



Creative expression

A couple of years ago Carrie Baker, assistant professor in UAF's Theatre Department, directed *The Laramie Project*, a play about the 1998 torture and murder of Matthew Shepherd, a 21-year-old student at the University of Wyoming. During the trial, witnesses said Shepherd was targeted because he was gay.

Baker knew the subject matter of the play was going to be a little edgy for Fairbanks, but she says that made the department even more excited about producing it. She adds that it didn't occur to her to

Tradition of independence

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