

'Mousetrap' plays this weekend at CCC



Photo by Josh Kehler

CCC's Communications and Theatre Arts Department is putting on their production of Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap" this Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and again on Sunday, Dec. 12 at 2:30 in the McLoughlin Hall Theatre. General admission is \$6. Student and staff tickets are \$3 and people over age 62 are admitted free with advanced reservation.

Abandoned cats form colonies on campus

Paul Ulmen
Staff Writer

Every year, dozens of cats, that were once someone's pets are left here on campus. Even though some students would like to adopt these homeless felines, some become too wild to be caught.

According to Dianne Dennis, at least 150 cats have been left here in the last three years and once abandoned, they become "feral cats" reverting back to a wild state. Some can be retamed, while others become too wild to revert back to a domesticated or tame state.

Dennis researched the problem to see how other countries have handled the situation. She found that trapping them with special traps that do no harm, then having them spayed or neutered, vaccinated for typical feline diseases and then returning them to their feeding area was a better alternative than having them conveniently killed. Once the cats are fixed the tip of one ear is clipped so that it can be seen from a distance and not trapped again.

Dennis submitted her idea to Gary Nelson, a faculty member, who passed it on to Use Committee where it was approved.

Special feeders were designed that are easy for cats to use but difficult for animals like raccoons or possums.

Small shelters are also provided that protect them from the elements. Having all their basic needs met keeps them from hav-

ing to fend for themselves, roaming the neighborhood searching for food and being a nuisance to other pet owners.

Dennis feels the number of cats may have dwindled as the building of new apartments close to campus took away some of their feeding area. Coyotes may have also kept the number down or scared them into other areas. When they come out mainly at night, only Public Safety Officers see them and try to help with the count.

There are people and organizations in the community that help with cat rescue. Virginia Meyrick is one person who has taken the cats seriously and has caught several and simply turned them loose at her place. But because of city ordinances she can only keep so many.

It can be too expensive for one person alone to help cat rescue, so Dennis has formed the CCC Cat Colony Club.

She has helped promote the idea of cat colonies in Tualatin and West Linn and hopes to get others started on other campuses.

Since she is always looking for contributors and volunteers, you can find out how you can help or become a member by calling Dianne Dennis at 631-7735.



Superstar voices make 'Toy Story' a success

Lora Wahrgren
Staff Writer

With the movie "Toy Story" bringing in \$39 million within the first five days of its release, there is no doubt in my mind that computer-animated movies are going to take over the cartoon industry.

It is reported that Disney has contributed \$45 million to support the movie's advertising. Companies such as Burger King, Nestlé, Frito-Lay, Coca-Cola Company's Minute Maid brand and Payless ShoeSource have committed to adding \$125 million towards the advertising support.

You may ask, why are they spending so much money to promote a cartoon movie? I asked myself that same question and it was answered when I saw the movie.

I was really amazed by all of the effort and time put into the making of the movie. John Lasseter, who directed "Toy Story," said that when he and the others at Pixar, the digital animation studio that produced the movie, went looking for toys to put in their film more than three years ago, they settled on familiar name brands that are likely to be in a child's bedroom.

What made this movie so great besides being computer-animated, were the voices of the toys. I thought they couldn't have picked anyone better for the voices of "Buzz Light Year," played by "Home Improvement's" Tim Allen and "Woody," by Oscar Award winning Tom Hanks.

Other surprises in the movie were Mr. Potato Head, a slinky in



Photo by Lora Wahrgren
Tom Hanks is the voice of Woody, "Toy Story's" cowboy.

the shape of a dog with the name "Slink" and a piggy bank named "Hamm," whose voice was played by John Ratzenberger, otherwise known as Cliff Claven from "Cheers."

The movie is creatively funny and entertainingly surprising. Operation, Barrel of Monkeys, Etch-a-Sketch, Trolls, Hot Wheels and even an appearance by the Magic 8 Ball, all added to the exciting story line.

Along with Hanks and Allen, some of the other voices were Annie Potts, Don Rickles, Jim Varney, Wallace Shawn and Laurie Metcalf.

The movie is rated G and is now playing at most local theaters.

I recommend everyone go see this movie; you won't be disappointed.

'Twas THE NIGHT BEFORE FINALS

by wyland

'Twas the night before finals,
And all through the college,
The students were praying
For last-minute knowledge.

Most were quite sleepy,
But none touched their beds,
While visions of essays
Danced in their heads.

In my own room,
I had been pacing,
And dreading exams
I soon would be facing.

My roommate was speechless,
His nose in his book,
And my comments to him
Drew unfriendly looks.

I drained all the coffee,
And brewed a new pot,
No longer caring
That my nerves were shot.

I stared at my notes,
But my thoughts were all muddy;
My eyes went a-blur,
And I just couldn't study.

"Some pizza might help,"
I said with a shiver,
But each place I called
Refused to deliver.

I'd nearly concluded
That life was too cruel,
With futures depending
On grades earned in school.

When all of a sudden
Our door opened wide
And Patron Saint Put-It-Off
Ambled inside.

His spirit was careless
His manner was mellow,
But summoning effort
He started to bellow:

"What kind of student
Would make such a fuss
To toss back at teachers
What they toss at us?"

On Cliff Notes! On Crib
Notes!
On Last Year's Exams!
On Wingit and Slingit,
And Last-Minute Crams!"

His message delivered,
He vanished from sight,
But we heard him laughing
Outside in the night:

"Your teachers have pegged
you,
So just do your best...
Happy Finals to All,
And to All, a good test."

ANSWERS TO THE SUPER MINDBENDER

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Letter Litter

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| 1. Jurassic Park | 5. Jennifer 8 |
| 2. Quiz show | 6. Boyz N The Hood |
| 3. Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure | 7. Project X |
| 4. Hot Shots! Part Deux | 8. JFK |

Simple as ABC

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| 1. Back to the Future | 6. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar |
| 2. Panama Canal | 7. Kurt Cobain |
| 3. Battlestar Galactica | 8. Bacon Bits |
| 4. Baywatch | 9. Abbott and Costello |
| 5. Beach Blanket Bingo | 10. Clam chowder |

The Right Connections

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| 1. TANG | 6. FLOG |
| 2. EVIAN | 7. GNAT |
| 3. PAWS | 8. GUNS |
| 4. NAIVE | 9. SWAP |
| 5. SNUG | 10. GOLF |

The pairs are TANG/GNAT, EVIAN/NAIVE, PAWS/SWAP, SNUG/GUNS & FLOG/GOLF

Rhapsody
has been postponed until
early next term