



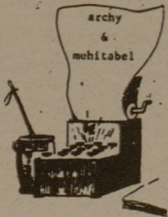
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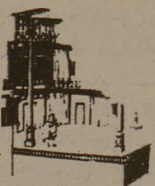
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By STACEY ROBERTS
Reporter

If you're thinking of driving to Houston or Dallas this weekend to see a play or musical — think again.

Why drive all that way when quality entertainment can be found right here on the Texas A&M campus?

The Aggie Players, the production company of the Speech Communication and Theater Arts Department, offer a wide variety of road trip alternatives.

The Aggie Players are presenting their 41st season and have been incorporated into the newly created department which began in its official capacity on Sept. 1.

Roger Schultz, associate professor and director of theater arts, is optimistic on the success of both the new department and this season's performances.

"It's important not to think that we are so far away from the world that we can't have culture," Schultz says.

He says the Aggie Players present theater "by Aggies."

For anyone wondering about the quality and quantity of this season, Schultz says the Aggie Players are performing five main-stage productions including a Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy, a musical and two Shakespeare plays.

Although students may complain that A&M does not have much to offer culturally, Schultz says that as the new department grows it will be "one more opportunity for the students and community to see quality entertainment."

A&M was the only major university in Texas not offer-

ing a degree in speech communications. As awareness of the new degree program grows, Schultz plans to expand the number of productions and the number of people involved.

Freshmen Theater Arts majors Deidre Doigg and Jeanie Parrent say the main reason they chose A&M for their theatrical pursuits was because of the program's newness.

"It's like a baby," Parrent says.

Doigg agrees. "We'll be here for the first four years," she says. "We can help shape the department and watch it grow."

The first year's enrollment shows a total of 35 theater arts majors including 15 freshmen.

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Schultz says an 80 percent increase in attendance last season showed that more people are aware of the Aggie Players.

"Our attendance is 50-50 split between the students and the community," he says.

The Aggie Players are expecting an even better season this year, but Schultz says that people must patronize what is already available to make the season a success.

So far this year, more than 100 Aggies have auditioned for the fall productions and the first two shows are already in rehearsal.

"Many of the students who

audition for parts or enroll in theater arts classes are not theater arts majors," Schultz says. "We had students audition that represent all the colleges on campus."

The first presentation of the season will be "archy & mehitabel," by Joe Darion and Mel Brooks. The show stars senior theater arts major Wendy Pesek and sophomore theater arts major Troy Herbolt.

The show is billed as a creative musical about a reporter who claims he receives messages from a cockroach that writes by jumping onto his typewriter keys.

"archy & mehitabel" will run Oct. 4, 5, 10, 11 and 12.

The second presentation of the season will be the Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy "The Skin of Our Teeth," by Thornton Wilder, which follows the antics of the Antrobus family through the Ice Age, the Great Flood and a world war.

The semester's last offering is not a play, but a Reader's Theater piece. This entails a small group of performers, backed by music and very few props, reading selections that explore the faults, quirks and often comical lifestyles of many English monarchs.

Two Shakespeare plays will be presented in the spring semester, "A Cry of Players" and "Twelfth Night."

All productions are scheduled for Rudder Forum. Each show is \$4 for students and \$5 for general public. Season tickets, which offer holders a 20-percent savings, are available at \$15 for students and \$20 for general public. Tickets may be reserved at Rudder Box Office or by calling 845-1234. □

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