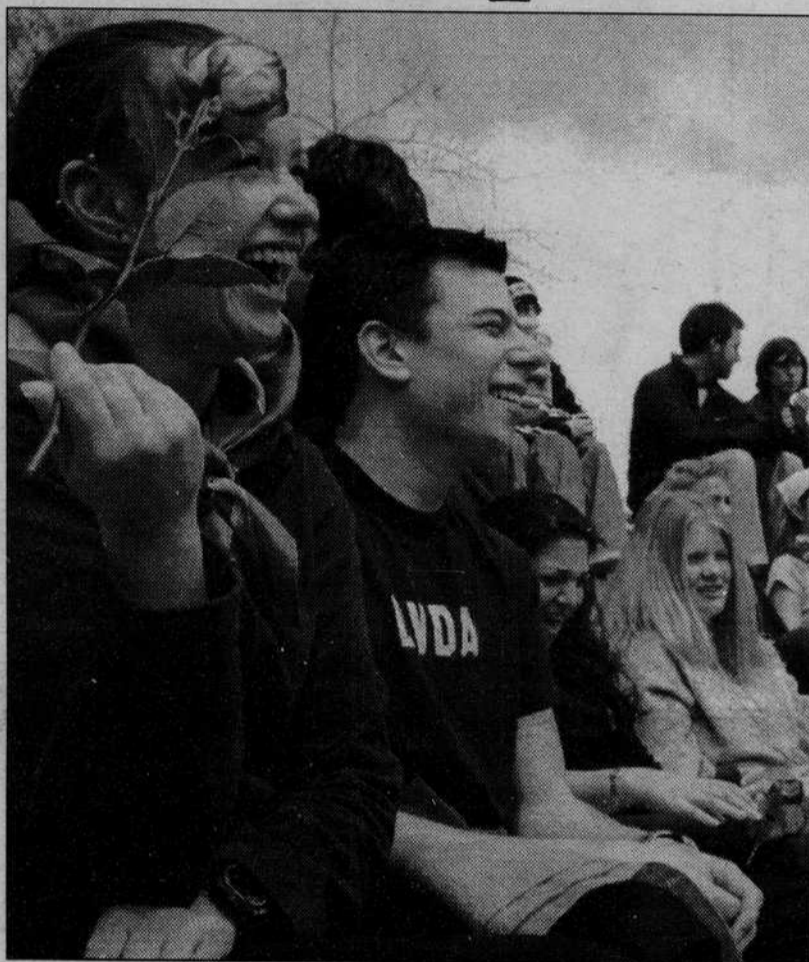
This was just one of the improvised scenes presented at the annual Pocket Playhouse celebration of "William Shakespeare's Birthday." The performance has been a Pocket tradition for years.

With the EMU Amphitheater as the stage, the group presented a two-hour show, reciting Shakespeare sonnets and plays in an original style that brought loud cheers and laughs from the scattered crowd.

Dressed in black clothes and wrapped in silky, colorful scarves that flowed around them, a few actors also passed out roses and oranges to the "ladies and gents" to help set the 17th century mood.

Pieces from "Taming of the Shrew," "Hamlet" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream" were just a few of the plays included in the act.

Some participants also created their own "Shakespearean" work,



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Shakespeare lover and actor Kirsten Schmieding, with a rose handed out at the beginning of the performance, and Pocket board member Mike Miaranda enjoy the skits performed for Shakespeare's birthday on Wednesday afternoon in the EMU amphitheater.

using creative dialogue and humor to produce innovative acts. Theatre arts majors Phil Meyer and Tyler Holden acted out an original piece called the "Sonneterians," a story of two men who unsuccessfully try to write love poems.

The scene was one of the acts that brought roars of laughter from audience members.

Junior theatre arts major Jocelyn Fultz said the presentation was a new and entertaining way to present
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LGBT community unites with pride

The LGBTA informs, supports and entertains the community today through Saturday night

By Lisa Toth
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During the second week of the University's lesbian and gay pride events, members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered campus community discussed how to deal with sexual assault — from irritating phone calls to life-threatening situations.

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered Alliance hosted a "brown bag" lunch event Wednesday that featured a presentation by Raven Koch titled "Queer Sexual Assault Awareness." Koch runs the self-defense program and serves as a youth advocate for Sexual Assault Support Services.

As part of May's Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Koch and SASS Community Education Coordinator Katie Antos are working to raise awareness about the services available to survivors and supporters of sexual assault survivors. Koch's presentation focused on sexual assault related to "heterosexism" and homophobia.

To the handful of participants who dropped in during the two-hour lunch period, Koch explained how to be assertive in situations where individuals are inappropriately questioned about their sexuality or feel uncomfortable about themselves.

"It's not always very socially acceptable for you to be assertive," Koch said. "To a certain degree you anticipate that. Every situation is different."

Chicora Martin, the director of the University LGBT Education and Support Services, said when offenders step over that "boundary line," services are available to students. She referred to an example of when an LGBTA member received a harassing phone call in which the caller requested sexual favors. In that case, Martin said she would provide information and community resources to help the offended person effectively handle the situation.

Ben Fisher, the University Housing complex director for Carson and Earl residence halls, said he also works to provide a safe space for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered students with both social and educational programming.

"It's a population we're trying to do more outreach with," Fisher said.

He said about seven to 10 housing residents meet weekly to participate in activities such as last month's presentation by the HIV Alliance on safer sex.

"The LGBTA certainly offers more social activities, but we are

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Take a quicker ride on LTD

If an electric shuttle bus is approved on campus, students will be able to catch a ride at campus stops every 10 minutes

By Andrew Adams
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Students may be able to catch a ride to the mall and to the cutting edge of environment-friendly transportation — if a planned Lane Transit District campus shuttle bus becomes a reality next year.

The hybrid electric bus would make seven stops on and near campus and take riders to the Fifth Street Market, Amtrak Station and Valley River Center. Plans for the shuttle bus and route will be reviewed by the Campus Planning Committee today from 2 to 3 p.m. in the Chiles Business Center in Conference Room 228. The committee will decide whether to recommend the shuttle bus to University President Dave Frohnmayer or to postpone a decision.

If the committee decides not to recommend the plans, Frohnmayer can still move ahead with implementing the shuttle route, regardless of the

committee's decision.

Andy Vobora, a service planning manager with LTD, said the concept for a shuttle bus grew out of the fact that the demand for bus service in the campus area drops off in the evening. He said LTD decided to try and drum up service and find new customers by providing the shuttle bus in the campus area "rather than just pay the drivers to sit there."

Five new stops on campus will supplement the existing two stops in the area, and the shuttle will run all day on weekdays and Saturdays, but will only come on campus after 6:30 p.m. The shuttle will continue to make runs on campus every 10 minutes until 10 p.m., Vobora said.

"I think it's going to be a nice addition," he said.

Vobora said the buses themselves are new for LTD in that they run off electricity generated by a small diesel engine. He said the shuttle buses will be smaller, lower and also much quieter than the buses currently used by LTD.

"Our board wanted the leading edge for more 'enviro-friendly' vehicles," he said.

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Scooping up charity.



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Children's Miracle Network Director Debi White volunteers by serving free ice cream to a huge throng of eager people waiting in line at the Ben & Jerry's on Alder Street.