

Entertainment

Emily Dickinson lives again in one woman play

by Lyn Thompson
Photo Editor

Deborah J. Humphrey is in her second term here at Clackamas Community College, studying Theatre and Communications. On Dec. 9, 10 and 11 she will be performing her interpretation of Emily Dickinson, being Emily, piecing together her feelings about life, her mother, father, and her friend Leonard Humphrey.

Deb always wanted to be in theatre, but was intimidated and only participated in plays twice before. In the third grade she played the giant's wife in Jack and the Beanstalk "because I was the tallest kid in my class." In Jr. High she played the major in Oscar Wilde's *Monkey's Paw*. Deb said that she really liked the idea of being able to be anyone she wanted to be through theatre.

Humphrey came to Clackamas because "I know that I can go out, find a job and survive. So now it was time to stop being stagnant and go do something that I truly, really wanted to do. Father thought, 'Wow, that's great. You're one step up from basket weaving.' Regardless of her father's comment, however, she's now involved in the college theatre "and loving it."

She enrolled in Jack Shields' student projects class and found herself the only one in it. So she was faced with doing a one woman show for her project. Shields suggested doing a poet or author and Deb took it from there.

She went to the college library and found Don Vorderstrasse, the reference librarian. "He was just excellent in helping me research this and finding out which individual I wanted to do." Deb said that she was drawn to Emily Dickinson and the research she did drew her in even more. "For somebody who in her time, era in life, so many of her

philosophies come back to how I feel about life." During her research, Deb collected a vast amount of knowledge about Dickinson. "There's so much that I just can't fit it all in. All

given credit for her work; she made my wonderful costume for Emily Dickinson. "Theatre here has definitely surpassed my expectations."

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I'm hoping for is that I will spark a little bit of interest for somebody to go and pick up a book to know more about her."

When asked how she felt about the Theatre Dept. here, she replied, "I think Jack Shields is an excellent instructor and I think Barbara Bragg is just incredible as far as being there and helping and feed back. Traci Nichols should be



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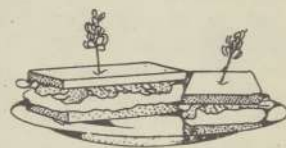
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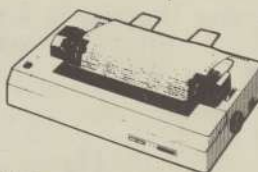


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