

"Physicists" Spring play cast

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"Physicist" is one of those rare plays that entails comedy, suspense, mystery, and murder," said Director Jack Shields of the spring term play, which is scheduled to open May 21, at 8 p.m.

The play focuses on three physicists, J.W. Mobius (Neil Hass), "who makes an earth shattering physical concept," Shields said. He then commits himself for safety against the outside world. Mobius calls his discovery 'The Principal of Universal Matter,' if it got into the hands of the wrong people, it could destroy the world.

H.G. Beutler (Sean Carlson) and E.H. Ernesti (Victor Toman) commit themselves in order to get Mobius' great discovery. Beutler murders his nurse for the opening act and Mobius follows by murdering his nurse in the second act.

"It is set in what used to be a fancy Swiss Villa, but is now an insane asylum for the very wealthy," Shields said.

Mobius believes he can see and talk to King Solomon, Beutler thinks he is Sir Isaac

Newton, and Ernesti believes he is Dr. Albert Einstein.

Fraulein Doktor (Patty Latham) is the Psychiatrist of the insane patients. "By the time the play is over you see the deep insanity as she prepares to take over the world," Shields said.

Hass who is a full-time student, was in the play 'Not Any More' winter term, and Carlson was seen in the 'Glass Menagerie' last year, is also a full-time student.

Latham is a substitute teacher in Clackamas County and has been involved with the theater four years prior to her present role.

"There are many community members that auditioned for the play," Shields said. "That's great because we are a community college." Out of 15 cast members only seven are attending the College.

With three parts still open, Shields is looking for males between the ages of 12-14. "Each will have a few lines but nothing major," Shields said. To get information about the play call Jack Shields at 657-8400, ext. 283.



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DIRECTOR JACK SHIELDS is enthusiastic about the production of Friedrich Durrenmatt's play "Physicists" which will open May 21-23 and re-open June 3-6.

Shakespearean festival invites students

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Shakespearean actors will be presenting such productions as "Julius Caesar," "Inherit the Wind," and "Spokesong," in Ashland through out April,

May and early June.

"Julius Caesar" is set in a modern third-world country and has a special meaning in the light of today's political situation. "Inherit the Wind," is a powerful dramatization of the Scopes-Monkey trial, in which a young teacher was on trial for teaching the theories of Darwin in 1925. "Spokesong," a musical play that deals with two couples of different generations, who learn about love during political tribulations in Ireland.

It is during the late spring months that the Festival Company is rehearsing the productions that will be presented on the outdoor stage. The performances are scheduled on the weekends and student "rush" is often available.

"Rush" enables students to purchase unsold tickets one-half hour before a performance, at a reduced rate of \$4. Also students who are attending the Festival may sit in on rehearsals in the outdoor theater, and there is no charge. Student group rates are

available for groups containing fifteen or more. The group can receive a 20 percent discount on tickets for many performances until June 4, and from September 7 through October 28. Color brochures are available for student programs and are distributed by the Festival.

For students who are watching their budget, lodging is available in several hotels that offer a special rate in the off season, and Ashland is surrounded by recreation areas and campgrounds.

The outdoor stage will open with a few of the following festival: Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet," "Henry V" and "The Comedy of Errors," Thornton Wilder's, "The Matchmaker" and August Stindberg's tragedy, "The Father."

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