

Manbites Dog follows difficulty and beauty of 'the OUTfield'

"In the OUTfield" is a touching exploration and celebration of coming out as a lesbian.

The one-woman play opened its encore presentation Oct. 14 at Manbites Dog Theater in Durham. The play runs through Sunday.

Written by and starring Laurie Wolf, the biographical play leads us into the life of a woman as she moves from childhood to learning how to adjust as a lesbian adult in a hostile society. The play opens with Wolf struggling her way out of a white comforter, a symbol of the struggle she will have to face all her life.

Slides of a young girl expressing happiness and surprise lead on to slices

Alex McMillan

Theatre

from the life of Wolf's character, from her happy memories of watching the Brooklyn Dodgers and beating the neighborhood boys at baseball to the series of crushes she has on older girls.

Wolf captured the repression and alienation of her character admirably. The set reflected her repression, too, with its starkness of lines (like those of a baseball diamond) and the metal frames scattered across the stage, which ambiguously serve as doors but also, all too often, as walls between Wolf and

the world around her.

The audience empathized with the character's struggle to understand herself. Wolf adds poignancy with songs which, while Wolf is certainly no singer, added a vulnerable and naive aspect to the play.

The play was full of touching and comic moments, including Wolf's exploration of her body as a child, lying on a bean bag in front of "I Love Lucy."

Wolf also acted out painful memories, including family squabbles and rejections of flowers she tried to give her girlfriends.

The staging techniques intensified the audience's feelings for the character. Her isolation was made clear by the

way her family was portrayed only by giant disembodied shoes, and her frustration was evident in the plastic-wrapped furniture.

Wolf drew the audience even further into the story by addressing them directly, making them feel like confidants.

The play was marred only by Wolf's occasional muffled line and the extreme, didactic end.

Having built up an endearing and understandable character, the play ended with a venting, in rap and song, of the frustration Wolf's character felt at a heterosexual society that rejected her.

This jolted audience members and was not in keeping with the character.

They had felt for Wolf's character as she bravely put the best face on things, and they sympathized and agreed as Wolf asked them, "Is she a lesbian? I'm not sure you can tell by the way she dresses or moves."

But the final song was delivered in such a strident manner that all audience-character rapport, so carefully constructed, was undone.

Nevertheless, the play successfully captured the difficulty and the beauty of coming out as a lesbian.

After receiving a spirited reaction when it debuted in the spring, "In the OUTfield" returned for another run, including a special performance Sunday to raise money for OUTright, a

group that supports homosexual youth. The production is part of Manbites Dog's "Other Voices" series, a series of guest productions by other performance groups and artists.

"In the OUTfield" is presented by TOUCH, a Triangle-based performance group. Its dramatics and song mark a departure for TOUCH, which normally specializes in mime.

Manbites Dog Theater is a non-profit theater company that aims to bring new and exciting theater to the Triangle.

The play shows at 8:15 p.m. today and Saturday and at 3:15 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$9. Reservations are strongly recommended. For details call 220-6779.

STV moves for more space, increased security

By Casella Foster
Staff Writer

Space restrictions, safety concerns and the possibility of cable hookup in campus dormitories have led Student Television to move from its former facilities on the top floor of the Student Union to the old band storage room in the basement.

Geoff Newman, STV station manager, said STV's previous facilities did not provide enough space for editing and coordinating programs. Most STV shows — which are shown on local public access stations — are produced in staff members' apartments, he said.

Newman said that among other advantages, the larger space would allow STV to keep better track of its equip-

ment. Two weeks ago, \$4,000 worth of equipment disappeared from STV facilities.

Newman said he still did not know how the equipment had disappeared. "Basically, we have to go on and continue to produce despite the loss of the equipment," he said.

The investigating officer, University

Police officer Ollie Bowler, said he had no new information in the case.

Newman said STV officials were working with their insurance company to try to purchase new equipment.

The primary reason STV moved was the possibility of cable wiring in the band storage room. STV broadcasts throughout Chapel Hill but campus dorm rooms aren't wired for cable.

"We feel that once cable is in the dorms, we will be much more prevalent on campus," Newman said.

Wayne Kuncel, director of University housing, said his department and staff members from the telecommunications office and office of information technology were working on a way to bring cable to UNC.

"It's been a desire for a long time to bring cable to residence halls," Kuncel said. He added that the administration was as frustrated as the student body at the lack of cable hookups in the dorms.

Ehringhaus, Hinton James and Craig residence halls currently have cable wires in the buildings, but individual dorm rooms are not yet wired, he said.

The biggest obstacle is the money needed to provide students with cable, Kuncel said.

AIDS day to promote action

By Robert Strader
Staff Writer

Members of the AIDS Service Agency of Orange County said they hoped to raise awareness of the disease and funding for a house for AIDS patients Saturday as part of AIDS Action Day.

Joe Herzenberg, a Chapel Hill Town Council member and a member of the AIDS Service Agency, said the day would illustrate that AIDS was a disease that occurred locally.

"(AIDS Action Day) will call attention to the fact that AIDS is a local disease and not something that happens in cities like San Francisco and (also) not something that only celebrities like Magic Johnson get," he said.

Herzenberg added that three people had died from AIDS this week in Orange County.

The number of cases that have been tracked at UNC Hospitals during the past year is between 750 and 800. Forty of the patients are residents of Orange County, according to Jean

Bolduc, chairwoman of the AIDS Service Agency.

Herzenberg said the AIDS Service Agency was formed to campaign for housing for people with AIDS.

The agency is waiting for approval of a federal grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to build an AIDS house on Culbreth Road in Chapel Hill.

"AIDS Action Day will bring attention to the proposed housing project," Herzenberg said. "The ASA has asked the Department of Housing and Urban Development for money to build a house for poor people with AIDS."

Bolduc said homes for AIDS patients were needed in the area.

"There are no group-home beds in Orange County for people with AIDS, and there are only 11 group-home beds in the entire state," Bolduc said.

The agency is continuing an effort to raise outside funds for the project, Bolduc added.

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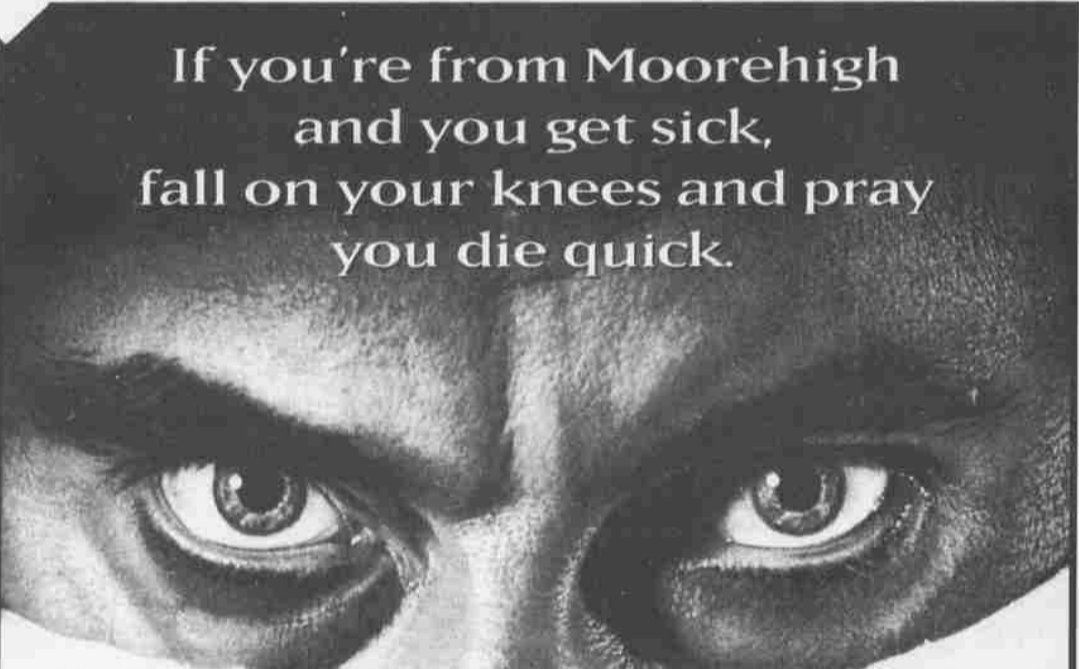
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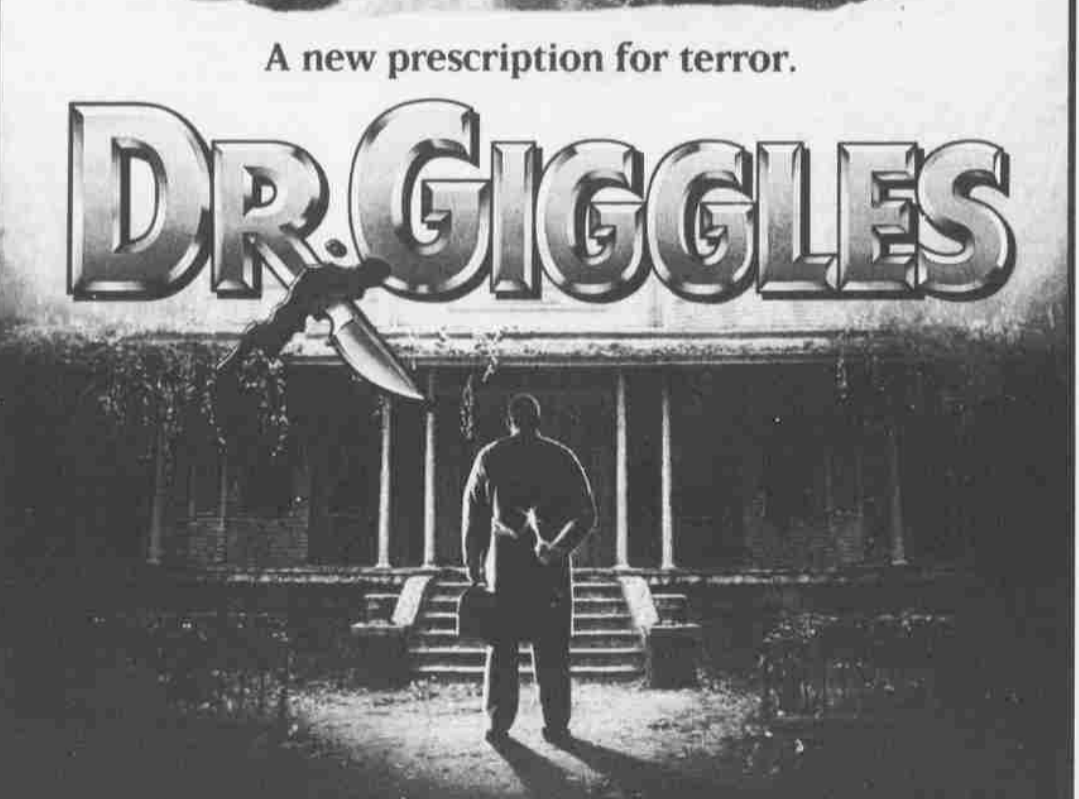
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Correction

In the Oct. 21 Daily Tar Heel story, "Men try to define their roles," Ken Sawyer's occupation was incorrectly identified. Although Sawyer said he worked for Domino's Pizza, he actually is not employed by the corporation in any way, owner Dan Shefte said. Sawyer could not be reached for comment. The DTH regrets the error.

Campus Calendar

FRIDAY
NOON: CHSpA will have a talk on the North Atlantic Free Trade Agreement by Professor Alfonso Gutierrez as part of the Brown Bag Lecture Series at 2301 McGovern Greenberg.
12:15 p.m. Orientation Office will have a meeting for all students interested in an Orientation Leader position in 224 Union.
1 p.m. UNC Juggling Club will meet at the flagpole between Wilson Library and South Building. The rain location is Carmichael Ballroom.
6:15 p.m. UNC Hillel, 210 W. Cameron, will have Shabbat Services and dinner with Parents Weekend guests, the Clefs. Please call ahead, 942-4057.

6 p.m. CAA will sponsor the Homecoming Parade on campus.
7 p.m. CAA will sponsor the Pep Rally on Franklin Street.
8 p.m. CAA will sponsor the Franklin Street Extravaganza.
CUAB will present "The Tempest" in the PlayMakers Theatre. Tickets: \$4 for students and \$6 for public.
SATURDAY
2:15 p.m. Carolina Fever will distribute tickets for the game in front of Wilson Library.
7:30 p.m. German House will have a German Volkslieder Abend at Columbia Street Bakery.

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