

Buffalo

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The violence in "American Buffalo" is found in the rather rough but necessary language.

"Mamet has a good ear for very naturalistic, city kind of street talk," Hofeditz said. "He will take real language from the streets and adjust it to identify the characters even more."

Hofeditz said the language also provided much of the humor in the play.

"They contradict themselves. They say one thing one minute and one thing the next," he said. "This contradiction makes the play very funny."

This rhythm and syntax of the language was the most challenging part of the play for Houser.

"Other than profanity, the number one word I say is 'yeah,'" Houser said.

"There are timed pauses before and after lines. It's very snappy dialogue."

He said the cast spent a great deal of time working with the lines until they got them down to where, like Shakespeare, "it rolls off the lips."

Even though the play focuses on deteriorating values, Houser said, his character is everybody's friend—but only to those with whom he doesn't do business.

"He's the one of any of them that has a chance of getting out of the situation he's in," Houser said. "He's a genuinely nice guy who's never done anything like this heist before."

The role of Donny Dubrow has been the hardest for Houser all year, he said. Houser was in "Twelfth Night" and "13 Rue de L'Amour" last semester.

He said the play was funny on top of all the seriousness and the depth. "They'll be points where people

“It shows what lengths people will go to to justify going after what they think they deserve.”

—Hofeditz
play director

don't know whether to laugh or not," he said. "So what we've got to do is just deliver the play the best we can."

That includes doing it by the rules. "American Buffalo" will be performed at the Studio Theatre on the third floor of the Temple Building tonight at 8 p.m. Regular tickets are \$9, and student tickets are \$6.

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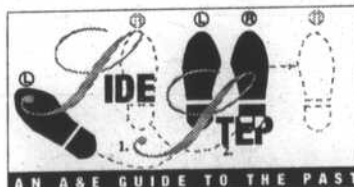
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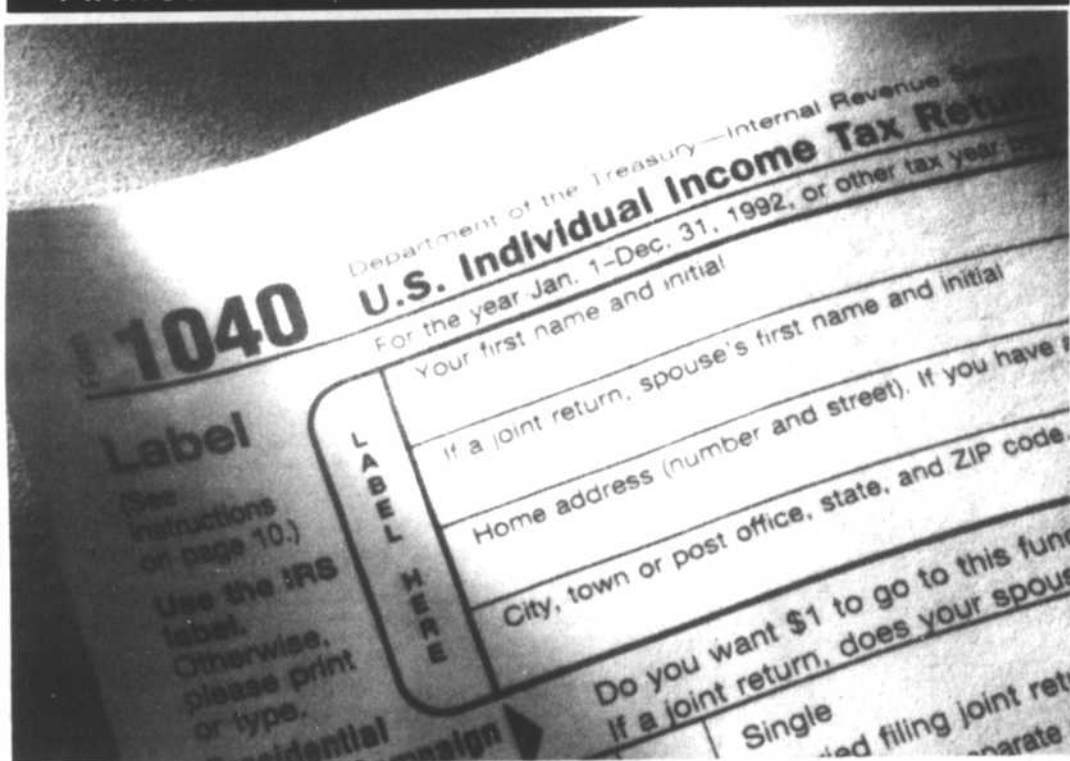
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