

Babcock, Grimes Chosen For Top Class Day Roles

Chosen for her scholarship, public speaking ability, and extra-curricular activities, Jean Babcock '42 has been named valedictorian of the 1942 graduating class. Richard V. Grimes '42 was chosen salutatorian, second highest class honor.

Miss Babcock will present the valedictorian's address as the climax of Class Day exercises May 9. Grimes will open the Class Day program with his salutatorian address.

The newly chosen valedictorian, a student in the School of Education, was president of WSGA and of Penn State Players. She is a member of Mortar Board, senior women's honorary; Pi Lambda Theta, women's education honorary; Phi Beta Kappa, national scholastic honorary; and Kappa Alpha Theta, women's social fraternity.

Grimes, a mechanical engineering student, was co-captain of the Penn State basketball squad and president of Pi Kappa Phi, social fraternity. He is a member of Parmi Nous, senior activities society; Phi Kappa Phi and Tau Beta Pi, honorary engineering societies; and Phi Mu Epsilon, honorary mechanical engineering society.

Campus Air-Raid Alarm Proves Much Too Mild

"Lack of carrying power of the Old Main chime system and the fire whistle to the out-lying districts was responsible for the failure of State College's initial air-raid warning Wednesday night, was the report of civilian defense authorities and members of the community.

The first attempt scheduled for 9:16 p. m., failed because of an electrical condition beyond the control of the operators. It was not until 9:21 p. m. that the varying electrical note was sounded at the greatest volume possible.

2 Music Honoraries Give Third Concert Tomorrow Afternoon

Phi Mu Alpha and the Louise Homer Club, musical honoraries, will present the third Sunday afternoon concert in Schwab Auditorium at 3:30 tomorrow. Music by contemporary American composers will feature the program.

The Phi Mu Alpha orchestra, under the direction of Frank Gullo, will present the opening and closing numbers of the program. Their opening selections include "Bolero Ritmico," by Longas; "Angelus," by Massenet; and "La Comparsa," by Lecuouana. Concluding numbers will be "Down South," by Middleton; "Valse Dramatique," by Rapee; and "Andalucia," by Lecuouana.

The Louise Homer Ensemble, 23 co-ed singers under the direction of Willa Taylor, will rate No. 2 in the frequency of appearance. The group will sing "Dirge for Two Veterans," by McDonald; "A Morning in Spring," by McKay; "Choric Song," by Deems Taylor, and "What Do We Plant," by Copland.

Two soloists will add variety to tomorrow's concert. Grace M. Seip '42, playing the organ, and Conrad H. Hilpert '42, flutist, will alternate with the orchestra and ensemble in the spotlight roles.

865 Couples Attend Interfraternity Ball

Good weather for the first time in several years prevailed as 865 couples attended the Interfraternity Ball last night, it was stated by George L. Donovan, Student Union manager.

The Interfraternity Songfest, in which Alpha Kappa Pi, Delta Upsilon and Tau Kappa Upsilon were to compete for the fraternity glee club trophy, was called off at the last moment. No reason was given for the cancellation.

Melchior No. 3 In Course Series

Stage seats for Lauritz Melchior's Artists' Course performance will be placed on sale in Schwab Auditorium before the concert next Tuesday, according to Dr. Carl E. Marquardt, Artists' Course chairman.

Melchior is a large man with a strong voice, which precisely fills his position as the Wagnerian Heldenchor. He believes that to sing a part well, one must be in the spirit of that part.

His favorite sport is hunting, and he has a great deal of game in his exploits. The deerskin costume he wears as Siegfried is from an animal that he himself shot.

A thick steak sandwich, a glass of beer, and a cigar is sometimes the most effective measure for tiding Melchior through a "Lohengrin" or "Gotterdammerung" performance. We may say, "Why not?" but it is the practice of most opera singers to use sprays, lozenges, and other pre-performance devices, none of which is used by Mr. Melchior. His voice is pampered only by the aforementioned menu.

In Melchior's New York apartment seriousness is altogether ruled out. He is indeed a great lover of fun—sometimes at other people's expense, for he is a practical joker.

Theta Chi Elects

Daniel M. Kreider has been elected president of Theta Chi. Other new officers include Glenn S. McDowell '44, vice-president; Laurence G. McEvoy '44, secretary; William Day Jr. '44, treasurer; Thomas Iezzi '45, marshal; H. Franklin Pierce '43, 1st guard; Everett A. Catlin '45, 2nd guard; and Theodore R. Hopkins '44, social chairman.

3 Matmen Advance To Semi-Finals; Baird TKO's Schoff To Gain Finals

Referee Stops Fight Midway In Third Round

Special To The Collegian

Baton Rouge, La., Mar. 27 — Lion boxing captain, Bob Baird, scored a third round TKO over his ancient rival Loren Schoff of Syracuse in the semi-final round of the twentieth annual NCAA boxing tourney held here tonight. Baird will meet Wisconsin's Warren Jollymore to decide the title winner in the final bouts of the 145 class tomorrow night.

Baird inflicted a cut over Schoff's left eye in 1:22 of the third round when the referee stopped the melee. The Lion captain held the upper hand throughout the contest and probably would have won the bout on points if the fight had not been stopped. Baird, the only Penn State entry in the tournament, proved superior in punching power and boxing ability although the bout was close all the way.

Jollymore inflicted the second blemish on Baird's record this year at Madison, Wis., after Schoff had decided the Penn Star earlier in the season at the Orange camp. The Jollymore-Baird encounter, the last dual meet of the season for the Lions, was close with both con-

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Waring Postpones Thespian Songfest

Arrangements could not be made for Fred Waring to play "Nittany," Penn State's newest song by James A. Leyden, Jr. '42 last night as originally planned.

Waring wired that he had received the musical score too late for last night's show, but that he planned to devote an entire 15-minute show to new Thespian tunes on April 24.

The former Penn State student said that several of the songs may be published. A special program of five Thespian tunes will be available tonight. The show will start at 7 o'clock.

Ridenour, Alexander, Harry, Wrestle Today

Special to the Collegian

EAST LANSING, Mich., March 27—Penn State's three Eastern Intercollegiate wrestling champions advanced to the semi-final round of the National collegiate tournament being held in Michigan State's huge field house here today and tomorrow. Seventy-nine hopeful grapplers from 23 colleges were entered in the competition.

Drawing a bye in the preliminary session this afternoon, 121-pound Charlie Ridenour exhibited his usual impressive technique in gaining a quick fall victory over Melvin Stiefel of Kansas State tonight.

Speedy Charlie Ridenour scored a quick take-down by hooking an ankle and pulling his foe to the mat in ten seconds. He then punished the helpless Kansan with a variety of scissors holds to prepare him for the final pin. He tied up the Big Six entry 21 seconds after the second period started with a double body scissors and a double arm lock.

Sam Harry, 128-pound Lion, met a tough opponent in Harry Mangus of Wyoming but Captain Glen Alexander had the closest call of

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Civil Service Lists New Exams

A list of seven Civil Service examinations for positions which should be of interest to College students was released yesterday by the Commission Examiner. Further information on the tests may be obtained at the State College Post Office.

The positions are:
Regional Agent—Trade and industrial education, \$4,600 a year.
Special Agent—Trade and industrial education, \$3,800 a year.
Ordinance Trainers (Women)—Training in inspection work, \$120 a month during apprenticeship.
Radio Inspector—Federal Communications Commission, \$2,000 to \$2,600 a year. Assistant positions, \$2,000 a year.
Junior Physicist—Government experimental work, \$2,000 a year.
Principal Physicist—Experimental work, \$5,600 a year.
Motor Transport Instructor—Quartermaster Corps, War Department, \$2,600 to \$4,600 a year.

Sigma Pi Elects

New officers of Sigma Pi fraternity for the coming year include Thomas L. Zumbro '43, sage; James L. Henderson, Jr. '43, first counselor; James E. Gottwald '44, second counselor; Charles A. Adams '43, caterer; Ralph B. D'Iorio '43, secretary; and Lawrence E. Faries '44, herald.

Four Athletes Nominated For AA President Post

Four lettermen have been nominated to succeed James W. Ritter '42 to the presidency of the Athletic Association. Allan B. Crabtree, Bernard A. Plessler, Charles H. Ridenour, and William T. Richards, all seniors, are the nominees.

Nominated for the secretary-treasurer post was Herschel D. Baltimore '43, Sidney Cohen '44, Leonard O. Frescoln '43, Robert J. Koch '43 and Robert F. Ramin '44.

These men were nominated by a committee composed of the coach, manager and captain of all varsity sports. Men seeking Athletic Association offices are required to be lettermen and have "1" averages.

Late News Flashes...

NEW YORK—Heavy weight champion Private Joe Louis retained his title by knocking out challenger Abe Simon with one right hand punch in 16 seconds of the sixth round in Madison Square Garden last night.

PORT MORESBY, New Guinea—One Japanese plane was shot down in flames and one was driven off without causing any damage yesterday in the 20th raid on Port Moresby since the war scene shifted to that district.

ROME—The Japanese war government yesterday announced the appointment of Ken Harada, acting ambassador to Vichy, as minister to the Vatican. Officials stated, though, that this did not mean that Japan was opening formal diplomatic relations with the Papal city-state.

LONDON—The war admiralty yesterday officially reported the death of Captain John Henry Bowes-Lyon, nephew of Queen Elizabeth, killed somewhere in the Middle East where he was serving as master of the Glamis.

MI Gallery Holds Formal Opening

Formal opening of the New Mineral Industries Art Gallery has been announced by Dean Steidle and the faculty of the school for Monday night. Nearly 150 oils, water colors, prints and drawings are in the show which will be permanent.

Students and faculty are invited to view the collection beginning Tuesday morning. Admission to Monday night's opening is by invitation only, because of the limited space. On the program for Monday will be Prof. Theodore Roethke of the English composition department, who will read an original poem that he composed for the dedication.

Prof. J. Burne Helme of the fine arts department will speak briefly about the collection and Lillian Parrish will play several piano compositions.

Thespian Show Funny, Tuneful

By Elaoin Shrdlu

How was the Thespian show? That depends, brother, on what you expect of a college musical show put together spasmodically by a bunch of undergrads.

Let's skip the fancy stuff and put it this way: If you expect chorus numbers executed with split second precision, you're gonna be disappointed. If you expect flawless dance routines, undergraduate Fred Astaires and Eleanor Powells, you're gonna cry big tears. And if you look forward to sweet singers and singerettes, you're gonna look hard.

But if you want laughs and plenty of them; if you want good-looking gals with costumes that bring out the best in them; if you want songs that are good and original, then "Hide 'n' Peek" is tailor made for your I. F. Ball week-end.

You know the plot: a couple of Rockview convicts ride the rails to State College, join a fraternity,

masquerade as a janitor and torch singer when the governor who sent them up the river comes to attend a dance. It's a reminder of "Pardon My Glove," the Thespian show of about four years ago right down to the Rho Rho Rho fraternity.

Despite its obvious weaknesses, "Hide 'n' Peek" kept an overflow Friday night throng in pretty regular stitches. Tophole laugh-makers were Ted Clauss as Rubberpuss Ryan, Leon Rabinowitz, as Batears Bennett, and Marce Stringer, as Corky.

Marce was a riot calling the turns in a square dance. The way that Stringer gal can wow the house merely with a "droopy-drawered" stance or a Dead End Kid whistle beats all. We hate the thought that this is La String's last year—or is it? We were disappointed, too, that Marce didn't see even more solo action in a show that needed more funny

femmes. There was another, red-haired Shirley Tetley, a witty little soph who should get more laughs next year with better lines and no Stringer to bat against.

By far the funniest spots in the show centered around Rabinowitz and Clauss. There wasn't an encore in the show, but the nearest thing to it was the reception of Leon's moderated rendition of "Off to Bed" and Ted's graphic demonstration of what he saw through an Ath Hall window. It's a takeoff on Bob Hope's degirdling skit carried right on into the bathtub—and very funny. Otherwise, "localized" gags, keyed to student activities, brought most laughs.

Before the audience has hardly a chance to catch its breath, it is jolted by the prison escape—a sudden blackout, sirens wailing, spotlights, "calling all cars," pistol shots, a rope climb, madhouse yelling. That was by far the most exciting scene.