

Day overcomes adversity, inspires others in process

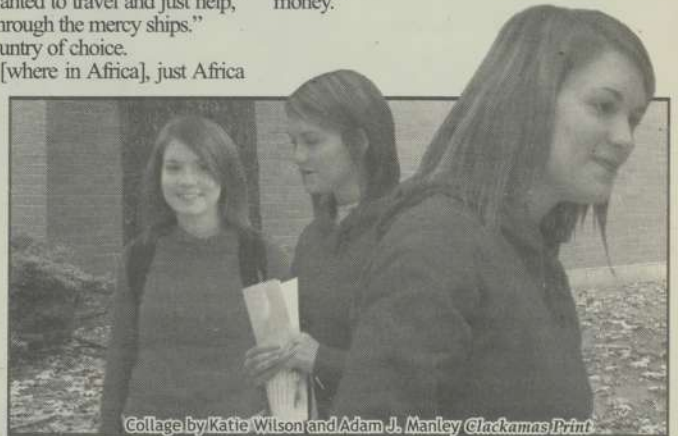
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She's not an intimidating person: small build, spoken. Clackamas student Snowie Day is only 18 years old, but she's living on her own and making her own way through college. "I lived with my mom most of my life," she said. "But that wasn't a good situation." At 14, she was removed from her mother's care and moved to live with her father. "That was life-changing and pretty hard," said Day. In the course of the next few years, she was moved back and forth between relatives. Before moving in with her dad, Day said that her freshman year of high school had been fun. She played sports, and had even been homecoming princess. "I had fun, even though my home life was bad," she said. "School was basically my escape."

But then sophomore year came around, and she left her mother's house. "When I came back to that first high school, everything was different," said Day. "[High school] was not my favorite," she said. "It was the hardest time of my life ... I was asking, 'Who am I and where am I going?'" Now, she's living on her own with a roommate, learning how to deal with bills and get by. "I thought, 'Okay, I'm going to go to college and move on,'" she said. "I'm going to take charge and be in control of my life." And that's just what Day has done. She applied for scholarships at Clackamas and was awarded the Gwen Dickson Memorial Scholarship, and is now a Service to Community intern. She mentors 17 students on campus and helps coordinate the Swindell Scholars. She recently spoke at the college's Inservice at the request of Scholarship Coordinator Darcie Ivens. "Her [scholarship application essay] was one that I picked up ... I asked her to come in," said Ivens. "And once I met her, of course, I fell in

love with her. She had a lot of confidence ... she's just a terrific girl and a hard worker." Day hopes to get into the nursing program either here or elsewhere. Helping people is her goal. She wants to be a nurse overseas. "I've always wanted to travel and just help," she said, "maybe through the mercy ships." Africa is her country of choice. "I don't know [where in Africa], just Africa in general," she laughed. She says that God is the most important thing in her life. "I met this guy, and he went to church each week," she said. "He never pushed it on me, but I asked, 'Can I just go with you?' That had a

really good influence ... giving my life to God." Ultimately, Day doesn't demand too much from life. "Getting married and having a family, and being happy," she said. "I don't care about money."

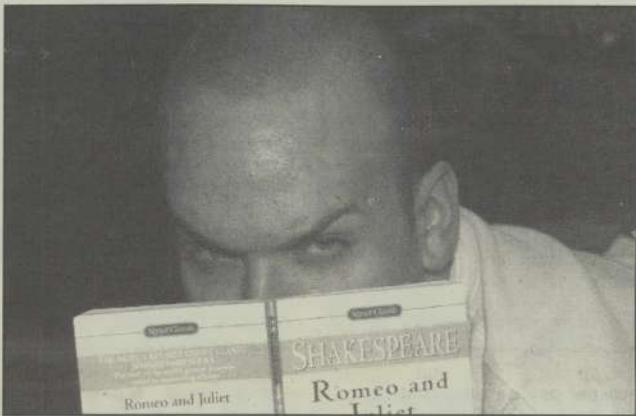


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Of zombies, theater

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Many students may be unaware that a zombie attends Clackamas. Not only is this zombie enrolled, he spends practically all of his time on campus and is even paid to be there. This zombie goes by the name of Matt Morrison. To clarify: Morrison is in fact a student. Recently, he dressed as a zombie to win tickets from the radio station 105.1 to a zombie movie show. Morrison went to the Milwaukee transit center in full zombie attire, advocating for zombie rights. After winning the tickets, the radio hosts found him so humorous that they asked for his number to contact him for future radio bits. Although quite intriguing, Morrison's "zombie work" is hardly his greatest achievement as an actor. He has been acting in the theater department for the approximate 10 years he has been enrolled. "When I first showed up, I had no experience whatsoever. I was in a play once [before] when I was six; I think I played a tree," Morrison recalled. "I took a writing class, and we had an exercise where we had to read dialogue out



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Artist in Residence Matt Morrison will be Friar Lawrence in this term's play: "Romeo and Juliet" by Shakespeare.

loud, and I remember one old lady said, 'You should be an actor.' The next term, I took David's [Smith-English] acting class, and I ended up in a play." Smith-English, head of the theater department, has appointed Morrison the Artist in Residence this year. The Artist in Residence is someone who is a current or former student and has been through, and is knowledgeable of, the theater program. The Artist in Residence has free tuition and is also paid for their work. The job requires

that Morrison to be extremely involved in all stage plays, including the three main stage performances and all student-directed one acts of the year. "He is amazing," English said. "The first term I knew him, his theater experience was limited, and he came to the theater department and wanted to participate in the show, 'Lend Me a Tenor.' Three weeks into the rehearsal process, the male lead in the show was unable to continue and Matt was working as an assistant to the stage manager. Suddenly, I said, 'Matt, I guess it's you.' He did a great character, and it was a very successful show!"

Ever since his spontaneous debut, Morrison has been heavily involved in acting and has acted or worked backstage in almost all of the college's theater productions, not to mention his work in the Clackamas Repertory Theatre. He will soon be taking the stage as the Friar in "Romeo and Juliet," a role that will later overlap with rehearsals for his part in "The Christmas Carol" for the Clackamas Repertory Theatre.

The theater absorbs the majority of Morrison's time, as he rehearses four days a week. After classes and rehearsal, Morrison comes home to an apartment where he rooms with fellow theater people.

"At least for this term, this [theater] has become my life, being the artist in resident. I have three classes, doing the play, doing the one-act and when I am home and all my roommates are in theater. It's pretty insane," Morrison said. "Make up some stuff about my outside life, I am a big skydiver! And I built a rocket."



Students help students

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It is no doubt that some students struggle with mathematics. The Math Lab is located in Streeter Hall and offers math assistance to students having difficulty in any level math course. The lab is open Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Only registered Clackamas Community College students are authorized to take advantage of its services.

Some students may have a false impression of what the tutors are actually like, or are capable of doing. "You have to find a tutor who's patient and compatible with you and your methods of learning. I wish one of the tutors here in the Math Lab could have been one of my high school math teachers," said student Grace Dluva.

Dustin Ragsdale, math tutor, technology tutor and writing tutor, said, "I think the most common misconception about the math tutors and tutors in general is that students tend to believe we are experts in our subjects. Tutors are not teachers; we are dedicated students struggling through the same classes as our peers. I can't speak for my fellow tutors, but I have higher grades because of my tutoring jobs, not the other way around."

Michael Hogland, Theodore Bieber and Andrew Gleason can assist students at the Math 253 level, and below. Mitchell Hayes, Caleb Copko and Sarah Berens can assist students at the Math 251 level, and below. In addition, Sarah Berens helps students taking Statistics along with Travis Eschweiler and Dustin Ragsdale, who tutors Math 252 students as well. The tutors in the Math Lab this Fall term also include Chris Campenella and Johnathon Johnson, a Math 252 tutor. The requirements to be a tutor are passing certain math courses with a "C" or better, and a recommendation from a faculty member.

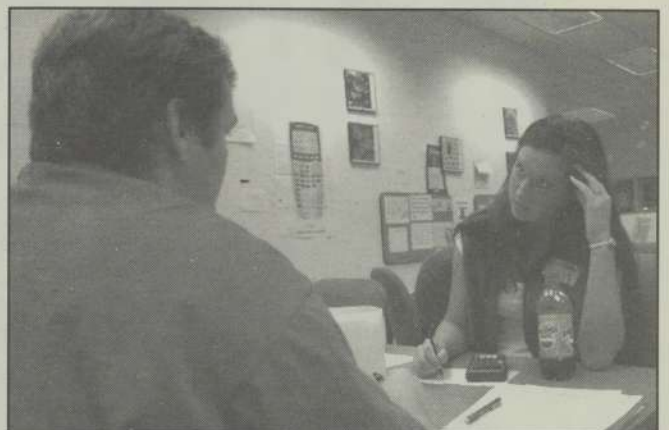
The Math Lab has a comments box in which students may express their opinions or feelings about the service they receive. Math help is offered to students via the Web as well. An on-line math study group is available for students to join through MathLink. MathLink provides free on-line math tutoring and study groups.

Registration is simple. Log on to <http://clackamas.blackboard.com> and create a Blackboard account. When the account form is complete, click on the Courses tab, and then select Browse Course Catalog. All that's left is to do a key-word search for MathLink, click on enroll, submit and ok.

Also, students should allow themselves adequate time to take advantage of the help being offered. Students should figure on approximately two hours of work on their own outside of class for every hour they are in class.

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Math tutor Sarah Berens coaches student Jess Casper through his math homework.