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# **Box active in Clackamas theatre productions**

### By Tim Jones Staff Writer

At the age of eighteen Travis Box, a theater major, is taking a big role in the Clackamas Community College Theatre Department. He acts, writes and directs plays for the theatre here at the college. He is currently working on four projects this spring and has been involved in many past theater productions.

Box is acting in "Bedroom Farce," a play that will premier May 18, in the McLoughlin Theatre. He will be playing the character of Malcolm in this laughfilled comedy.

The one act play, "And Jack Fell Down", is being directed by Box. The play is about a puppet show and in describing this play Box commented that "this play is like Kookla, Fran and Ollie meets Rod Serling." This play will be shown the first week in May.

Box has teamed up with Dean Walch in co-writing and co-directing a play called "Reminis". The play is put on as a benefit for teen-

suicide prevention. It will open in the first week of June (for more information contact the Clackamas' Theater Department).

Box is a native of Molalla. He works anywhere from 20-25 hours a week plus. Preparing for plays keeps him going all the time. "I like to watch MTV's "Remote Control" in my spare time, someday I hope to be on the show as a contestant," said Box.

He credits Jack Shields in helping him learn about the theatre and keeping him motivated to perform. "I am learning some tricks of the trade and Jack has been fantastic at keeping me enthusiastic," said Box.

The first play Box performed in was "Hansel and Gretel" this was his first introduction to acting on stage. He remembers going to the Portland Civic Theatre and watching the play "Candide". "It was a play about the best of all possible worlds," said Box. These first exposures to the theatre helped him to decide to choose the theatre as a career.

"When I act, I get to pretend, it allows me to assume another character," said Box. "Acting is fun and this is a talent that comes easy to me.

Travis Box will be involved in doing a scene cut from a Shakespearean Classic "The Taming of the Shrew", playing the part of Patruchio. The play is put on in cooperation with the library's Renaissance Days and is directed by Barbara Bragg.

"I would like to go to Seattle and enroll at the Cornish Institute of Arts and continue working in the theatre," said Box. He also considered going to New York and working professionally as an actor.

"Idon't want a lucrative job," said Box. He wants acting to be his career. Following his own path in life is what Travis Box likes to do best. Many people would see success measured in dollars but Box looks at success in his future as doing what he is inspired to do, that is acting and working in the theatre.



Travis Box has jumped into the CCC theatre business with an enthusiastic and optimistic approach.

many possibilities in the future and seems enthusiastic about seiz-

ESL offers free classes- hope for

At eighteen, he looks at the ing the moment as well as the future for himself.

## Friends of the library provide support

by Staci Beard Staff Writer

At Clackamas Community College there is a small group of people called the Friends of the Library who help to promote the library

President Jim Meiser commented, "We like to do a major went each term and have two major fund raisers. We have the fund raisers so the college can do things they might not be able to afford; like the embroidered banners that are above the different areas of the library."

Currently the group is selling T-shirts to raise money to purchase art work for the library. The group also hopes to buy shelving for new material that the library is receiving. The upcoming book sale in May is another large fund raising event for the group.

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"We are starting to put the book sale together. We have already received a large donation from a bookstore," stated Meiser.

Their most successful event so far was the visitation and lectures of four local authors. They included two women from Molalla who write romance books, and a former student, Scott Wheeler, who writes science fiction. Also present was former student Conrad Hayes, who has published his third book.

During the winter term, they brought in an editor of a newspaper to talk about journalistic writing; twelve people attended.

"It would be great to have more people in the group. They can just be in casually, just people who want to promote reading and the library," explained Meiser.

#### better future, good communication by Caree Hussey Feature/Managing Editor

Clackamas Community College is helping people learn English by offering free night classes in English as a Second Language. These classes are being held in Canby, Estacada and Molalla in addition to the day classes offered on campus.

The majority of the students in these classes are Hispanic: some are migrant workers and some are permanent residents.

Publicity for this program is varied. The classes appear in the regular college schedule, flyers are sent to agencies that provide services for non-English speaking people, posters are put up around the community and articles have appeared in the Oregonian.

Classes have been offered in Canby for the past ten years. The program in Estacada has been

going on since last year and the program in Molalla has been in effect since February. More people are expected to attend the classes this summer, accord-ing to Molly Williams, ESL/ AHSD instructor.

The goals of this program are to "teach English to people so they can cope better in the community, get better employment and receive better treatment from employers so they can access community services and have improved relationships with other Americans," stated Williams.

The program is partially staffed by volunteer tutors, and Williams explained that "we are looking for more, especially in Molalla." Training is provided for people who wish to become tutors in the program.

Originally, the ESL night

classes were designed for refugees from Southeast Asia, but due to a population change the focus has switched from refugees to Hispanics

There are fifteen different languages in the day program. The program services about 150 students from both day and night classes. Approximately 90 of those students are people who have applied for amnesty (also known as eligible legalized aliens). According to Williams, the greatest success of the program is that "the students tell their co-workers and friends and the program is grow-ing by leaps and bounds."

If you are interested in more information on this program, contact Molly Williams at 657-6958 ext. 596.

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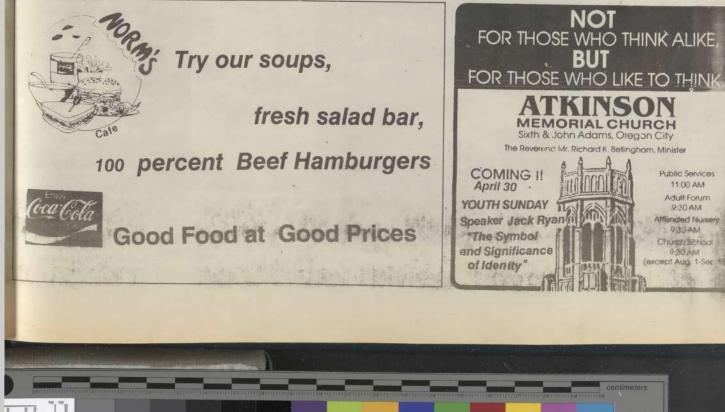
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