



## Video games and zombies come to life in "Requisition of Doom"



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College plays showcase a huge variety of performances. They're not just another rendition of "The Nutcracker." Nor are they meant to be a lullaby leading into a nap. They're designed to make the viewer think about complicated issues

that affect people today.

Clackamas Community College's theater department is aiming to do just that.

The department is currently working on the winter 2014 play, "Neighborhood 3: Requisition of Doom," written by award-winning playwright Jennifer Haley. The play is about parents who discover that their teenage kids have become addicted to an online video game.

The catch? The neighborhood in the game that is infested by zombies is identical to the one they live in, down to the most miniscule details like a gnome in the front yard and a cat owned by one of the teens. The goal of the game is to get out of the neighborhood for good, but the game begins to blur the edges between reality and online fantasy.

James Eikrem is CCC's the-

atre director, and he's excited about the production, he said. "I think it's very challenging and topical," Eikrem said. "It's fun. It has a lot of suspense. It has issues that are pertinent to today in terms of conflict between parents and kids, teenagers especially, over the use of computers and technology."

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## GSA speaks for equality

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Webster's dictionary defines community as "a group of people who live in the same area such as a city, town or neighborhood."

On Saturday, Feb. 22, Clackamas Community College opened its doors to The Living Room's annual Gay Straight Alliance Summit. The summit brings different organizations together to discuss matters that involve the GLBTQQ (gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning) community. Workshops were offered on subjects ranging from a 30-minute Q & A for adults to religion, from dancing to mental health support.

“*They are what makes my job awesome.*”

**Jefferson Morgan**  
Program Coordinator

Started in August 2009 by Carolyn Russel and R.E. Szego, The Living Room is an organization aimed at creating a safe space for Clackamas County youth (ages 14 - 20). The summit allows GLBTQQ youth to meet others in their age bracket as well as connect with resources in their community.

Kelly Blixhavn, program director and board member, grew up in Clackamas County and remembers how hard it was four years ago before The Living Room. Her experiences really made her determined to make it easier for others to grow up in Clackamas County, she said.

Blixhavn also spoke about the future of The Living Room. Clackamas women's services currently sponsors the youth program, but they are in the process of becoming their own non-profit organization. The application is almost completed, she said.

Jessica LeBron, who is a CCC student, a member of the youth advisory council and was recently voted to the executive board of The Living Room in January, has been involved with TLR for three years.

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## Cougar baseball swings into season

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March is just around the corner and that means it will be time for baseball. In this frigid winter season, the men of Cougar baseball have been diligently honing their skills for spring. Cougar freshman Cody Watkins is one of the hard working Clackamas athletes practicing for spring season.

"It's slow right now because we can't go outside," said Watkins. "Just trying to get prepared inside before the weather gets good."

The team has been acclimating to college ball and learning to work together. They have been hard at work all school year. The Cougars hope to translate their synergy into success against the competition

during spring season.

"We've been together since fall," said Watkins. "It's nice to have that bond. There's a lot of us coming out of high school where we use aluminum bats. Getting used to wood bats is different, takes some pop off your swing, bunting is easier."

Some of the team is new and some are veterans, but they all have room to improve and they have been consistent on that goal. Cougar Hayden Heying has enjoyed building the team's prowess throughout the year and is excited for spring.

"We'll be the sleeper team of the league," said Heying. "Trying to get stronger, throw harder. Trying to get one of the starting roles. We're working pretty good, team chemistry seems to be pretty good."

The NWAACC rules allow baseball to include an unofficial fall and winter schedule before they

start the regular spring season. The Cougars fall season is from Sept. 15 to Nov. 15. Nov. and Dec. are for conditioning only. Winter baseball is Jan. 15 to March 1, then spring season starts. During the Spring baseball is allowed 22 game days against opponents. Spring season lasts until June 1.

The weather hasn't allowed for any pre-season games since fall, but that didn't stop the Cougars from improving. Shortstop Taren Bradd is excited for Spring too. He enjoys the teamwork in baseball and looks for the hard hits. Like his teammates, he has been honing his game in order to perform at maximum capacity.

"I've been working on hitting, staying inside the ball and becoming a leader," said Bradd. "My favorite part of baseball is hitting line-drives, hitting the ball hard and making plays."

Head Coach Robin Robinson has been teaching and coaching at Clackamas since 1990. He has seen his fair share of various teams with different skill levels to work with. Robinson is impressed with his team this year. He welcomes the talented returners and looks forward to seeing the team perform in league.

"I feel really good about the sophomore returners," said Robinson. "Good group of sophomore kids. The depth of our pitching is better than we've had in years."

With such dedication towards practice, Clackamas is off to a good start this year. The coming season will test their strength as a team. The Cougars first four games of the spring season are set for this weekend against Spokane in The Dalles. They will play two games on Saturday and two on Sunday.