

Entertainment

"Imaginary Invalid" showcases fresh talent

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Imagine actors in period costumes of large dresses and larger hair, strutting across the stage, a sight that can only be seen at a showing of "The Imaginary Invalid" this February.

The play is a satirical comedy focused on the medical community, and it is the last play written by Jean Baptiste Moliere, a famous French playwright, in the late seventeenth century.

The February performances in the auditorium are being directed by Jon Ares, Media Tech and Theatre Technical Director, with costumes designed by Barbara Murray, English teacher, and a cast comprised of an eclectic cast of sophomores, juniors and seniors.

"They're all very talented, but it's really about their combination of skills," Ares said about the casting. The audition process consisted of tryouts for "The Imaginary

Invalid" and "The Diviners." "We were casting for two shows, so it was a difficult process of mixing and matching."

While some of the cast are veterans in the drama department, some haven't had much experience. Tyler Harmon, junior, has never been in a show, and will play Cleante, a suitor to the character Angelique, played by Jordon Scott, senior. Avery Breyne-Cartwright, sophomore, who plays Louise, Angelique's sister, is excited at her chance to be in the show.

"I really love theatre and I haven't really had a chance to be involved," Breyne-Cartwright said.

Though the play is a period piece, Ares feels its satirical aspects about medicine still have relevance. The main character is a hypochondriac named Argan, played by Avik Bandyopadhyay, senior.

"It's still very topical today. You turn on the news and

see all these commercials for ailments [pharmaceutical companies] think we have," Ares said.

Other cast members include Georgina Cohen, senior, playing Toinette; Tatianna Young, junior,

playing Beline; Reis Mahnic and Christopher Daniels, juniors, playing multiple characters; and Josh Valentine, senior, playing Beralde.

The show opens Feb. 15 at 7:30 p.m. and plays Feb.

16, 21, 22 and 23. Tickets are available for \$5 for students and \$7 for adults at the beginning of the month from the online box office and at the theatre box office during lunch or an hour before showtime.

"Romantic" restaurant sets mood for Valentine's Day

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Valentine's Day is just around the corner and there is no better way to celebrate it than spending the evening in a romantic restaurant. A candlelit dinner for two is just the thing to set the mood, but location is important as well. Despite the absence of many romantic restaurants in the West Linn area, one in particular stands out.

Round Table Pizza has a comforting atmosphere, friendly employees, and a good, high quality menu. You and your date can snuggle in a booth and enjoy a cozy, tasty, economical meal. Choose from any of the 10 specialty pizzas, or make one of your own to share. Available ingredients include 10 different meats and a large variety of vegetables.

Popular choices include the King Arthur Supreme and the Gourmet Veggie, or step

out of the norm and order the Barbecue Chicken Pizza. Watch out, though, on weekends it can get busy, so be prepared to wait a few minutes for your food. Easing the wait are the presence

often enough empty tables so you won't be disturbed.

The food quality is excellent—it is prepared in front of the customer, so you can be sure it is up to your standards.

If pizza isn't your thing, treat yourself to the expansive salad bar. Top off your salad with ingredients ranging from carrots to cucumbers to croutons.

Vegetables don't fill you up? Then the delectable appetizers surely will. The choices include chicken wings, twists and desert pizzas (a personal favorite). Prices are somewhat

steep, up to \$24.99 for an extra-large, but Round Table makes up for it with portion sizes and quality. Found on Highway 43 in the Robinwood shopping center, it is a convenient and accessible location.

If you are looking for somewhere special to take your date, look at Round Table as an options. It won't disappoint.



Reviewer Isaac Callagan, senior, sits alone in a booth at Round Table Pizza. Despite the alleged "romantic allure" of the restaurant, he cannot find a date.

Photo by Kelsey Schrader

of some arcade-style video games in the corner, a welcome distraction from delay.

The lighting provides a fine environment, the shaded lamps above casting a soft glow throughout the dining area. The decor is tasteful; it's a plain setting that keeps your attention on your date. Despite its reputation as family restaurant, on some weekdays there are

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Edwards' education policy is similar to other candidates as well. He plans to start education early with universal preschool, improve teachers by increasing their salaries and creating specialized universities for teachers. This and more funding for all schools is Edwards plan to improve the nation's educational systems.

To help the environment, Edwards plans to stop greenhouse gas pollution, starting in 2010 and reduce it 15% by 2020 and another 80% by 2050. In addition, Edwards plans to lead the world in a new climate treaty and is going to fund \$10 billion to research and development of energy efficient technology.

In the Iowa Caucuses, which were held on Jan. 3, Obama took first, followed by Edwards and Clinton. In the New Hampshire Primary held on Jan. 8 despite Obama's apparent substantial lead in post primary polls, Clinton came out first, followed by Obama and then Edwards in a

distant third. Historically, if one candidate wins both the Iowa and New Hampshire Primaries, they will win the National Convention. However, with Clinton pulling off a surprising win, the candidate is still unknown. The next primary will be the South Carolina Primary, held on Jan. 26.

Verizon Voyager closes in on Apple iPhone

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The Verizon LG VX10000, also known as the Voyager, is the hot new iPhone-killer, and is in high demand, yet heavily constrained in many parts of the country.

Most are excited to see Verizon coming out with new phones in general, and the rumors that the Voyager puts the iPhone in its place is certainly helpful when advertising the product.

The front of the Voyager has the most similarity to the iPhone. The Voyager has a large front touch-screen and an all-icon home page. The Voyager's most unique feature is that it flips open on its side, revealing a full display color screen and a QWERTY keyboard, almost identical to a computer keyboard.

Another of the Voyager's features is the haptic feedback when typing on the touchscreen. As you tap the keyboard, the Voyager slightly vibrates to let you know that it is taking your feedback. This haptic technology is very similar to the

"force feedback" found in a lot of video game controllers like the Nintendo 64 controller's Rumble Pak.

Difficulties always seem to come hand-in-hand with touchscreens though. The iPhone touchscreen was reported to be too sensitive, and the small keyboard made typing hard for some.

The Voyager seems to be not sensitive enough, and requires a hard tap, but is easy to get used to.

Navigating web pages is said to be not quite as smooth as it is on the iPhone, and users might find themselves accidentally clicking links instead of dragging.

Another disadvantage is that the Voyager doesn't have WiFi, most likely the area where iPhone has it beat, although some critics say that 3G for WiFi is pretty much an even swap. The best thing about the Voyager is said to be Verizon's sprawling network coverage and 3G Internet Access.

The Voyager is available in black only, and sells for close to \$400 when purchased with a two year contract.

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