

'Mr. Varnum'  
Starts Tonight

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## Harry James' Orchestra Highlights Senior Ball

Harry James, his trumpet, and his Music Makers will come to the Nittany Valley Friday to play at the '49ers' Senior Ball in Rec Hall from 9 p. m. to 1 a. m.

The Skylarks, vocal group, will be James' featured performers. Others appearing with him are Willie Smith, noted alto sax artist; Don Lamond, drummer; Ziggy Elmer, trombonist; and Corky Corcoran, schoolboy tenor sax sensation of a few years back.

### Top Rating

Harry James and his orchestra have consistently been rated near the top of dance band popularity polls for the past eight years. Included in his long list of hits are "You Made Me Love You," "Chiribiribin," "I've Heard That Song Before," "I'm Beginning to See the Light" (which, incidentally, James composed), and "Sleepy Lagoon."

Many movies have featured the noted trumpeter and his orchestra. Among these are "Two Girls and a Sailor," "Do You Love Me?," "Best Foot Forward," "Bathing Beauty," and "Carnegie Hall."

In addition they've played many theater and dance engagements. The Click and Earle Theater, in Philadelphia, Kennedy Park and Stanley Theater in Pittsburgh are among the stopping off points of the band.

Several of the brightest stars in the musical firmament got their start with the horn-playing maestro. Frank Sinatra, Dick Haymes, and Helen Forrest are numbered among the Harry James alumni.

### Baseball A Hobby

James' hobby is baseball and he works out at the Polo Grounds whenever he gets to New York. He has been known to ask a new musician what position he plays before asking him what instrument he plays.

James was brought up with a circus, and it was there that he learned how to play the trumpet. He first sat in with the circus band when he was eight years old. By the time he was ten he was doing trumpet solos, and on the side did a contortionist act.

Harry James got his real start when Benny Goodman heard his sweet horn on a Ben Pollack recording. Goodman liked him and signed him up.

### BX Closes Saturday

The Book Exchange will close for business May 14. Refunds of 20 percent may be picked up at the BX May 16 to 20 inclusive from 2 to 5 p. m. each day. Students are reminded that receipts obtained during the semester must be presented.

## Art Festival Nears Close; Exhibits Remain Until Sunday

Student work in art is being displayed until Sunday in eight campus buildings as part of the two-week Combined Arts Festival. The main display has been set up at the TUB and includes compositions in architecture, painting, murals, sculpture, dance, landscape horticulture, and home arts.

Other exhibits are open to the public in Simmons Hall, Main Engineering, Central Library, the Schwab Green Room, Engineering F. Temporary Buildings, and Home Economics.

### Modern European Artists

Kelly Yeaton, assistant professor in drama, said the combined project has been sponsored to show the influence of all arts on life. Several thousand students and State College residents have viewed the exhibits, and a great number of parents visiting the College saw the display last weekend.

Class instructors have selected the exhibits from work done during the term. Prints of modern European artists, from the Museum of Modern Art in New

## Lucas Wins Design Prize

Jay H. Lucas, a sophomore in architecture, was awarded \$25 for his town hall design, entered in a contest sponsored by the Beaux Arts Institute of Design in New York May 4.

The award is known as the Murchison prize problem.

Second prize went to George G. Duddy. Other winners were: first mention placed—Arthur R. Lukens and Frederick E. Sheridan; first mention—Joseph Brasco and Regis Gallagher.

All of the winners are sophomores in Architectural Design. They competed with sophomores from all over the country.

Designs were judged for originality, planning of rooms, drafting, composition, room arrangement and materials used.

Fifteen judges, all architects, selected the winners. Milton S. Osborne, professor of architecture at the College was among the judges.

## Home Ec Frosh Visit Campus

Thirty-one students attended the Freshman Weekend sponsored by the student cabinet of the School of Home Economics held on campus recently.

The weekend was for the benefit of freshman in home economics and hotel administration, who will be on campus next year, to acquaint them with Penn State.

An educational program was presented to the visiting students. Helen Wilcox was entertainment committee chairman Blair Hekin conducted the tour, and food committees were headed by Virginia Wilson and Sam Moore. A magic show was presented by Ray Wertz.

Twenty-four women and seven men visited the campus; the various centers represented were Altoona, California, Harrisburg, Lockhaven, Mansfield, Millersville, and Swarthmore.

## Is Fame Your Aim? Here Is Answer, Baby-Sitting

It's a small world!

Russell McLauchlan, lower division sophomore, recently received a letter from Victor Capittoli, of Rome, Italy. The letter included a copy of the Rome Daily American of March 17 in which was printed a picture of McLauchlan baby-sitting with two-year-old Jean Strozler, of State College.

McLauchlan found that baby-sitting improved his grades at the College.

## European Study Tours Planned

The New School for Social Research will sponsor a six-weeks summer session in Europe for undergraduates, graduate students, and teachers from July until September.

Dr. R. Wallace Brewster and Prof. Kent Forster, of the departments of political science and history respectively, are among faculty members from several universities selected to conduct the session.

The program includes a two-week stay in Great Britain, the bulk of which will be spent in Nottingham observing current British economical, political, and social disturbances. This is the general pattern of study for all stops. Also included are two weeks in Paris, a stop at Annecy on the Swiss frontier, most of which time will be spent in Geneva observing activities of the UN; and a 10-day tour of the Ruhr, Luxembourg, Belgium, and Holland.

Students will take an orientation course on Great Britain, France and international activity. There will be a seminar in economics or political science, or both. Credits available amount to six, which are acceptable here for both graduate and undergraduate degrees.

### Junior Status

It is not a tour, but a legitimate study project. The cost is about \$850 including trans-Atlantic transportation by air or ship and all expenses and tuition. Applications are still being received. To be eligible, students must have junior status, beginning in June.

There will be separate itineraries for graduate students, undergraduates, and teachers. The departure is set for the first week in July and the group will return early in September.

Anyone interested in making the trip should contact Professor Brewster or Professor Forster immediately.

## Hat Council Elects Morgan President

Thomas Morgan was elected president of Hat Society Council, Robert Gabriel, vice-president, and Rose Eifert, secretary-treasurer, at a meeting of the council in 409 Old Main, Monday night.

The council discussed the part Hat Societies will play in Orientation Week, pep rallies, and other events next year, and planned other projects including continuation of the football game card flashing which was begun last season.

### Players

Tryouts for "The Glass Menagerie" will be held at Center Stage at 7 p. m. Sunday. The play opens on October 14.

### Caps and Gowns

All seniors graduating in June who have not ordered their cap and gown must do so at Student Union before Saturday, May 14, announced Richard Hill, chairman of the Cap and Gown committee. The deposit for the cap and gown is five dollars. Seniors should present their hat sizes when ordering.

## 'Poor Mr. Varnum' Set To Open in Schwab

"Poor Mr. Varnum," satirical fantasy written by Henry Glass, Thomas Lyons, and Francis Fatsie, will be produced by Thespians in Schwab Auditorium at 7 p. m. today.

The play, selected from among those submitted for the Thespians' scenario script writing contest, revolves around the characters in Henry Varnum Poor's Old Main mural. In the production, the personalities come to life and tour the campus, marveling at the modern innovations.

## Library Shows Arts Exhibits

Art education, dramatics, fine arts, and home crafts exhibits are now on display in the lobby of the library in connection with the Combined Arts Festival.

The library exhibit started May 4 and will continue until May 25. Its aim is to publicize student work.

Included in the art education exhibit are hand-woven materials, plaster casts, design compositions, decorated draperies, and scarves.

The drama department is showing photographs of productions given during the past year. These include "Dark of the Moon," "Parlor Story," "Ten Nights in a Barroom," "All My Sons," "Skin of Our Teeth," "Night Must Fall," and "Amphitryon 38."

## Mourant Heads Philosophy

Dr. John A. Mourant, associate professor of the department of philosophy, has been appointed department head for three years, beginning in the fall semester. Dr. Mourant's appointment was announced by Dr. John M. Anderson, acting head of the department.

Dr. Anderson has been granted a year's leave of absence, which also becomes effective in the fall. Dr. Henry A. Finch, visiting associate professor from the University of Chicago, has been appointed to teach his philosophy 1 and 21 courses.

Also named an instructor is John Joseph O'Conner, graduated from Columbia University and part-time lecturer in philosophy at Brooklyn College.

## Church Group Plans Parley

The Student Christian Movement regional summer conference will be held this year at Camp Michaux, Pine Grove Furnace, Pa., from June 10 to 17. All students interested may inquire at the PSCA office, 304 Old Main.

The summer conference gives students a chance to meet with other students under competent leadership and discuss economics, men and women's relationship, Christian faith, race, and national and international problems.

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Poor, who is still at work on his mural, will be the guest of Thespians for tomorrow night's performance and will be introduced to the audience from his seat sometime during the show.

A special souvenir program, of unusual design, will be available, free of charge, on all three nights. Ned Armsby, of Thespians, was in charge of arrangements for the program. It is intended to provide a lasting memento of the show.

James Lotz and Glass are co-directors of dialogue for the show and Harry Woollever is directing five special dance routines originated by him. The dance numbers are: "Going to the Ball," "I'm Thinkin' I'm Lincoln," "Ballet Waltz," "Night of the Ball," and "Agriculture."

### Comedy Routine

Another among many attractions will be a comedy routine, "The Four Stooges," by William Bonsall, David Greenway, Joel Kranich, and Wendell Lomandy who will play the parts of four confused cops. A "Hula Girl," several additional comedians, and a host of singers and dancers round out the show.

Theodore Mann, co-author of the play which won second prize in the Thespian contest, is included in the cast of "Poor Mr. Varnum" as the "Boy With the Tree." The great variety of costumes to be used in the production were designed by Duffy Sypes, who has been a costume designer for Thespians for several years.

Tickets are still available at Student Union for all three nights at 90 cents for tonight and \$1.20 for tomorrow and Saturday nights. Larry Pinno has been in charge of publicity for "Poor Mr. Varnum," and Ray Fortunato is acting as over-all director of the production.

### LaVie

Juniors in the Schools of Education, Home Economics, and Physical Education may have their pictures taken for the 1950 LaVie at the Penn State Photo Shop next week, May 9-13.

Pictures will be taken again, but anyone graduating in any of the summer sessions or who will be practice teaching in the fall must have their photo taken now.

## News Briefs

### Iota Lambda Sigma

Dr. R. Barton Power, project engineer for the water tunnel, will be the speaker at a meeting of Alpha chapter, Iota Lambda Sigma, in the PSCA room, Old Main, at 7:30 p. m. today.

All veterans planning to attend any Summer Session must pay room and board charges at the time of registration in Recreation Hall.

### NSA

It is imperative that all active members of the National Student Association be present at the final meeting in 11 Sparks at 7 p. m. today. Delegations to the national and regional conventions will be formed and plans for next fall will be made.

### Penn State Club

The Penn State Club will hold a banquet in the upstairs dining room at the Allencrest Tearoom at 6:30 p. m. Sunday in honor of the graduating seniors.

Invitations will be sent to the graduating seniors. They and all other members wishing to attend must sign up for it at the Student Union desk before noon Saturday.

### PSCA

PSCA will hold a picnic at Sunset Park at 5:30 p. m. on Tuesday. Anyone interested in going should call the CA office on Monday.

The topic of the PSCA radio program on WMAJ at 7:45 p. m. today is "Sister's Dilemma."