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Amanda Jensen, (Lucy) Stacie Payne, (Rosemary) and Sigfried Seeliger, (Jerry) absorb themselves in their roles for the play, "Mother Figure."

# Students bring One Acts to life

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Three student directors will be displaying their talent in this term's Student Directed One-Act Plays. The performances will be held in the McLoughlin Theater, Dec. 1, 2 and 3 at noon, and 8 p.m. on Dec. 3. The productions are free to the public.

John Renner, theater student and director, describes one one-act as "White trash comedy." That play, *Lone Star*, written by James McClure and directed by Renner is set in "a trashy town in Texas after Vietnam." A conflict arises in the back of a bar regarding the theft and wreckage of a car.

"There is a hierarchy of ignorance," said Renner. These characters are "drinking beer and eatin' do-dads."

Ina Strauss, theater student,

will be directing *Mother Figure*, a one-act written by Alan Ayckbourn from a book of five short plays called *Confusions*. Strauss describes *Mother Figure* as a "fast paced British farce about being a mother and being a kid." It is a contemporary play, set in a modern English flat.

The third production is a one-act written by theater major Ira Cortum. Titled *Nails and Glass*, Cortum describes the setting simply: "It just happens."

He further explained, "It's like putting a car into first, leaving it in first, and redlining it until you smash into a brick wall."

Cortum said that *Nails and Glass* was inspired by his "love for absurdist theater."

Overall, the Student Directed One-Acts are varied and interesting. Or, as Renner describes his offering, "Locker room trash comedy that will warm your heart."



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Student director Ina Strauss makes some last minute preparations for a dress rehearsal of "Mother Figure."



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Amanda Jensen brings expression to the role of Lucy, the title character of "Mother Figure."



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Sigfried Seeliger and Stacie Payne act out marital tensions as Jerry and Lucy, a couple that ends up feuding.