

Misley: man of many marvels

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"I'm a 25-hour guy in a 24-hour world," states Bob Misley, a Life Science instructor here at Clackamas. He says this because he is involved with everything from scuba diving to the fall main stage play. Many of you may know him, many of you may not. All of you should.

Who knew that one person could be so passionate about so many different things?

"I can't go very far without talking about scuba diving," says Misley. It's one of the many delights he carries over into the classroom. Diving allows him to further his interest and enhances his dedication to the classroom. He exemplifies this by spitting out a list of about 15 exotic areas in which he has descended into the depths of the sea.

And if that weren't enough, he is also a certified habitat diver and a volunteer at the Newport Marine Aquarium. Here he dives in the aquarium in order to do maintenance for them and cleaning. "It's like a giant fish tank," Misley said. He helps to make it look good for its many spectators.

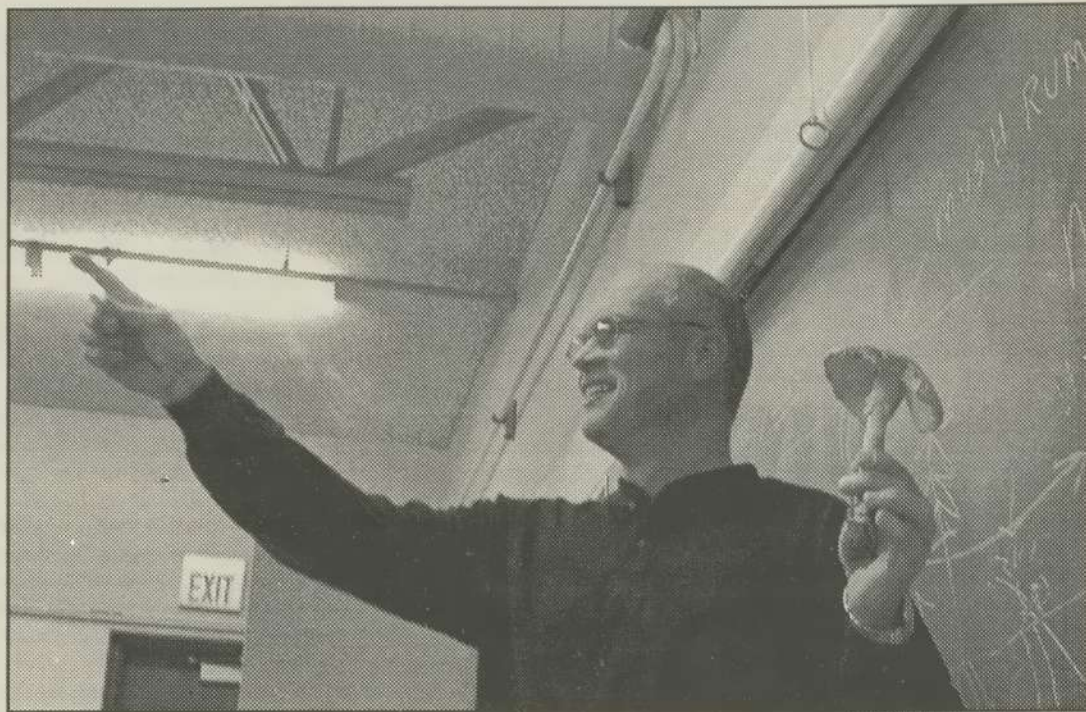
Along with this, he now enjoys underwater photography. Sometime this year he hopes to present a slide show (on campus) of his findings.

Another one of Misley's favorite pastimes is music. In college, he was extremely interested in the banjo. This led him to play in a bluegrass band for 10 years. He then went on to love swing, classic rock, and rockabilly. However, for the past few years, he has grown extremely fond of surf music. He has worked with his band, High Desert Surf, on some recording projects and performances. But lately Misley has found himself passing up opportunities to play with his band. Why, you ask? His most recent project is the school play, "Crimes of the Heart." Misley plays Doc Porter, the "oldest person" in the story. He plays a longtime friend of the main family in the story.

He got involved with David Smith-English, the head of the Theatre department, years back when he suggested that the school put on "Inherit the Wind," and later was in this play (along with a long list of other faculty members).

Acting helps him to teach in what he likes to call an "interdisciplinary model." He loves to teach biology majors, but he equally enjoys teaching liberal arts majors.

Misley attended Lewis and Clark College and received his master's degree in Biology. This led him to Clackamas in 1981, where he got a job teaching obviously... music. After four years of the music department, he then switched over to sci-



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Making his mark as a musician, scuba diver, teacher and actor, Bob Misley emphasizes a point about his favorite fungus. He has been teaching at Clackamas for 21 years.

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This year he is teaching a class entitled "Lewis and Clark: Pioneering Naturalists." For this class he received a mini-grant and funding to go to Montana to do research at historic sites in order to develop the course. "The whole

theme of the course," Misley explains, "is to introduce students to the scientific achievements and observations [that came from the expedition]."

So how does Misley manage all of his time? "You cannot be in two places at once. I read that in a physics

book." Misley jokingly says. So he reads a lot "about consciousness," he smirks. Personally, I think that his overwhelming good spirit and sense of humor keeps him sane. Don't forget to see him in action on Nov. 14-16 in McLoughlin Theater at the performances of "Crimes of the Heart."

Rainbow Club seeks to raise attendance

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"The Rainbow Club has been around for at least 10 years," said Kandie Starr, the club's current advisor. "I remember going to meetings when I was a student."

Starr has worked as a records specialist in the Registrar's office for six-and-a-half years. During her role as advisor of the Rainbow Club she has tried many different tactics in attempt to raise attendance.

"I'm experimenting with calling it the Gay-Straight Alliance to see if more people will come," Starr said. The club is rapidly beginning to be referred to by this name around campus. Starr wants students to know that anyone is welcome to

come. Because attendance has been so low, the club is currently meeting only once a month. At the first meeting this term the five people in

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Kandie Starr
Rainbow Club Advisor

attendance got to know one another and planned some activities for the future. According to Starr, some of the ideas they came up with were hiking Multnomah Falls, having

game nights and potluck dinners.

"Our community needs to reach out," Starr said. "There aren't many places for the GLBT (Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual, Transgender) community, and this is a safe place for them to go."

In the future, Starr would like to attempt to set up a student leader for the club. She'd also like to see the

club go back to meeting as often as it did last year, which was weekly. However, she is leaving to promotion of the group up to the members. She has put up posters notifying students of National Coming Out Day, but she hasn't put up anything directly advertising the club.

"Our posters seem to be torn down a lot," Starr said. "They don't

seem to stay up as long as everyone else's." The few posters that she has put up this year have stayed up so far.

The club will meet Nov. 20 and Dec. 4 in M251. Starr invited anyone who is interested in learning about the club or in seeing coming out literature to call her at ext. 2504 or stop by her office in CC144.

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