

Three night run slated

Moliere's satire 'Invalid' opens tonight

If it's a doctor you need, then perhaps "The Imaginary Invalid" can help.

Ashland College's first production of the fall season, "Invalid," to be performed Nov. 2-4, will bring in the physicians only to find they are specialists in farce. Says director Murray Hudson, "Moliere is truly a farce playwright, and this play is an excellent example of his mixture of farce and satire."

The play concerns an eccentric hypochondriac, Argan, who is constantly in need of a doctor. So urgent is this need that he plans to marry off his daughter, Angelique, to the son of a doctor who is himself studying to be a doctor. Angelique, however, is in love with Cleante, a dashing young man whom she wishes to marry. To complicate matters, Argan's wife, Beline, attempts to send both Angelique and Louise, their younger daughter, to the convent so she will be the sole inheritor of Argan's estate.

The lead roles in the production are Argan, played by freshman Bill Payne, and Toinette, Argan's servant, played by junior Amy Stoch.

Other characters are senior Mark Stevens as Cleante, sophomore Sue Brasee as Angelique, and freshman Sue Hill as Louise. Senior Rita Helbling plays Beline, and Monsieur Bonnefoy, her lawyer-accomplice in the plot, is played by junior Dwier Brown.

Rounding out the cast are sophomore Dan Lawson as Thomas Diaforus and freshman Evan Bridenstine as his father, Doctor Diaforus; senior Jud Stewart as Argan's brother, Monsieur Beralde, junior Rich Scherb as the Apothecary, and 1978 AC alumnus Mike Marchinuke as Doctor Purgon.

Hudson says this type of play by Moliere calls for a special effort by the cast. "The demand here is that the play must be fast-paced in order to keep the

farce alive. The action must continually move along quickly for the play to be fun," he says.

"This must also have unbelievable liveliness," Hudson continues. "The cast will practically have to explode with energy on stage for two hours."

Hudson feels confident with the progress the cast has made, especially under the circumstances. "Five of the players have no experience with theater here at AC," he says, "and one has never been on stage before."

Miss Brasee is the player making her stage debut, and she admits while it can be fun, there is much work involved. "More than anything else, it's a constant mental challenge," she says.

On playing the lead role of Argan, Payne says, "It has really been fun and I'm learning a lot. The role itself is very challenging."

Set designer Steve Sarratore feels the set should fit in very well with the mood of the play. "It's a light set, sort of oversized and full of bottles and all sorts of interesting junk," he says. "One might say it's transparent like the characters themselves."

The performances are set for 8:15 for each of the three evenings in the Hugo Young Theater. The cost is \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students. For further information and tickets, call the theater box office at 5191.

Clean up your rooms: AC parents coming

The weekend is on its way, and so are the parents of many Ashland College students. This year's Parents' weekend promises a wide variety of activities for both parents and students.

For those parents who arrive late Friday afternoon, the rathskeller in the Student Center opens with its weekly "happy hour" from 3 to 6 p.m. Friday evening's activities include a guest speaker sponsored by Black United Students in the Library Lecture Room at 7 p.m. There also will be a disco held in Redwood Hall beginning at 8 p.m., sponsored by Phi Beta Sigma and BUS.

Refreshments will be served for parents in the late night study room of the library from 8 to 11 p.m. for those who prefer a quiet Friday evening. Ashland College Theater will be performing Moliere's satirical comedy, "The Imaginary Invalid," beginning at 8:15 p.m. in Hugo Young Theatre.

Saturday morning starts bright and early with registration, complete with coffee and donuts, as well as a welcome and opening program featuring Dr. Julian Murphy and Donald Cadley. This begins at 8 a.m. in the Hugo Young Theatre.

The Admissions Office will hold an open house from 9 a.m. to noon, also with coffee and donuts, in 213 Founders Hall. The AC Bookstore will be open for business from 9 to 12. Musicaglia will take the same three-hour period to sell mums in the Student Center.

A buffet luncheon follows in Room Z of Myers Convocation Center with advance reservations necessary. The meal begins at noon.

Next the football Eagles take on

Central State University in a 1:30 p.m. contest at Community Stadium. Parents of all students involved in the football program will be honored.

The Alpha Delta Pi sorority will put on a skit in Founders Hall Little Theatre for parents at 4 p.m. after the football game. Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Schultz will then hold a reception in Room Z of the Convocation Center from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. to meet parents of AC students. Dinner and a program follow at 6 p.m. featuring Dr. Schultz as the guest speaker. Advance reservations are necessary.

The Omega Psi Phi fraternity will sponsor a fashion show at 7:30 in the late night study room, while the Campus Activity Board will be hosting "The Carousel of Time," a presentation of folk and popular music by Bob Friday in Redwood Hall for two showings at 8 and 9 p.m. Friday will be using a multiple slide projection system to highlight his music, and tickets can be purchased at the door.

The theater department continues with its Saturday evening presentation of "Invalid," again starting at 8:15, and the Omega Psi Phi Ball will be held in the late night study room beginning at 9:30 p.m.

Sunday morning is highlighted by a slide presentation of "The Religious Roots of Ashland College" at 9 a.m. in the Memorial Chapel, to be followed by an ecumenical worship service at 10:15.

Sunday morning brunch, with advance reservations needed, will be in the AC'cent Room of the Convocation Center.



Photo by Tom Roepke

"Invalid" players, from left to right: Rita Helbling, Dwier Brown, Bill Payne, Sue Brasee and Mark Stevens go about their satirical business.

Old gym declared unsafe

The old gymnasium has been indefinitely closed to all use, COLLEGIAN sources found out last week.

The structure was declared unsafe this summer by Ashland's City Fire Inspection Division, but the discovery by students was only inadvertent as two different campus organizations, CAB and Musicaglia, requested beer permits for get-togethers in the old building.

The discovery comes as quite a surprise to intramural director Pete Humphrey who was never officially notified of the closing. Humphrey's re-

action to the news was one of regret of a possible waste of campus-wide effort.

"I hope all last spring's effort wasn't for nothing," he says. "It would be nice if we could still use it, especially after all the work Andy (Macek, last year's intramural director) put into it."

All hope has not been give up yet, however. AC President Arthur Schultz has asked the vice president for business affairs, Louis Szalontai, to look into the matter and see if the necessary repairs can be made through a combination of donations and student help.