



The Physicist : Mad or Sane

Rob Storrs is a physicist troubled by his scientific discoveries in "The Physicists," Friedrich Durrenmatt's bizarre comedy to be presented by Theatre UNC-Asheville, October 22, 23, and 24 in Lipinsky Auditorium. Storrs, playing the lead of Mobius,

is flanked by Gregg Riggs, playing Albert Einstein, and David Bossard, appearing as Sir Isaac Newton.

Theatre UNC-A Presents The Physicists

"The Physicists" a bizarre mystery-comedy by Friedrich Durrenmatt, opens the 1970-71 season of the Theatre of the University of North Carolina at Asheville on Thurs., Oct. 22 in Lipinsky Auditorium.

Additional performances are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Oct. 23-24. Curtain-time for all performances is 8:30 p.m.

Set in a mental sanatorium, "the Physicists" focuses on three inmates who are nuclear physicists. Two claim to be Sir Isaac Newton and Albert Einstein respectively, while the third says he has visits from King Solomon.

All three appear at first to be harmless, lovable lunatics, but a series of strange murders raises questions about their true identities.

Adding to the mystery is the eccentric, hunchbacked female psychiatrist who presides over the sanatorium.

Durrenmatt's comedy entertains while raising questions about the nuclear chess game among nations and the responsibilities of scientists whose discoveries may unleash destructive forces on the world.

Featured as Fraulein Doktor Mathilde von Zahnd, the hunchbacked psychiatrist, is Patricia Martin of Asheville. Mrs. Martin, a post-graduate student at UNC-A, has a degree in theatre from the University of Denver and has appeared at the Academy Theatre in Atlanta and was featured in "The Star-Spangled Girl" at Asheville Community Theatre.

Appearing as the three physicists are Rob Storrs, David Bossard, and Gregg Riggs.

Storrs, a UNC-A freshman from Richmond, Va., plays Mobius, the physicist whose presence in the madhouse

triggers the chain of murders. He has played John Worthing in "The Importance of Being Earnest" and Peter in "The Diary of Anne Frank" while in high school in Richmond.

David Bossard, also a freshman at UNC-A, is making his first theatre appearance as the physicist who claims to be "Sir Isaac Newton."

Gregg Riggs takes the role of "Albert Einstein." He attended UNC-Chapel Hill, where he majored in history, and is a post-graduate student at UNC-A.

Also featured in the cast are Lynn Hyde, Connie Nickerson, Michael Meagher, Dan Suhart, Charles Mashburn, Bob Johnson, Joe Smith, Debbie Reid, Garnell Anders, Robert Oiphant, Grady Wacaster, and Michael Jenkins.

"The Physicists" is designed and directed by Arnold Wengrow, Director of Theatre at UNC-A.

Technical director for the production is David Anders. He is being assisted by John McKibbin, Mercedes Hackney, Ray Holden, James Cain,

William Nanny, Tricia Reno, Susan Rothstein, Lodema Debta, and Patsy Green.

Costumes are being executed under the supervision of Mary Alice Chestnut.

Tickets for "The Physicists" will be on sale the nights of performance. General admission is \$2.50 with a special reduced rate of \$1.25 for UNC-A students, staff, and faculty.

Amendment To Faculty Constitution To Be Voted On

Student participation in all of the Institutional Committees of the college, proposed by Dean Riggs and the Executive Committee, was approved by the Faculty Senate on September 18. Voting rights were extended to the new student members, with the policy going into effect immediately.

The Institutional Committees involved are: Library, Athletics, Testing, Teacher Education, Learning Resources, Programs, Honors, Admissions, and Scholarship and Aid. Mike Durner, last year's S.G.A. president, had requested student participation on these committees, except for Honors, Admissions, Scholarship and Aid. The Executive Committee proposed adding student membership to these committees also, but limiting students to participation in policy decisions, so as not to involve them in the

confidential information contained in individual decisions.

Bill Coonan, this year's S.G.A. president, has submitted a list of proposed students for these committees to Dean Riggs and Chancellor Highsmith for their approval.

The Faculty Senate also gave its approval to the addition of three students to the Academic Policies Committee of the Faculty Senate. This had been proposed last year by the S.G.A., and at that time was rejected by the Faculty Senate. With the Faculty Senate approval and recommendation, this still awaits the crucial vote of the whole faculty to amend the present Faculty Senate Constitution, which requires a majority vote of approval by the entire faculty. This vote is expected to take place at the next faculty meeting, about mid-October.

UNC-A Evaluation Needs Students

Student involvement in its evaluation is being urged by the Self-Study Committee. The report submitted by this committee will determine UNC-A's accreditation for the next ten years by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

The Self-Study report, to be finished by Christmas, covers the whole spectrum of the institution through its various sub-committees. These sub-committees are examining the college's purpose, organization, administration, educational facilities, finances, faculty, physical structure, possible graduate facilities, and special programs. These evaluations include all present phases of the school and possible projections on improvements,

changes and developments for the next ten years.

Chancellor Highsmith and Dean Riggs have endorsed student participation in the evaluation of the college. Mr. Richard Reed, chairman of the Self-Study steering committee, has urged student involvement, desiring to cover all points of view regarding university policies, programs, facilities.

Bill Coonan, S.G.A. president, is helping to select interested students to serve on these committees. Mr. Reed suggests that students participate here and help to effect changes through constructive criticism, rather than in the Snack Shop.

Interested students should contact Mr. Reed or Bill Coonan.

All students interested in taking an English requirement exemption test should contact the Literature Department immediately. This would exempt you from the required 105 course, if passed. The test will be given during the week of October 12-16.

Student participation is still badly needed by the SGA. President Coonan asks that all interested students please come up to the SGA office, Lipinsky Student Center. Don't be shy—you're needed.

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