

MORGANTON, NORTH CAROLINA, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1972

For First Of Six Performances

Macbeth Opener Set At WPCC

William Shakespeare's Macbeth opens Thursday night at Western Piedmont Community College. Performance dates are November 30, December 1, 2, 7, 8 and 9. Curtain time is 8 p.m. Tickets, \$1 adults, 50 cents student, may be purchased at the Muses, the College Bookstore or from members of the cast. The production is the work of the I-40

Players in conjunction with the English - Humanities Department.

Michael Philyaw of Lenoir plays the title role opposite Jodi Sossoman of Morganton who portrays Lady Macbeth. Philyaw and Sossoman were seen in the I-40 Players production of "Fantastiks" last spring.

New faces in the I-40's "Macbeth" are many. Tom Eller plays the role of Duncan,

King of Scotland; Carol Ann Bauer is the Gentlewoman, Vanda Abee and Sidney Wood join the I-40 players in the role of the Witches. The Third Witch is played by Debbie Coffey who is a holdover from "Fantastiks." Debbie also doubles as Lady Macduff.

John Francis, Van Stronach, John Edmundson are making their debut on the I-40 stage. The part of Macduff is being played by Fred Parham. The Porter,

the show's single breath of comedy, is done by Greg Carswell who is an old hand at the comic routine as he proved in the role of Hucklebee from the "Fantastiks."

Lester Crawford and Gene Harrell, both veteran I-40 actors, complete the cast in the roles of Servant and Murdered and Malcolm. Charles Sossoman the old Shakespearean actor from the "Fantastiks," is a real live Banquo in the production of "Macbeth."

"Macbeth" will be performed on a unit set and in modern dress. The costumes will be suggestive of Scot tartan with no attempt to be historical. Technical effect will be kept to a minimum to allow the rich beauty of Shakespeare's poetry to shine, it was explained. One recalls his comment, "The play is the thing."



A Tense Scene In Shakespeare's Macbeth

Mike Philyaw of Lenoir has the title role in the I-40 Players presentation of William Shakespeare's "Macbeth" which will be given its first performance Thursday night at eight o'clock at Western Piedmont Community College. He is shown here with Jodi Sossoman of Morganton who has the role of Lady Macbeth. The mottled backtround is part of the unit set which will be used for the six performances this week and next week. The presentation will be made in modern dress as part of the plan to emphasize the play itself rather than stage properties. (Staff Photo by Andy M. Hern)