

'Merchant Of Yonkers' Makes Successful Debut

By OTTO PROCHAZKA
 Thornton Wilder's farce, "The Merchant of Yonkers," was attempted at the Auditorium last night by the Penn State Players with a commendable amount of effort, and some uneven success. Farce is always difficult, but when loaded down with slapstick devices such as women hiding men in closets, men trying on women's hats, and cases of confused identity, it presents a challenge to the most seasoned talent. On the whole, the Players bore up well, particularly for a first night, and the audience rewarded them with a fair amount of laughs.

James Ambandos, as Cornelius, made good use of his excellent sense of comedy, and came off best of the well-balanced cast. William Vanderlin, as Barnaby Tucker, Ambandos' partner in comedy, was not far behind. A certain impish quality in the two saved some of the more "corny" slapstick episodes.

Most important and most difficult part in the play is Mrs. Dolly Gallagher Levi, handled by Joanne Palmer. Miss Palmer is confident and well poised, but occasional weakness with her

diction in the chatterbox characterization detracted from her performance.

Norman Shandleman was Horace Vandergelder, "The Merchant of Yonkers." In spots he seemed to show some strength, but his job as a whole fell short of the pace set by the other leading actors.

Elinor Herrman, as Mrs. Irene Molloy, did a fine, well-rounded piece of work. Patricia Dougherty was quite charming as Minnie Fay, and Eugene Scheffel as Melchior filled his assignment with assurance.

If it seems that this reviewer has been lukewarm about the performance of the Players in "The Merchant of Yonkers," it should be remembered that the play was hardly a rousing success in New York. It is quite possible, in fact, that some parts of the production, particularly the rowdy second act, were somewhat better handled here than on Broadway.

The play was only reasonably successful last night, but it is one of those productions which may suddenly catch on fire. If you didn't see it, take a chance. You may be well rewarded.

May Day Schedule TODAY

- 5:30 a.m.—Mortar Board tapping.
 - 7:15 a.m.—Cwen Breakfast.
 - 8 a. m.—Committee members on front campus to set up.
 - 9 a. m.—May Day participants on front campus for practice.
 - 2 p.m.—Golf and lacrosse with Penn, tennis with Cornell.
 - 2:30 to 3:30 p. m.—Mother's Day Teas, Women's dormitories.
 - 3:30 p. m.—New Cwens and Blue Keys report to usher on front campus. May Day participants report to front campus for preparation.
 - 4:30 p.m.—May Day ceremonies, front campus.
 - In case of rain:
 - 3 p.m.—May Day participants report to Rec Hall.
 - 4:30 p.m.—May Day ceremonies, Rec Hall.
 - 8:30 p.m.—"The Merchant of Yonkers," Schwab Auditorium.
- TOMORROW**
- 10:30 a. m. — Mother's Day chapel, Rec Hall, Dr. Albert W. Eeaven, "The Home, Religion, and the Days Ahead."
 - 3 p. m.—Blue Band concert, front campus.

Only 50 coeds participated in the College's first May Day in 1914. Today, about 300 will take part.

Women In Sports

New Board Organizes

Newly organized WRA Club Publicity Board, planned to strengthen and publicize clubs, will hold its first meeting with WRA Club Presidents Board in White Hall at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Consisting of a publicity manager from each club, the board will become an official part of WRA government organization.

White Hall bulletin boards will be used next year for club announcements, social events, and business meetings. Club notices will be tentatively posted on the locker room bulletin board.

Revised and new club constitutions, requirements for an active member, and program plans will be published in the annual WRA Handbooks.

Tennis, golf, and archery clubs for the first time have taken over college intramurals in their sports, including supervising of scheduling, playing, and scoring of games.

About 100 faculty members will be guests at a coffee hour at the Kappa Alpha Theta house from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday.

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ley will be flower girls and Jim Marker and Charles Myers will be train bearers.

Following the crowning Louise Homer Club, music honorary, will present two selections, and physical education majors, under the direction of Miss Jessie Cameron, assistant professor of physical education, will folk dance and wind the May Pole. Phi Mu Alpha, honorary orchestra, will furnish music.

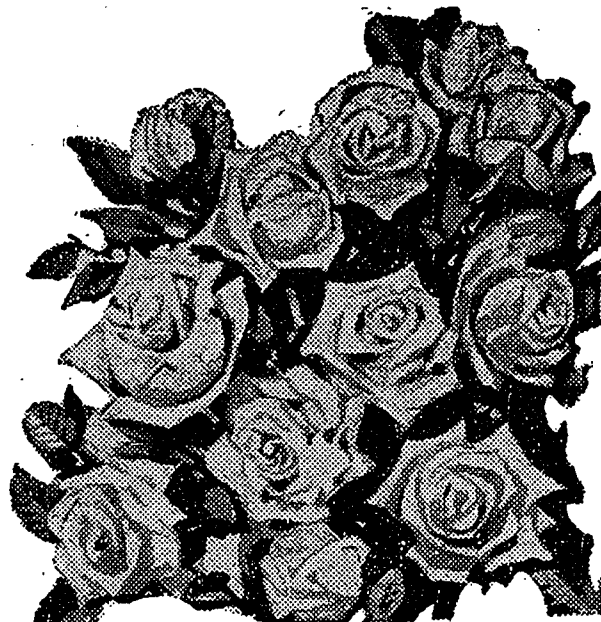
Both men and women students are reminded of Mother's Day teas in all women's dormitories from 2:30 to 3:30 this afternoon.

Newest feature of entertainment plans is the Blue Band concert under the direction of Hummel Fishburn, associate professor of music, on front campus at 3 p. m. Sunday. In case of rain, the concert will be held in Schwab Auditorium.

Farber Heads Emanon

Cecilia Farber '43 was elected president of Emanon Wednesday; Muriel R. Meisselman '43, vice-president; C. Betty Friedman '44, secretary; H. Judith Gordon '42, treasurer; and Bette M. Davis '42, social chairman. Plans were discussed for the formal dinner dance to be held at the Nittany Lion Inn, 6:30 p.m. May 16.

WELCOME, MOTHERS



<p>Shop At Fromm's OPP. OLD MAIN</p>	<p>Nittany News All Sunday Papers, Magazines, Smokers Supplies</p>	<p>Paterson Hosiery Shop DRESSES & ACCESSORIES 136 E. COLLEGE AVE.</p>	<p>Cliff's Ice Cream—Delicious Meals CHAMPION MILK SHAKES</p>
<p>Moore's Dress Shop 124 E. COLLEGE</p>	<p>Storch Motor Co. PLYMOUTH & DESOTO SALES</p>	<p>WELCOME MOTHERS Eugene H. Lederer REAL ESTATE</p>	<p>"Watch Them Being Made" H. & W. Do-Nut Shop 117 S. PUGH ST.</p>
<p>Rea and Derick AIR CONDITIONED</p>	<p>Home-Cooked Food New Fenway Tearoom 210 W. COLLEGE</p>	<p>Jack Harper HATTER — HABERDASHER TAILOR</p>	<p>COMPLIMENTS OF The Daily Collegian</p>

The student body and the above local merchants take this opportunity to again welcome all the Mothers who have come to Penn State to help us celebrate Mother's Day. We hope you will be able to witness some of the events planned for this week-end, which have become a tradition at Penn State. The annual May Day festival will take place this afternoon on the lawn in front of Old Main, with beautiful Jo Condrin reigning as May Queen. This festival, along with a special Chapel service Sunday morning, will highlight the Mother's Day week-end at Penn State. We hope you enjoy it!