

Lincoln man reaches children with his art

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While it is difficult to teach children about the importance of growing up on the right path, one local writer is finding that the key is creativity.

Tom Frye is a mentor for gifted children in the Lincoln Public Schools, a counselor for Family Solution (a federal family counseling

program) and an author of 8 books and several short stories, songs and plays.

On Wednesday, two of Frye's plays were performed at the Animal Sciences Complex on East Campus as part of an event sponsored by the Educational Talent Search, a group which helps elementary school children with their studies.

Frye sees the potential for these plays to have a positive influence on children.

"I think plays would be a great format to immediately reach kids," Frye said.

The first play, "Kastleland," was a fable which dealt with making the right decisions in life and avoiding temptation. While the play originally was written with children aged 8-9 in mind Frye has noticed that the play gets enthusiasm from teenagers as well.

The second play, "Scratchin' the

Eight Ball," based upon Frye's 1982 book of the same name, was geared more for an older audience. The play was centered on drug abuse. Parents and teacher groups were concerned about the violence and the language used in the play. Frye sees the use of such as necessary and realistic.

"Some people call it violence, but I call it action because it pulls you through. When it gets you to the message, you're gonna get the message," Frye said.

The two plays along with the rest of Frye's body of work have put him in demand with many groups. Frye's work has become part of summer camps, required text for college curriculum, role playing and board games. Frye is even considering developing a video game based upon the premise of "Kastleland."

Recently, Frye has won an out-of-court settlement concerning the copyright to his work, "Kastleland."

As prolific as Frye's writing career is Frye also is bound by his commitment to children. Frye's writing is inspired by his work with "at-risk children." Frye also attributes his writing style to his own childhood. Frye, who grew up in the Havelock neighborhood of Lincoln recalls some of his

own run-ins with the law.

Frye was ordered to work with children and since then he has been able to relate to troubled children because he understands their situation.

Frye works with children on both side of the spectrum. On one end there are children who have serious discipline, economic and family-related problems. On the other end, Frye works with children who come from more stable backgrounds. In addition Frye has served as foster parent to nine children (not all at once).

"I get a good balance because during the year I also work at schools as a mentor so I see gifted kids and at-risk kids and I see them both at risk because some of my gifted kids still have that drug allure. So, in everything I do I try to have a message," Frye said, commenting on the range of children that he works with.

Ultimately Frye would like to devote his time to writing. However, the children have become too significant part of his work and his life to walk away from completely.

"My ideal schedule I think would be working with kids three days a week and writing four days a week, that would be perfect."

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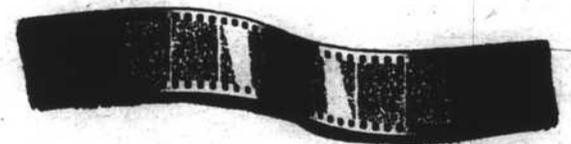
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