

## Artists' Course To Open Series With Ruth Draper

Ruth Draper, internationally known actress, will be the opening artist in the 1941-42 series of Artists' Course performances, Dr. Carl E. Marquardt, committee chairman, revealed last night.

Miss Draper, whose character sketches have taken her from the Fiji Islands to London in the last two decades, will appear in State College on Monday evening, December 15.

In enlisting the services of this celebrated monologist who, like Cornelia Otis Skinner, peoples the stage with many, many more characters in the course of an evening than she herself portrays, the committee has again responded to the demand which repeats itself more insistently from year to year for a dramatic attraction, Dr. Marquardt said.

Miss Draper, a granddaughter of the late Charles A. Dana, one of the most prominent figures in the history of American journalism, has a current repertory of two dozen character sketches. They are all of her own creation, but none has ever been printed.

Her procedure is to think of her characters a long while, sometimes for years, before depicting them. They then emerge "simple, strong, clear, and boiled down," a process which is accomplished by the criticism of friends as the character begins to take on life.

Her program will consist of eight to ten sketches with only a brief intermission between them. Critics have remarked on the finesse with which she depicts a mood through the simple gesture of flinging a shawl or the rising inflection in a few words. This, however, Brooks Atkinson, dramatic critic of the New York Times, has described as "rich imagery" and "creative story-telling."

## Newman Group Sponsors Daily Discussion Groups For Catholic Students

Newman Club officials announced yesterday that all Catholic students are invited to attend discussion groups which are held in the Catholic rectory from 7 to 8 p. m. daily, Monday through Friday.

The subject matter for the first semester is "praying the Mass." The moderators who are in charge each night are Bernard King, assistant professor of English; Willford R. Foster, research assistant in Mineral Industries; Andrew W. Case, assistant professor of fine arts; Clifford Lewis, of the department of public information; and H. D. Rix, assistant professor of English.

## IMA To Show Movies Of Lehigh Game Tonight

Monday morning quarterbacks will have a chance to call signals again when free football movies of the Penn State-Lehigh game will be shown in 121 Sparks Building at 8 o'clock tonight under the sponsorship of the Independent Men's Association.

The I. M. A. will sponsor movies of all varsity games to be shown every Tuesday night together with comments by a member of the coaching staff.



**VERSATILE MONOLOGIST**—Ruth Draper, expert artist in character portrayal, has been signed to appear on the Artists' Course program in Schwab Auditorium on December 15.

## Naval Flight Unit Will Organize

Students interested in forming a Penn State flight unit, which will begin organized training in the Naval Air Corps in June, are urged to report at 318 Old Main at 7 o'clock tomorrow night, according to Thomas W. Allison '42, seaman, second class, V5.

The purpose of the unit is to have an organized group of students who will qualify for enlistment in the Corps, and who will complete the eight-month course as members of the individual Penn State training unit.

Students who attend tomorrow's meeting will not be in any way obligated to join the Naval unit, Allison emphasized. After the group is organized, preliminary applications will be filed and physical examinations will be taken.

Successful applicants will begin training at the Philadelphia Navy Yards in June. After 30 days the trainees should qualify to solo and will then be transferred to Corpus Christi, Jacksonville, or Pensacola for advanced flight instruction. Upon completion of advanced training, members of the Penn State unit will be qualified for commissions as Naval ensigns.

## Grads End Training

Two graduates of the College, Herbert B. Cahan '39, Philadelphia, and William R. Fuchs '41, Mt. Lebanon, have completed their basic flight course training at Randolph Field, Texas. Both are cadet lieutenants and will move on to one of the advanced flying schools for final cadet training.

## Phi Kappa Sigma Estimates \$3,000 Fire Damage

Damages amounting to \$3,000, from a fire which broke out during a pledge dance at the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity shortly after 1 o'clock Saturday morning, was estimated yesterday by Thomas F. Beck '42, president of the fraternity.

A side-porch, ten pieces of house furniture, and woodwork, were ignited when discarded piles of cornstalks on their east porch caught fire. The cornstalks were part of the pledge dance decorations. The flames spread to the furniture, which had been placed on the porch, and finally to the porch itself.

The most plausible solution for the fire's origin, according to Beck, was that a cigarette probably had been thrown into the cornstalks. The pledge dance was ending when the fire was discovered.

Members of the fraternity formed a bucket brigade and used a fire extinguisher to hold the flames under control until the Alpha Fire Company arrived.

The last fraternity fire in State College, according to the fire department, was at the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity, January 5, 1941. The fire originated in the furnace room and spread to the dining room floor and partitions for a damage of \$3,000.

## Rhein To Sing Tonight At Last Of Freshmen Mass Meeting Series

Miriam L. Rhein '43 will sing tonight at the last of a series of Freshmen Mass Meetings held in Schwab Auditorium. Jerome Blakeslee, freshman election supervisor, and president of the junior class, will preside.

Dr. Robert Bernreuter, professor of psychology, will address the freshmen on "Ways to Improve Individual Personalities. The material for Dr. Bernreuter's talk has been gathered from information based on the psycho-educational clinic's experiences with more than 900 students who were tested and advised last year.

It is believed that Dr. Bernreuter will stress the importance of campus influences in the development of personality.

Mary Betty Anderson, chairman of the Freshman Mass meeting Committee, announced that James A. McAdam '42 is to lead the mass singing while John W. Harkins '42 will be the pianist.

## Students Contribute \$996 As PSCA Drive Opens

### Refund Checks Available For Drop-Add Changes

Refund checks are now available at the Bursar's office for student drop-add changes, according to Russell E. Clark, College bursar.

Notices will be sent to students who have turned in drop-adds that entail fees in excess of those paid during the regular fee payment period, Clark added.

## Thespians Name Houseparty Show

"What's Coming Off?" the mysterious phrase that has appeared on campus for the last two weeks, was explained last night when Jimmy McAdam, president of the Penn State Thespians, disclosed it as the title of the Thespians Houseparty show, which will be presented in Schwab Auditorium November 7th and 8th.

With the announcement of the title, names of production heads and show personnel were released. The show will be in the style of a revue, with individual acts and skits filling in the comedy spots and a 20 voice mixed glee club and 28 chorus dancers working to the music of the Aristocrats, new campus band.

Production heads were announced as Jimmy Leyden '42, production manager; Leon Rabinowitz '43, director of skits; Jimmy Smith '43, Mildred Johnson '43, and Sally Harshberger '43, in charge of dancing numbers; Bob Lyman '42, lights; Don Russell '43, stage crew; Leyden, director of glee club; and Rabinowitz and Marjorie Siebert '44, advertising.

The dancing chorus consists of three separate units, each working in several musical numbers. Eighteen girls and ten boys make up the "jitterbug" corps.

Ten male and ten female voices form the glee club. The group will be used in background and featured spots for the musical numbers.

Tickets for the Friday evening performance of the Houseparty Weekend show are priced at 50 cents and Saturday night tickets will sell at 75 cents.

## Council Elects

Thomas J. Burke '42 and Lois E. Notovitz '42 have been elected president and vice-president, respectively, of the Forensic Council. The office of secretary as well as a vacancy on the council will be filled at the next meeting.

## Students Frown On National Strikes

With President Roosevelt threatening to issue a national defense crack-down on labor leader John L. Lewis unless striking coal miners resume production, and the newspapers full of world wide events, Penn State students voiced their opinions on international affairs last weekend in a survey by Prof. John S. Naylor's class in argumentation.

According to the cross-section survey, students on our campus do not approve of strikes that tie up national defense orders. Of approximately 150 men and women students who were asked "Should Strikes in Industry be Prohibited Until the National Emergency is Passed?" 83.5 percent answered yes. Three-fourths of the men were in favor of prohibiting

"shutdowns" while 91 percent of the coeds favored the idea.

Whether the fact that they are about to enter the business world themselves was the reason for the large number of seniors to answer in the affirmative, could not be determined by the poll, but 95 percent of the '42 students would bar strikes from industry.

The survey did not show any great variation as to classes except for the Physical Education school which was 100 percent in favor of uninterrupted production.

United States lend-lease policy was approved by 75 percent of the students interviewed by three inquirers who asked, "Should the United States Give All Available Material Aid to Russia?" Eighty-one percent of the men contacted

believed that the aid should be continued, but only 68 percent of the coeds shared their views.

As a whole, the various schools showed a direct tendency toward the continuation of helping the Russians.

"Should the United States Immediately Declare War on Germany?" According to 150 students asked that question, staying in our "own back yard" is much more advisable. Eighty-nine percent of the men answered in the negative and 87 percent of the women don't want to see our army travel abroad.

An outstanding number of freshmen expressed their belief that the World War No. 2 should be fought without manpower being furnished.

## Faculty Canvass Nets \$100 Of \$1,200 Goal

Solicitors for the PSCA finance drive collected \$996 of a \$3,600 student goal yesterday in the opening day of an All-College campaign which will last until Friday.

Charles M. Speidel, chairman of the faculty canvass, announced that faculty contributions received on Sunday reached the \$100 mark of a \$1200 goal.

Andrew P. Szekeley '42, is chairman of the men students' drive which has a \$2,500 goal, Five section chairmen, Harold J. Berger '42, Clarence E. Kunz '42, John J. Long '42, Kehl Markley III '43, and J. Howard Mendenhall '42, are under Szekeley and have charge of 30 divisions with nearly 250 solicitors and division chairmen.

Headed by Arlene K. Smith '42, women students are trying to raise \$1,100. Assisting are section leaders Janet Herzog '42 and Dorothy L. Shaw '42.

Robert D. Baird '42, All-College president, told solicitors and PSCA officials at a kick-off dinner at the Nittany Lion Inn Sunday night, "I sincerely believe that the educational, religious and social programs which are fostered by the Christian Association on our campus are as important as any program fostered by an organization at the College."

Introduced by A. John Currier, Jr. '42, co-president of the association, Herbert King, associate executive secretary of the National YMCA Council, wished solicitors success in reaching the goal. Ger-

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## News Flashes

**WASHINGTON**—In a Navy Day address last night, President Roosevelt paid tribute to the dead of the battleship Kearney, and said that Hitler expected to scare the United States off the high seas by this act of piracy. However the "shoot on sight" order still goes, and the President emphasized that the navy slogan, "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead!" still goes.

"The forward march of Hitler can be stopped and will be stopped," the chief executive added. Referring to the present bottlenecks in the defense program, the President said, "The nation will speak from every assembly line—yes, from every coal mine. The small but dangerous minority of labor leaders are a menace to labor itself as well as the nation as a whole."

Claiming to possess secret information that the Nazis have plans for dividing South America into five vassal states with the abolishment of all present form of religion, in order to establish their own Hitleristic ideology, the President said such dreams will never materialize.

**WASHINGTON**—For the third time, President Roosevelt pleaded last night with John L. Lewis, UMWA head, to call off the strike of the 55,000 miners in the interests of national defense. The President said that it is essential that the mining of coal go on without delay, but Lewis replied that the coal industry is in no way imperiling national defense. Congressional action has been hinted at if Lewis refuses to yield.

**SAN FRANCISCO**—Three lost army planes and their pilots may not be found until Spring because of the snow blanketing the Sierra Nevada Mountains.