

## 'Vampyre' ready to bring chills to CCC stage tomorrow

by M. Leigh Hagen  
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The theatre department has been busy preparing the annual winter show. After performances here at Clackamas, the cast and crew will pack up and travel to the Coaster Theater in Cannon Beach for the annual theatre tour.

This winter's production of **The Vampyre** is guaranteed to be an audience pleaser with its 12 member cast. This stage thriller was adapted and dramatized by Tim Kelly from the John Polidoris classic novella. This production brings a new light to the old stories of vampires on the loose.

Bob Ems heads up this large cast as Lord Ruthven, the charming poet who brings the Harwood household to total ruination. Ems said, "This is the (most) fun part I've ever played." When asked what the biggest challenge he has had to face with his character he said laughing, "being evil because I'm such a nice guy!"

Carey Rausch, who plays Lydia, returns to the CCC stage. Rausch made her first appearance in 1986 as Aggie in **Kind Lady**. Now as Lydia, she has had to meet the challenge of "transition from young and bubbly to serious and grown-up." When asked how she felt being in such a large cast, she replied, "It's very exciting, everyone is trying hard... the comradie is

high."

Donna Miller who appeared in the fall production of **The Halfsoul Gift** as Rita, has joined this cast as Melissa Barrows. Miller stated that each one of the characters in the show must face, "breaking the barriers of being self-conscious to act abnormal."

Jeanne Newton makes her debut on the CCC stage as Lady Harwood. For Newton, some of her greatest challenges have been the English accent and the development of such a distinct character.

Travis Box, who portrays Aubrey, returns for his second appearance on the CCC stage after his successful portrayal of Cowboy in **The Halfsoul Gift**. Box has faced new challenges in this play and has created another fantastic character.

Melissa Olmsted who plays Mrs. Kent, David Gioden, who does the part of Durward Lennox, and Marcy Andersen, who plays the role of Constance Holstein, are also veterans of the CCC stage who have helped bring this thriller to life.

This production also welcomed several newcomers including Greg Hoffart as Roger Holstein, Kendra Short as Tess, and David Burnett as Corso from Canby High School. Playing the

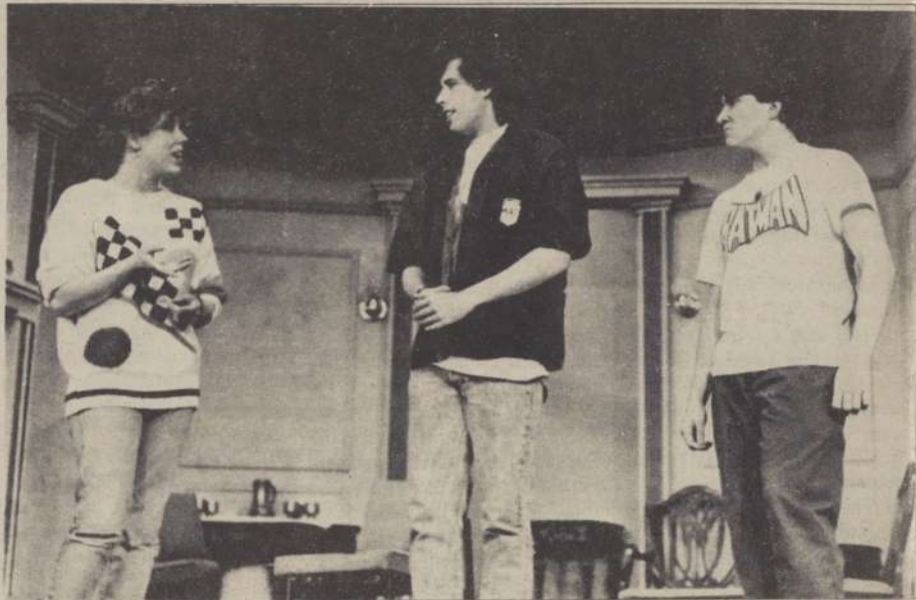


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With the opening night of "The Vampyre" just around the corner, the cast and crew throw themselves into rehearsals and final preparations.

part of Bones is Dennis Corwin from Colton.

The entire cast was asked this question: If a total stranger came up to you and asked why they should see this show what would you tell them? To put it simply the answers were, "it's a large cast, high energy, funny, bone-chilling and

penny dreadful thriller!"

The theatre department would like to invite you to join us in the McLoughlin Theatre at 8 p.m. Mar. 2,3,4,10 and 11 also at 2:30 p.m. on Mar. 12.

There will also be two dinner theatres Mar. 9 and 12 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$4 general admission,

\$2 for students and seniors are admitted free with reservations. To get a reservation, call the Theatre Department at 657-6958 ext. 356. Tickets will also be available at the door.

### Ode to a vampire

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Opening this week, making its big debut, is a show guaranteed to frighten a few!

**The Vampyre** is its name and you can bet that the aim of the charming Lord Ruthven is to win the game.

Poor Lady Harwood stands helplessly by as Melissa and Lydia do manage to sigh- both are victims to this man who can fly.

Here comes the doctor or surgeon to be. Dr. Lennox, a friend, but what help will he be to the young Mr. Aubrey who caused this debris.

Roger and Constance- what a couple they are. He is a gambler that goes too far, but what of her?

What is her fate? I'm afraid to report for them both-it's too late!

Of course there's the servants; Mrs. Kent, Bones and Tess- to look for other employment is what I would suggest.

The game has been played the vampyre's won. Now he must leave and look for other fun.

But wait! Who is this? Corso's his name. Can he bring an end to the vampyre's reign?

Come join us and see what happens this night. Is the vampyre dead or ready for flight? With laughter and fear and a 12 member cast **The Vampyre** will take you to the world of the past.

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### Poster wins second place

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Barbara Bragg, theatre department secretary, traveled to Anchorage Alaska where she presented one of 30 workshops at a conference.

There was a hot competition taking place as theatrical productions competed to travel to the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C.

Individual students had five minutes each to try and win the Irene Ryan (granny from the "Beverly Hillbillies") scholarship.

Unbeknownst to almost everyone here at the college, Barbara entered Kevin Forney's poster of CCC's fall production of **The Halfsoul Gift** in the graphic design contest. The poster took second place. Congratulations to Kevin and Barbara.

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