

# Feature

## Playwright makes March debut

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Clackamas Student Rich Burroughs of Milwaukie, will make his debut as a playwright in March when the college will produce "Positions of Dominance," the title of three short, one act plays by Burroughs. All three have the central theme of power and control.

Burroughs wrote them last term in about a week, but there have been several rewrites. "The third one is now quite different," he commented.

When asked what inspired him to write them he said, "I've been looking forward to directing something for a long time. I couldn't find one that I wanted, so I decided to write something."

But it didn't work out that way. He has since learned that it's usually not advisable to direct one's own play, so Joshua Collins is the director. "Your focus is very narrow. Someone else may see some things

differently," Burroughs explained.

"It's good for me to look at this different side of theatre. I think I'm pretty lucky in this situation. Josh doesn't want to step on my toes. He always listens to my input. Any changes in text, I have the final say on it. We're all looking at it as a real growing situation."

Burroughs will also be one of the actors in the March performance. He said, "We're short on people and I fit one of the parts."

He began acting at the age of 13, in Jr. high school. He came to the college last fall from Iowa, on the recommendation of an Iowa community college friend who is familiar with the work of Jack Shields and the Clackamas theatre. Burroughs said of the Portland area, "I wanted to be where there were more professional theatres around."

He plans to attend a university next fall, but hasn't selected one yet. He feels these last 3



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years at community colleges is time well spent. He's been in 5 college productions. He said, "You get a lot of chance for personal growth."

When asked about hobbies, Burroughs said, "Theatre is mostly what I do." He enjoys reading dramatic literature. "You see so many things in classical literature that still applies to our lives today," he said.

He is also a member of the school speech team. "Debating is like head-on competition," he said. "It's a lot of fun!" The topic for this term is drug testing. Public safety versus personal rights has made some very interesting debates."

Burroughs recalled a summer performing arts camp in Iowa when he taught an acting class to children in first to seventh grades for 3 months. He learned to simplify his instructions and to implement some discipline. "It was a neat experience, but I didn't think so until after it was over," he said, smiling.

He explained that actors must learn to take a lot of criticism not only on their performance but as a person. "You really have to have a love for the art to put up with that kind of thing," he said. "Now, I regard it as an art form."

A few weeks ago Burroughs said he went to Portland to audition for the University and Resident Theatre Association's year competition. While sitting on a bench, waiting for a bus to return home, a fellow came up behind him with a knife and demanded his ring. It was almost noon, but nobody happened to be near Burroughs said he refused, and was told, "You can either give to me or I can knock you down and take it away from you." Burroughs decided that he could indeed, so he gave him the ring. After relating the incident, he added, "But it gave me an idea for a play. I've already started writing it."

### Cholesterol Screening Sites

Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 16 and 17:

#### S.W. AREA

- Doctor's Emergi-Center, Beaverton, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
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- Meridian Park Hospital, Tualatin, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- St. Vincent Hospital & Medical Center Heart Institute, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Monday; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesday

#### N.W. AREA

- Good Samaritan Hospital & Medical Center, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

#### S.E. AREA

- Firstcare Medical Center (affiliated with Willamette Falls Hospital), Milwaukie, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Portland Adventist Medical Center Health for Life Center, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

#### N.E. AREA

- Lloyd Center Auditorium, presented by Emanuel Hospital & Medical Center and Holladay Park Hospital, MONDAY ONLY, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- Jantzen Beach Medical Center (affiliated with Southwest Washington Hospitals), 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Thursday and Friday, Feb. 19 and 20:

#### S.W. AREA

- Oregon Health Sciences University Hospital, 6:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
- Tuality Community Hospital, Hillsboro, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Tuality Immediate Care Center at Tanasbourne Mall, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

#### S.E. AREA

- Eastmoreland Hospital, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Friday
- Good Samaritan — Gresham Immediate Care Center, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Milwaukie-Oak Grove-Gladstone ICC, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Mt. Hood Medical Center, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Providence Milwaukie Hospital, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- ReadyCare (affiliated with Mt. Hood Medical Center), 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Willamette Falls Hospital, Oregon City, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

#### N.E. AREA

- Providence Medical Center, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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## Retirement brings challenges

by Marie Stoppelmoor

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Getting older: To many getting older means retirement, relaxation, ah, someday...

For Eva Polz, a 63 year old student here at Clackamas Community College, complete retirement at first caused her to lose her sense of direction. "It can be like a drug," Eva assures, "hours, days can go by without having accomplished anything."

Retiring after 20 years as an Army nurse, Mrs. Polz has an appreciation for self-direction.

"I love it (retirement)" Eva goes on, "making my own choices on how to spend my time. I was still busy after I retired but, it didn't seem to be meaningful activity. My husband and I would go out for pie and coffee, just for something to do. We'd have a glass of wine with dinner to add zest to an otherwise exhaustingly

tranquill existence."

For a woman with accomplishments like a master's degree in science, years of experience as a public health nurse and an Army career, the sudden lack of direction left her with a void.

"My only plan for retirement was to be secure so I wouldn't have to work." Financially, Eva does not have to work, but since retiring she has realized, "You feel you have influence over the world when you work. As you get older, people tend to write you off and you have to protect yourself."

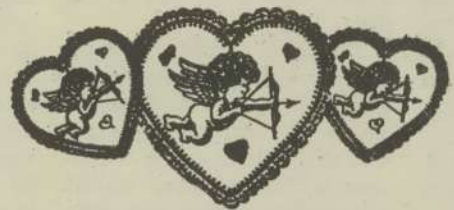
Attending the college and working with the Estacada school district have preserved her and given her a chance to learn some basic skills that she "slid by on" in her earlier schooling. Accounting and English are new challenges since "I used to have a secretary who took care of that."

An unforeseen aspect of aging for Mrs. Polz was, "I didn't expect to be like other people didn't expect the disabilities happen to me. I have a lot of energy than I thought I would and some arthritis."

Mrs. Polz has curtailed some physical atrophy by beginning "modified Pritikin diet" and walking a few miles everyday. "I feel better at 63 than I did at 60," she said.

"Getting old is like going from childhood to early adulthood. There are many changes in lifestyle. It takes adaptability, but hopefully, I'll still feel productive and be a little missed when I'm out with style at age ninety."

EDITORS NOTE: Some of the above quotes are from an essay on aging that Eva Polz wrote for a writing class.



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