

# Playgoers perform Shakespeare's classic

By Leanne Lally

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North Africa and Venice set the stage for William Shakespeare's classic play, "Othello" to be presented by the Playgoers Theater Guild on weekends of March 16 through the 31.

Warren Pickett, director, has cast Michael Hopkins as Othello, Gary Cole as Iago and Jan Powell as Desdemona.

The play concerns Othello, a general in the Nation Army, and his romance and marriage to Desdemona. Iago, Othello's lieutenant, is determined to destroy Othello and does so by

making him jealous of his wife, Desdemona. Othello ends up killing his wife and himself.

"Othello is considered by critics to be one of the best of Shakespeare's plays," Pickett said. "It ranks up there with Hamlet and King Lear."

The cast of 12 began rehearsals in mid-December.

The character of Iago was believed to be patterned after Luchino Macchiavelli, an Italian who worked against Cesare Borgia. Macchiavelli wrote a book entitled "The Prince," which is considered to be the first real political science book.

The book told how man got power, kept power and lost power. Obviously the Prince was Borgia, whom many people still regard as the arch villain of history.

Michael Hopkins who plays Othello, has appeared at the College as the count in the Count of Monte Cristo and has appeared in and around Portland. Gary Cole, Iago, will have his first appearance on the McLoughlin Theatre stage, though he has acted in Portland. Jan Powell has appeared on Portland stages and is appearing at the college for the first time.



Michael Hopkins, (Othello), and Gary Cole, (Iago), practice for production of 'Othello.'

## Doctor lectures on insanity

By Tommy Clark

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Dr. Murry Banks views insanity as a person's way of reacting to problems that he has not been taught how to handle. "Insanity is unconsciously motivated," Banks told a standing room only crowd at the College last Wednesday.

His talk, "What to Do Until the Psychiatrist Comes," is the second most frequently given in the world. Banks has given it more than 5,000 times to crowds scattered from Washington, D.C., to England and South Africa.

Banks served as professor of psychology at Fairleigh Dickinson University, and did his clinical psychopathology study at Bellevue Hospital in New York City. He has been a visiting professor at Memphis State University, California State University, and several others.

Banks mixes humor and sound advice for his listeners in a manner that it is never boring and always enjoyable.

Among the tips he offered at the College was this one: "Do not wrap your life around one thing, because, like a building, it is supported by one main pillar, it is easily reduced to a pile of rubble."

Instead, Banks suggested finding a variety of things to enjoy and be active in. Have someone to trust to talk to about life's problems, Banks said. "Be able to laugh at yourself and life."

Adjustments to problems and frustrations in life take time, Banks warned. "Don't jump to hasty conclusions. Learn to face your problems

and frustrations and solve them as they come. Be engaged in satisfying work."

Dr. Murry Banks is a unique and entertaining person. He has written six books and recorded seven albums, including, "Just in Case You Think You're Normal," "Things My Mother Never Told Me," and "How to Quit Smoking in Six Days or Drop Dead in Seven."



Dr. Murray Banks

Coffee House

## Warmth on cold nights

On these long, cold, winter nights it sometimes seems like there will never be any warmth. Well, it's warm by the fire with a nice hot mug of tea and a donut.

You say you don't have a fireplace? The Community Center does, and this Friday, fire and entertainment are free.

The College, Associated Student Government sponsors many Coffee Houses, where local talents are presented to warm the spirits of chilly music lovers. The cost is free with refreshments ranging from hot nog to cookies.

Friday at 8 p.m. Steve and Maureen will be featured musicians. The duo is known for their music, which is in the folk-bluegrass vein. They have toured all around the U.S. performing in high schools and coffee houses similar to the College's.

The Coffee House is located in the Fireside Lounge in the Community Center Mall. It's very easy to find. Just follow the heat of the fire.

## Dancin' to the tunes of Boots

Two of the brightest stars in country pop music, Boots Randolph and Floyd Cramer, return to Portland for a concert at the Portland Civic Auditorium on Thursday at 8:00 p.m.

Randolph, a witty and gregarious showman as well as an accomplished tenor sax player, has hosted two of his own television specials and appeared as a guest on several variety and talk shows.

Cramer, whose recording of "Last Date" sold over two million copies, is one of the finest studio musicians in the recording business.

Joined on the bill by comedy duo Eddie and Joe, the two stars will perform both individually and together.

Tickets for the Northwest Releasing event are on sale at The Ticket Place at Lipmans and usual outlets.

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