

Lesley writes of reservation life

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The Print

Craig Lesley is beautifully admitted to giving us as a reality as he can... stated Burton Raffel in a comment to Lesley's short story "Spurs."

Lesley, who teaches English at the College, has had his story published in Writers Forum 5, a publication for American literature from the West.

Lesley commented that he has been writing the story, "all his life." "No, seriously," said Lesley, "it took me about a month to write 'Spurs.'"

"Spurs" centers on Danny Kachiah, an Indian rodeo rider who uses his winnings to

"escape" the reservation--at least temporarily. The story



Craig Lesley author of "Spurs."

gives readers an impression of the harsh realities Indians face. Kachiah is both hero and victim of society, a sort of hope in the sea of despair.

Lesley plans to add more stories to the Danny Kachiah collection to create a loosely-structured novel for his Master of Fine Arts thesis at the University of Massachusetts. He plans to have the work completed by the fall of 1980.

Alex Blackburn, the editor of Writers Forum, has informed Lesley that "Spurs" has been nominated for a Pushcart Press Award. Lesley is pleased with the nomination but points out that the competition is extremely keen. Any writer who has published a story in 1978 is eligible for one of the awards.

This month, Lesley's article,

"Characteristics of Contemporary Native American Literature," will be published by the National Council of Teachers in English. He described the article as an "overview of Indian fiction and

poetry written during the 1970's." The article serves as the cornerstone for his anthology of Native American writing, "Dawn Runners." "I'm still seeking a publisher for that one," he said.

'Secret Affairs' found in play

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joyment. They add Paul Zindel's classic to their repertoire of plays

The company will be traveling outside the walls of the College theater to Cannon Beach to perform the play at the Coaster Theater March 29-31. Students and community members will be able to view the play March 1-3 at 8 p.m. and March 4 at 2:30 p.m. in the College theater.

The Clackamas Community college drama department presents "The Secret Affairs of Mildred Wild," March 1-4.

So opens another in a series of plays the drama department performs for audience en-

Rehearsals have begun already for the cast and crew and will continue up to opening night.

Students vote favorites

College and university students across the country for the first time, have an opportunity to vote directly for favorite screen performers and filmmakers in a new national poll known as Student's Choice Awards.

Voting will be in conjunction with FOCUS '79, a national competition sponsored by Datsun and open to filmmaking and film-study students. Voting categories include best motion picture, best performances by an actor and

actress, and best director.

Results of "Student's Choice Awards" balloting are expected to provide a unique sampling of opinion among American college students--who represent one of the most influential segments of the country's moviegoers--concerning theatrical films released during 1978.

Winners chosen by student vote will be invited to attend the FOCUS '79 Premiere and Award Ceremony in Hollywood on March 22, prior

to the Academy Awards" will be made.

Closing date for receipt of ballots will be Feb. 15. Ballots are returnable to: FOCUS: Student's Choice Awards, 1140 Avenue of the Americas, New York, N.W., 10036.

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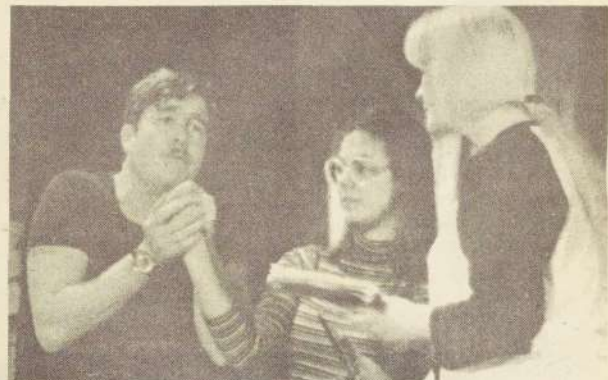
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Part of the cast rehearses for "The Secret Affairs of Mildred Wild." Photo by Greg Kienzie

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