

'Taming Of The Shrew' Proves Shakespeare Is Up-To-Date

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"The Taming of the Shrew," by William Shakespeare, presented by the Penn State Players, A. C. Cloetingh, director, in the Auditorium, last night, as their twenty-second anniversary production. Directed by Frank S. Neusbaum. Scenes designed by Dorothy B. Scott. Technical supervisor, Stanley Danowski.

This guy Shakespeare has been kicked around in the academic groove for so long that it comes almost as a surprise to learn that there is still a lot of life in the old boy. For the sceptics who may doubt, last night's completely delightful performance by the Players is required attendance.

In the past decade Shakespeare has probably authored more Broadway hits than any single playwright, but the most successful of these have been his tragedies. It is a pessimistic delight on this thing once known as civilization that while tragedy seems to be eternal, comedy is pretty ephemeral. "The Taming of the Shrew," however, comes close to being an exception. There are, of course, portions that don't stand up when presented to a modern audience, but the show as a whole is as fresh, as modern, and as funny as the most exacting playgoer could ask.

Dominating the show here as completely as he dominated his Kate was the performance of Donald Taylor as Petruchio. This is no reflection on the remainder of the cast which practically without exception demonstrated that it had been carefully and competently coached. Taylor, however, gave a brilliant performance that was in turn subtle and bold. His Petruchio displayed every nuance of character that could be asked and was at least the equal of

"professional." Among the others in the large cast whose work deserves special mention were Elinor Herrman as Kate, James Ambandos as Tranio, Jean Hershberger as Bianca, and Robert Herrman as Baptista. Many others in roles of less importance turned in performances worthy of commendation.

Unusual in any amateur production—particularly of Shakespeare—is the pace and timing that characterized last night's show. Although the various counter plots tend at times to "slow up" "The Shrew," this was a minor item. All this is a tribute to Director Neusbaum. Fast-moving, sharp, and tremendously alive, the play seemed to last scarcely half of the two hours and a half which it actually ran.

Mrs. Scott's sets had no little to do with the merit of the show. They indicated careful research and painstaking work on the part of the construction crew. Costumes were colorful and elaborate. The boys and girls offstage, taken so often for granted, did a right smart job of hauling up drapes on cue and attending to the other technical details. The pages (feminine) were the most ornamental stage crew we have ever seen.

'45 Squad Debates

Four of Penn State's freshmen debaters participated in two symposium forums at Lewisburg, Thursday, with members of the Bucknell University first year team. Gaylord Greenlee and Letrick Harris discussed, "What Sort of Peace Do We Want After This War?" while William Pomerantz and Eugene Bischoff spoke on, "What Is Youth's Part In The War."

McCurdy, Jaffurs WRA Sweethearts

Before a crowd of 800 persons, Friday the thirteenth's lucky "sweethearts," Mary E. McCurdy '44 and John J. Jaffurs '44, were chosen at the WRA Sweetheart Dance last night.

The choice was made from drawing a number corresponding to a number on the dance ticket. The winners were given a two-pound box of Whitman's chocolates.

Attendance exceeded last year's dance by 125 couples. The decorations centered around a large Valentine, depicting Betty Coed and Joe College, at the center of the gymnasium wall.

Thespians Call For Hep Coed Dancers

What's the matter, coeds, where is your hep spirit? Thespian mobile units are crying for gals to make up a third show which will travel to army camps.

Present demands from New Cumberland, Carlisle, and other state camps cannot be filled unless coeds cooperate by coming out for tryouts which will be held in the Little Theatre at 8 p. m. tomorrow.

Coeds need not be connected with Thespians to try out. One previous tap dancing lesson will put them in the show.

Many coeds are needed so that no one will miss many class hours. One show a week will be given by the third mobile unit.

At The Movies

CATHAUM:
"Wild Bill Hickock Rides"
STATE:
"Dumbo"
NITTANY:
"Look Who's Laughing"
and
"Swamp Water"

White Hall Open To All Women

White Hall will be open to coeds today from 1 to 5 p. m. for instruction and participation in all activities, it was announced last night. The building was not open last night because of conflict with the Sweetheart Dance.

Arrangements are being made by physical education majors to distribute magazines throughout the building and to give coeds copies of activity hours. Women should telephone White Hall for information on extra instruction during the week.

Eighty-five coeds attended last Saturday, and more have been urged to come today.

Rushing Schedule

TODAY
5 p. m., Silent period ends.
5:30-7 p. m., First formal party.
7:30-9 p. m., Second formal party.
9 p. m., Strict silent period begins.
10 p. m., Lists of bids due at office of the dean of women.
TOMORROW
10 a. m., Rushees receive preferential ballots.
3 p. m., Rushees return ballots to the dean of women's office.
4 p. m., Rushing chairmen notified to pick up lists of bid answers at the dean of women's office.
4-6 p. m., Freshmen notified by rushing chairmen which houses have accepted their preferences.

Club To Hold Dance

A round and square dance, sponsored by the Newman Club, will be held at Woodman Hall from 8:30 p. m. to midnight tonight, John C. York, social chairman of the club, announced last night. Admittance will be by membership card or as a guest of a member, he said.

Coeds To Pick Senior Queen

Six candidates for "Senior Queen" will be introduced and additional nominations may be made from the floor at a woman's mass meeting at 7 p. m. Tuesday. The meeting will probably be in Schwab Auditorium.

The six candidates, named by WSGA Senate senior members, to be announced in Monday's Collegian, will be introduced by Jean Babcock '42, WSGA president. Only second semester seniors are eligible for nomination.

Miss Babcock stressed that this queen is intended to replace the May Queen, who has been divested of traditional ceremonies in keeping with WSGA's policy to limit expenditures. She will be crowned at Senior Ball on Friday, February 27, by H. Leonard Krouse '42, president.

Coeds will vote under WSGA-supervised elections in Old Main lobby.

Roush, Barclay Head War Sewing

Seniors Jane M. Roush and Bertha K. Barclay will head Red Cross defense sewing committee, Miss N. Anormallee Martin, home economics faculty advisor, announced yesterday.

Seven student assistants will aid volunteer workers meeting in 117 Home Economics from 6:45 p. m. to 8:54 p. m. Tuesdays and Thursdays until March 26. They are Muriel R. Heckler '42, Dorothy J. Johnson '42, Margery E. Gorman '43, Marian H. Hugus '44, June K. Smith '44, Eleanor M. Stoner '44, and Ruth E. Thomas '44. All materials except needles and thimbles will be furnished by Red Cross.

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LOST—Allentown High School ring between corner of Pugh street and Fairmount avenue and Auditorium. Return to Student Union. 1tch R. S.

ROOMMATE WANTED — First floor center, Watts Hall. \$43 rest of semester. Call Wood or Lovell, 3866. 3tpd 14, 16, 17 G.

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LOST—Log Log Duplex Sliderule in Engineering D. Call Don, 771.

LOST—Two rings in Old Main Washroom. Reward to finder. Call Mrs. Haim, College Purchasing Department. 1tpd 14 C.

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