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Shoppers at Olympia's Westside Center were more than a bit curious this week when a film crew showed up and a cameraman--perched in a "cherry picker" on a towering crane--began shooting movie scenes. Just like something from Old Hollywood.

Except the film crew was from The Evergreen State College and the producer/director was a student rather than some cinematic notable such as William Wyler.

Lee Meister, a junior from Larchmont, New York, was busy directing the last scene of a short 16 millimeter black-and-white movie, the fourth he has produced while studying at Evergreen.

The movie, still unnamed by Meister, tells the story of a small-time hoodlum--played by drama student Geof Alm of Seattle--who is visited by his guardian angel--a kindly gent depicted by Evergreen faculty member Dr. Andrew Hanfman, who looks the part. The scene shot at Westside Center by cameraman Gary Peterson, a student from Portland, finds the hoodlum--now reformed--handing out religious pamphlets to passersby.

Meister, who earlier produced a two-minute film parody of old silent movies, a brief parody of old-fashioned horror flicks, and a third short film about a mad bomber in a bus station, did most of the work on his latest endeavor in Evergreen's television studio. Then, just like the big producers, he "went on location" to wrap up the project.

Westside Center was chosen as the site, much to the surprise and interest of shoppers making their mid-day rounds.

Meister, who plans a career in filmmaking, already has been accepted for additional studies at Columbia College in Los Angeles. His present filmmaking activities are being conducted under the sponsorship of Evergreen faculty member Sid White, artist and media specialist.