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Theater finishes term with world premiere

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"It's a comedy set in current times, in Portland, Oregon," director Jack Shields said about the Winter term play, **Not Any More**.

The show was written by Linda Barr, a former Clackamas Community College student, and will be premiered tomorrow through Saturday at 8 p.m. in McLoughlin Hall, with a 2:30 matinee on Sunday.

Not Any More is about Jane Smith (Laurel Cates) a young divorcee who is coming to grips with her single life. There is a nagging older sister who lives in the same apartment building, a hypochondriac neighbor and a parade of prospective gentlemen, mostly as blind dates set up by the sister, Barbara (Terri

Kemp), who can't rest until her little sister is remarried.

The cast also includes the former husband who comes back into Jane's life; another problem for the leading lady to deal with. Finally, there is Mr. Right, or Wright, played by David Harvey.

This is the first leading role Cates has had to tackle. Her past experience has included two plays at Oregon City High School; **Flowers for Algernon** ("I had a whole six lines," Cates said) and a singing and dancing role in **Fiorello**. Cates also had a supporting role in the College's fall production, "Monique," which was also directed by Shields.

"This is a good healthy reach for Laurel," Shields said of the role, "She's doing a terrific job."

"I can live without the weather here," she said. Cates is only now recovering from a bout of strep throat, but she doesn't expect the problem to interfere with the run of the show.

"This play has a lot of character development. I'm not like Jane at all, but I can relate to her," Cates said. "She's very real, and I think that a lot of people have a little of 'Jane' in them."

Cindy Lyndin, a professional actress from the Portland area is playing the part of Elaine, the neighbor. During auditions for the show, only two actresses tried out, forcing Shields to hire Lyndin as a guest artist. "The reason I selected Cindy is because she fits the role," Shields said. Shields and Lyndin have worked together in theater for years.

As Terri Kemp's first play, she plays the shrewish sister. Kemp has "...always wanted to act." She said, "The first time I read this play, I didn't like it. But it's had some rewrites and it's really good now."

David Harvey's role is Mr. Wright, Alex Wright, that is. "It's a fun role,"

Harvey said, "I'm the 'knight in shining armor.'" Harvey plays a TV repairman who meets Jane after her television blows up. "I feel honored to be involved in this project. It's exciting to be part of a world premiere."

Shields first read **Not Any More** early in Fall term. "When I first looked at it, I thought it was a pilot for a television series," Shields said. After a few rewrites, Shields chose it for the winter play.

"It's a good activity for the College to be engaged in. It's a world premiere, and I can't think of a better way for us to be involved in the education program and service the community. We're supposed to help people who are from this area, and that's what we're doing."

The play will run for four performances in the McLoughlin Theater. After a one week rest, the cast and crew will take it on the road to the Coaster Theater, in Cannon Beach, Oregon. "We've been at the Coaster for nine years now, and they like our work," Shields said.



Cates, an elementary education major, is from Aurora, Colorado, and has only lived in Oregon for two years.



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