

Phi Theta Kappa is looking for new members

by Frank Jordan
Staff Writer

All right, all of you bookworms out there, have we got a club for you - a club that not only will recognize the hard work and sacrifices that you have made, but will also put you in an elite company of community and junior college students throughout the United States.

The Clackamas Community

College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society exclusively for community and junior college students, is currently looking for members that satisfy the society's guidelines and standards of scholarship, leadership, fellowship, and service. All it takes is a 3.5 GPA in college work and the approval of the local chapter, Alpha Xi Zeta.

Dave Arter, chemistry instructor

and the advisor of Alpha Xi Zeta, said that "this organization has turned into a labor of love for me."

About four years ago, Lyle Reese, dean of instruction, asked Arter to be the advisor of a new honors program at the college. The college sought the Phi Theta Kappa society to charter this new member of their fraternity, which they did.

Each year, the national organization sets a theme for its member organizations to follow for the year. This year's theme is "Civilization at Risk: Challenge of the 90s." Arter believes that the local chapter is going to do its part to live up to the words of that theme. Many service projects are going to be undertaken by Alpha Xi Zeta in the coming year.

Some of those projects include: the sponsorship of a little girl in the country of Bolivia; helping Oregon Public Broadcasting with its annual fundraising drive; helping the college library with its annual book sale; and the sponsoring of a children's book drive for the local area. In the spring, the chapter is going to award the Clackamas "Instructor of the Year" award to one a faculty member.

Valerie McQuaid, co-advisor



Alpha Xi Zeta Advisor Dave Arter addresses a group of students at a recent meeting.

photo by Eric Sanders

of Alpha Xi Zeta, is developing a seminar series for the college, for which she hopes to bring in some speakers from the local community to speak at some different classes taught at the college. She also hopes to set up a "scholar bowl" in which local high school students can compete for their schools in a variety of academic subjects.

"Belonging to an organiza-

tion like Phi Theta Kappa can look extremely good on a resume once a person gets out into the real world," Arter said.

If a student is interested in joining the Alpha Xi Zeta chapter, there will be an orientation meetings held on Thursday, Nov. 8 at 6 and 7:30 p.m. They will be sending out letters to all students whose GPA is at 3.5 or higher.

Students to direct, present one act plays

by Heidi A. Hoffman
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Several students have decided to challenge their theatre skills by directing a one act show in the campus theatre on Dec. 5-6.

There are three one acts to be presented. The directors have only a one hour practice three times a week. With that little amount of time these one acts are very challenging.

Comfort and Joy is a play that is being directed by actors David Burnett and Dennis Corwin. The production will be performed on Dec. 6 at 12 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

"*Comfort and Joy* is likely to disturb some people, but I think it makes some valid points about subjects which are inherently disturbing: death, suicide, and mental illness," said David Burnett.

In a dark and funny way, *Comfort and Joy* tells the story of a young woman, Betty, portrayed by Kathy Clapp, whose husband has killed himself. In a series of comic vignettes, she tries to put her life back in order.

"I don't want people to come to this show searching for the message," said Burnett. "We're not doing a public service announcement over here," he added.

"No one knows what it feels like to lose a loved one to suicide unless one has gone through that ordeal," said Burnett.

"People can't really understand the emotions that one goes through. That's what this is really about, a woman who has been placed into a real unfortunate situation and has kind of lost touch with the everyday complexities of life," said Burnett.

The cast members seem to be having a good time with this play. "It's fun," said Lorin Arendt who plays character Dick Nixon.

"I know both of the directors really well and it's good to be working with them."

Paul Cooke, who plays Reggie in this show is having fun with his part.

"Doing the show is a rollicking good time," Cooke said one day after practice.

Let's Drop in on Sandy Random is the second one act show being presented by a student. This show will be presented on Dec. 5 at 11 p.m. and on Dec. 6 at 6:30 p.m.

The third show being presented involves only two characters. Cheryl Ellison is directing Joe Brookhouse and Bill Ander-

son in a play called *The Window*.

Due to the small amount of time that *Let's Drop in on Sandy Random* and *The Window* have for rehearsals, they did not have time to comment.

The cast members for all three shows are as follows: Kathy Clapp, Suzanne Smith, Paul Cooke, Adam Jarvey, Jena Jacobsen, Joe Brookhouse, Jim Ridzewski, Dan Kerr, Jim Nicodemus, Christina Vlassis, Lorin Arendt, Adam Jarvey, Michelle Walch, Jeff Cibula, Ivy Waller, David Burnett, Bill Anderson, Roger Hancock, and Kimberly Binder. The character names of the above are posted in the Theatre.

Support group forming

by Jennifer Soper
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The first meeting for the Survivors of Abuse Support Group will be held next Wednesday in Barlow 224 from 2 to 3 p.m.

According to co-facilitators Chris Nuffer and Ellen Burbridge, the first meeting is designed to assess needs, answer questions and share feelings about physical, emotional, and sexual abuse.

"We're kind of waiting to see where the need is," explained Nuffer. "You find it (abuse) in everyone from school age children to elderly."

The group is being offered because students have voiced a desire to see it on campus.

"I've talked to a few students and that's what is important: that a need has been identified by the

students themselves," said Burbridge.

The group is not a therapy session. The intent is to provide support for students and evaluate what kinds of things they need to be doing individually to deal with their problems.

"We need to assess the level of need in the group," explained Burbridge. "We will see what we could do with this group that could be a common goal."

Nuffer is an instructor in the Barlow Learning Center and is currently working to obtain her master's degree from Portland State in Educational Agency Counseling. She is serving her internship in the college counseling department.

Burbridge is the International Counselor for the college. She has a master's degree in social work from Portland State.

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