

Intense performances at CCC...

Extreme play provokes audience and actors

by Michelle Walch
Staff Writer

"It was powerful; it showed the reason for paranoia in the world," said Wayne Capps, who saw "Extremities" opening night.

"Extremities" opened on Thursday, Nov. 19, in the McLoughlin Hall Theatre to an almost full house. Another observer said, "I thought the rapist was more a victim than aggressor. Laurel Cates (Majorie) displays her emotions very well. She seemed frightened when she was supposed to be." And another, Joe P., also agrees on Cates' acting: "Her acting was so good that she should have a bigger audience... they could see how good she was."

Linda Kuntz, who plays Patricia, got a rave review. "I thought Patricia was good, she added a lot of humor," said Patty Mathers.

"I think I was more nervous but my performance felt pretty strong," said Cates of opening night. Most cast members shared the same anticipation. M. Leigh Hagen: "About 30 seconds before I went on, I wondered what would happen if I didn't go on stage... I was that scared." Linda Kuntz: "I was a little nervous, but when I hit the stage I felt no qualms whatsoever. It was an exhilarating experience." Dave Gloden felt fairly comfortable: "It was fine as far as I could tell." Cates and Hagen agree that some of the tension broke because "we got laughs where we didn't expect laughs," according to Hagen.

"Extremities" is about an attempted rape, and what three women do with the aggressor. Strong language and violence. You still have a chance to see some fine performances on Dec. 4 and 5 at 8 p.m., and Dec. 6 at 2:30 p.m.



photo by Julie Church

'Extremities' features powerful performances by Gloden, Cates.

Play review...

'Extremities' worthwhile

by E.A. Berg
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The Nov. 20 performance of William Mastrosimone's "Extremities" by the College's Communications and Theatre Arts Department was as intense and moving as the script.

The cast and crew deserves praise for their handling of the plays delicate emotional subject matter of rape.

Mediocre struggle scenes withstanding, the level of acting by the play's four cast members was top-notch for an amateur production.

Dave Gloden (as Raul, an attempting rapist) and Laurel Cates (as Majorie, Raul's victim) were excellent during the plays dark and passionate first scene. The pair carried their intensity throughout the rest of the play.

Linda Kuntz entertained the audience in her role (as

Patricia). Kuntz is without a doubt the play's stand-out performer.

With the exception of imperfect crying, M. Leigh Hagen's debut college performance merits commendation.

The set design and construction, lighting and other technical aspects of the production is praiseworthy.

Communication and Theatre Arts Department Chair Jack Shields is directing the production of "Extremities." Although Shields is certainly more than capable of the job, every attempt should be made to involve students at every level of a college production. "Extremities" has only four cast members as well. I hope that in the future the department will choose a play that will allow for a full participation of the College's students desiring to be involved in drama.

In short, I highly recommend the Communication and Theatre Arts production of "Extremities" before it closes after three shows this weekend.

'Less than Zero' gets varied reviews

by Heleen Veenstra
Editor

Some critics rate the movie a perfect ten, while others think the movie is worth "Less than Zero." Having heard about the difference in ratings, I went to check it out.

"Less than Zero" is a movie basically about drug use, especially that of cocaine and crack. It shows how people, when desperate, turn to drugs and how far they will go to get their coke or crack.

The movie starts when all time good friends Clay (Andrew McCarthy), Blair (Jamie Gertz), and Julian (Robert Downey Jr.) graduate from high school. They all have a long vacation ahead of them, and after their summer break they each go their own way.

Clay is the only one who sticks to the original plan and goes to college in another state. Blair becomes afraid, doesn't want to leave her home town, and decides to become a model. Julian doesn't want to do anything, moves out of the

house and rents an apartment together with Blair.

Around Christmas vacation Clay gets a call from Blair who says she desperately needs him. Clay comes home and finds out that Blair wants his help instead of his love. He discovers that Blair is using cocaine and that Julian is addicted to crack.

This wasn't how Clay expected everything to be. He had hoped become reunited with his girl friend Blair and best friend Julian. Going back to college and spend the rest of his vacation there seems the only solution for Clay. But he stays home and fighting Julian's addiction draws Blair and Clay in a very close relationship.

That's all about the movie you'll read here. If you don't want to know how it ends, stay home and spend your five bucks some other way besides spending it on a movie ticket.

Otherwise, go see the movie and decide for yourself in what category you think the movie belongs. A good music movie, pure teen trash, or a realistic, shocking film.

CALENDAR

Dec. 4 - Family Night Movie. A full-length feature Disney cartoon will be shown from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Community Center Mall. Santa may make an unscheduled appearance. \$1.50 for adults; \$1 for children 4-17 years old. Call ext. 247, for information.

Dec. 4-6 - "Extremities," Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. Sunday at 2:30 p.m. McLoughlin Theatre, \$4 adults; \$2 students; seniors free with reservations. Call ext. 356 for information and reservations.

Dec. 6 - CCC College Choral and Chamber Singers, St. Mary's Cathedral Mt. Angel, 8 p.m. Free. Directed by Lonnie Cline, call ext. 434 for information.

CCC Wind Ensemble Concert, CC Mall, 3 p.m. Directed by Gary Nelson. Free. Call ext. 434 for information.

Dec. 8 - Wheat Weaving

Workshop. Learn the recently revived art of weaving wheat into a variety of figures and decorations. 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the ELC Pavillion. \$9 for members; \$12 for non-members. Materials may be purchased from the instructor. Call ext. 351 for information.

Dec. 11 - Family Night Movie. A full-length feature Disney cartoon will be shown from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Community Center Mall. Santa may make an unscheduled appearance. \$1.50 for adults; \$1 for children 4-17 years old. Call ext. 245 for information.

Dec. 12 - Fall Quarter Ends (Saturday)

Green Wreaths Workshop. Make wreaths and other decorative seasonal gifts out of natural materials from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the ELC Pavillion. \$9 for members; \$12 for non-members. Materials may be purchased from the instructor. Call ext. 351 for information.

Dec. 24-25 - Christmas Holiday: Campus Closed.

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