

Focus group talks with 'Half-soul Gift' playwright

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Reporting I

The Focus on Women's Program held its first cultural event on Dec. 1, having the author of "The Half-Soul Gift" come to speak about the play.

The Focus on Women's committee had wanted to include a cultural evening in their calendar of events for some time because, in the words of Bernie Nolan, "Very often it's hard to find the energy to go to a theater and it's hard to get a group of people together."

The committee started its search for a cultural event by talking to Jack Shields, the head of Clackamas' dramatic department who suggested that they try "The Half-Soul Gift", which was

in production at the time. The committee read the script and decided it would be a good evening's entertainment. They then contacted the author who was happy to speak to the group before the performance.

The evening started with cheesecake and coffee or tea being served and Morris admitted to being nervous about his play being produced for the first time. He spoke of how the play originated as a requirement for a class he was required to take for graduation from Portland State University.

Morris was happy with the co-operation and patience shown by the drama program. He was given an equal say about casting and the cast was very good about

last minute rewriting of portions of the script.

He was happy with the actors' characterization of the play and said that the only times they were acting differently than what he would have liked was when he had been unclear while writing the script.

Then, after Morris left to prepare for the performance, the women finished their coffee and talked about how the evening had enlightened them as to how a play is written and how it is produced.

The meeting then shifted to the theatre where the women settled down to watch a play about which they had a rare insight.



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Bill Hargadine plans to spend his retirement golfing, "becoming a house husband," and spending time with his grandson.

Hargadine to retire after nineteen years

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Assistant Dean of Instructional Services Bill Hargadine will be retiring at the end of this month.

Hargadine has worked at Clackamas Community College for the past 19 years. Before coming to CCC Hargadine was a teacher and coach for 12 years at Nestucca High School in Clatskanie. He then taught at Central High School for four years. From there he moved on to Monmouth in Independence where he taught for eight years. Hargadine specialized in U.S. History but also taught other classes as well.

Hargadine is looking forward to retirement and plans to spend a lot of time golfing and "becoming a house husband," Hargadine also plans to spend time with his grandson.

"I enjoyed my work and I'm going to enjoy retirement," said Hargadine.

Hargadine became eligible at age 58, so he planned his retirement for when he became eligible. "I set a goal and will do it and hope it will work out for the best," he said about his retiring.

"I'll always have a number of things to do if I don't like retirement I'll find something else," said Hargadine.

"It has been a great experience. I have enjoyed the people at CCC. It's a real great staff in all categories from teachers to classified personnel through out the whole staff," said Hargadine about

the CCC staff he has worked with during his career.

"Watching and being a part of the growth of the college from close to its beginning and the corresponding growth of the community college movement in America," Hargadine said, "is very memorable."

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"Community colleges are a prime accomplishment of our life time," said Hargadine.

Hargadine plans to stay in this area with his wife Carol Hargadine who is a deputy clerk with Mollala Union Grade School.

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Seeing the winter play "The Half-soul Gift" and chatting with its author was the first cultural event for the Focus on Women group.



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"The Half-soul Gift" plays this weekend Dec. 9 and 10 at 8 p.m. Sunday matinee Dec. 11 at 2:30 p.m. General admission is \$4, students \$2.

