

Cast chosen Tuesday for British play

Ag Players to present 'Equus' in April

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Chip Washabaugh, a freshman re-med student from Dallas, is trying to fill Richard Burton's shoes. Like Burton, Washabaugh will play Alan Strang, the lead role in "Equus." Unlike Burton, Washabaugh will appear in production at Texas A&M University.

The Aggie Players' version will open April 11 in Rudder Forum. "Equus," by British playwright Peter Shaffer, was an international hit that appeared in major London and New York theaters. Burton starred in the motion picture made from the play.

"Equus" is about the relationship between a psychiatrist and his new patient, a 17-year-old boy named Alan Strang who blinded six horses by stabbing their eyes with a metal pike.

The play, which has never been performed at Texas A&M, covers the psychological development of Strang and the climactic discovery of what drove him to blind the horses.

"This is a very intense psychological play," said Theater Arts Director Robert Wenck, "so it's going to take a little extra effort. It's the kind of play that's not worth doing poorly."

Wenck said that "Equus" will be presented mainly through flashbacks as the characters recall past events from their lives.

"The play doesn't have any particular set," he said. "It takes place simultaneously in a hospital, a stable and various other locations, but the action of the play flows through both the conversations and memories of the characters.

"In fact, the whole set will be fairly bare. We will try to guide the audience's imagination through the various locations and the events that take place."

Although the "Equus" script calls for a nude scene, Wenck said the play will not contain any nudity.

"Nude scenes, to my way of thinking, are not necessary," he said. "You can get the same dramatic effect without using them."

The "horses" in the play will actually be actors and actresses wearing sculptured wood and metal horse heads.

"They won't be costumed to look like real horses," Wenck said. "We want to give the audience the impression of a horse but not the reality of a horse."

The cast of "Equus" was chosen Tuesday. It includes:



A member of the cast of "Equus" studies her lines before a rehearsal. "Equus," written by Peter Shaffer, will be performed by the Aggie Players on April 11-14 and 18-21.

Sid Catlett, Martin Dysart, psychologist; Chip Washabaugh, Alan Strang; Victoria Martinez, Hesther Salomon; Leslie Stevens, Nurse; Carole Hargis, Dora Strang; John Schulze, Frank Strang; Leah Richardson, Jill Mason; Tom Stinson, Harry Dalton; Pat Martine, Horseman and "Nugget," a horse; Mary Alice Helman, John Redman, Cathy Elorriaga, Isaac Vergara and Jaimie Craig, Horses.

"Equus" will be performed in two acts on April 11-14 and 18-21. Tickets will go on sale April 2.

Voyager 1 spacecraft dispatches detailed photos of 2 large satellites

United Press International
PASADENA, Calif. — Increasingly detailed pictures from the approaching Voyager 1 spacecraft of the big Jupiter moons Ganymede and Callisto show bright spots that scientists say might be ice craters leaching through a veneer of dust.

The two satellites, both larger than the planet Mercury, resemble Earth's moon when viewed by Voyager from a distance of more than 3 billion miles. But both are less dense and scientists believe they may be a mixture of water and rock with an ice crust blanketed by dust.

"We expect they will become less

and less familiar looking as we approach," said Dr. Bradford Smith, head of the 22 scientists analyzing television pictures being radioed back by the 1,800-pound space robot.

He said the idea the bright spots on Callisto and Ganymede are impact craters penetrating a dusty surface is speculation based on scientists' best guess about the makeup of the satellites discovered by Galileo in 1610.

Voyager 1 was 415 million miles from Earth and 3.2 million miles from Jupiter Thursday, traveling at 25,000 miles per hour. It will pass within 172,750 miles of Jupiter

Monday and then will swing within 12,752 miles of the moon Io, 71,500 miles of Ganymede, 79,359 miles of Callisto and 455,000 miles of Europa.

Scientists are especially interested in Io and Voyager will risk Jupiter's intense radiation to get close to the satellite. With its reddish polar caps and white and yellow equatorial regions, Io is one of the most bizarre bodies in the solar system. It is surrounded by a yellow glow produced by an electrified cloud of sodium.

Voyager 1 has already radioed back hundreds of detailed photos of Jupiter and Smith said the mission so far has been one surprise after another.

"Happily bewildered. I think that's the best way to describe the way we feel right now," Smith said at a news conference Wednesday. "What we see is not what we expected."

Though separated by sea, flapjack flippers hold race

United Press International
LIBERAL, Kan. — Flipping a pancake while running along the cobblestone streets of Olney, England, an unemployed teacher was faster than her Kansas competitors and won the 30th annual Shrove Tuesday international pancake race, snapping a string of seven consecutive English defeats.

Julie Perks, 22, flashed the distance in 1 minute, 3 seconds, Tuesday in Olney.

Six hours later, 29-year-old housewife Barbara McWilliams won the Liberal segment by running the 415-yard, S-shaped course in four-tenths of a second less than the English pancake flipper.

The international winner is determined by comparing the times of each race.

However, Liberal women still retain an 18-12 edge in the 30-year competition between the two towns.

Legend in Olney says the race began when a woman made a last-minute dash to church carrying her skillet and a pancake she was cooking as the bell tolled for the Shrove Tuesday service.

Perks was awarded \$50, and McWilliams received a color television.

The photos of Jupiter itself have been particularly puzzling. The red, orange and white clouds are far more turbulent than had been expected and seem to act more like swirling, immiscible colored liquids than gases.

One particularly dramatic color view of Jupiter released Wednesday showed an extraordinarily complex and wavy pattern of turbulent gases around the Great Red Spot, the "eye" of Jupiter discovered 300 years ago.

South of the red spot are large oval features which had been considered the Jovian equivalent of thunderheads. Smith said that this idea fails to explain the erratic behavior

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