

## 'Poor Mr. Varnum' Commences with Color, Variety James To Play at Senior Ball

### 'Mr. Varnum' Tears Hair Seeking Mural Characters

By Jack Boddington

Thespians dipped deeply into Penn State's reservoir of talent and came up with color, variety, and originality in their production of the satirical fantasy "Poor Mr. Varnum" in Schwab Auditorium last night.

The originality came from the script by Henry Glass, Thomas Lyon, and Francis Fatsie; the variety from the talents of the large cast; and the color from the splendid costumes designed for the show.

The production lagged a bit at the beginning, but picked up speed and interest as the plot unfolded. The "Four Cops" routine added humor and life to the story as "Mr. Varnum" raged and tore his hair looking for the culprits responsible for the disappearance of the characters in his Old Main mural.

Meanwhile, those characters were out having a look at Penn State life as we know it today, and finding the going somewhat rough. With the cops hot on their trails, they dashed from one scene into the next confusing the issue considerably.

#### "Cuspy"

"Cuspy," the coed wallflower, tore at the heartstrings of the audience in her attempt to find a date for the "Ball." One of the most impressive and colorful scenes of the whole show was the ballroom scene in which some good dance routine direction and execution were evident. One weak point was the fact that the singing, while for the most part good, could not be heard throughout the auditorium.

Another high point in the performance was the appearance of "Tony" and "Sammy," the two laborers. Good action plus terrific dialect made their portion of the show one of the most enjoyable. Virg Neilly, as "Professor Agbio," also deserves commendation for a job well done.

The mural characters all played their parts well and the makeup on Lincoln was particularly well done.

#### Class Day

Seniors are reminded that today is the last day to cast ballots for Class Day honorary positions. Women's ballots must be returned to the office of the Dean of Women by 5 p. m. and men's postcards must be postmarked not later than midnight.

Late AP News Courtesy WMAJ

### West Approves German Plan

BONN—The West has approved the constitution drafted by leaders of Western Germany, opening the way for the signing ceremonies. The military governors said that there were several reservations, but no details were given.

#### Atomic Commission

WASHINGTON—The Atomic Energy Commission issued a scholarship yesterday to a avowed Communist, Austrian-born Hans Freistadt, a part-time instructor at the University of North Carolina. This brought a protest from Congress, but the Commission explained that Freistadt will not have access to secrets. The AEC added that it is not its policy to check political affiliations where security is not involved.

#### Noted Metallurgist



David M. McFarland

### College Creates Alumni Award

An annual award, to be known as the David Ford McFarland Award for Achievement in Metallurgy, has been established by the College chapter of the American Society for Metals.

The first presentation of the award was made last night to George V. Luerssen, chief metallurgist of the Carpenter Steel Co., Reading, and a graduate of the College in the Class of 1915.

McFarland, for whom the award was named, made the presentation. Professor emeritus of metallurgy, he retired from the faculty in 1945 after serving as professor and head of the department of metallurgy for 25 years.

The award is designed to achieve three goals: to constitute a public recognition of an individual of merit, to serve as an inspiration to students and young graduates, and to honor the College by directing attention to her able alumni.

A plaque, on which the recipient's name will be engraved, will be placed in the division of metallurgy of the School of Mineral Industries.

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### Flustered Prof Almost Framed By Police

It seems that a professor at the College called a local store a few days after the theft of "A Lady Fastening Her Gloves," by William J. Glackens, and ordered a picture frame exactly the size of "the lady."

The professor in the case didn't wish to give his name when he telephoned. And then, when the frame he ordered did come he said it was the wrong size.

Investigators and the campus patrol called upon the aforesaid prof during a classroom session and he hurried out to talk to them quite excited.

When questioned about his flustered state, he replied that there was a new baby expected at their home and he thought that the police were bringing him some news from the stork.

The professor was cleared of suspicion when he told his reason for ordering the frame—to keep his diploma from the University of Paris.

His reason for refusing the frame he ordered: Well, that was explained also. He ordered the frame from an inside measurement instead of the outside measurement he wanted.

Thus blasting another "hot clue," the only solution seems to be that the butler did it!

### 'Gold Rush' To Start In Rec Hall Tonight

The last big weekend of the year will start tonight in Rec Hall at 9 p. m. when Harry James brings his Music Makers to State College for an evening of swing and sweet dance music. The senior class of 1949 has hit upon the theme of the gold rush of '49, according to John Zora, chairman of the dance. "The idea is to tie in with the rush for jobs in June," he said.

Rec Hall will be decorated by students themselves for the first time. A mural depicting the great gold rushes in 1849 and 1949 will highlight the decorations. Jack Long and Arlene Spencer have designed and painted the mural.

#### Eastern Tour

James brings his musical aggregation here for another stop in his Eastern tour. Featured in the James band are the Skylarks, a vocal group; Willie Smith, on the alto sax; Don Lamond, drummer; Ziggy Elmer, on the trombone; Corky Corcoran, tenor sax; Tiny Timbrell, vocals and guitar; and Juan Tizol, trombone.

The appearance of Harry James, one of the top rated dance orchestras in the country according to popularity polls, on the heels of the Spring Week appearance of Tommy Dorsey, is keeping in line with the new policy of bringing "big-name" bands to Rec Hall for the All-College dances.

#### Ticket Sales

Tickets for the semi-formal dance are on sale at Student Union from 9 to 12 a. m. and 1:30 to 4:30 p. m. today and also at Rec Hall, starting at 8:30 p. m. The tickets are priced at \$4.00 a couple.

WSGA has approved 2 o'clock permissions for all coeds in keeping with the policy of granting such special permissions for All-College dances which feature a "name" band.

A noted trumpeter, James got his first big start with Benny Goodman. He stayed with the great Goodman for three years, steadily building up a reputation as a man to watch. When James decided to go out on his own, Goodman thought enough of his chances to back him with the money to get started. Thus it was that Harry James brought his Music Makers into being.

#### Leave Wraps

The Senior Ball Committee has suggested that all those attending the dance do not bring their wraps into Rec Hall unless it is necessary.

### Faculty Entertains Trustees Tonight

The trustees of the College will be guests of the faculty at a banquet at the Nittany Lion from 5:30 to 8 p. m. tonight.

Dr. John Dale Russell, director of the division of higher education at the U. S. Office of Education will speak on "The Problems of Administering the Modern University."

Dr. Russell was dean of the U. S. Army University in France in 1945 and has been secretary of the Commission on Colleges and Universities from 1943 to 1945.

Dr. John Gardner of the Carnegie Corporation will be the guest of honor.

#### La Vie

Today is the last day for juniors in the Schools of Education, Home Economics, and Physical Education to have their pictures taken for the 1950 La Vie at the Penn State Photo Shop.

#### "Mr. Horn"



Harry James

### NSA To Seek Entry of DP's

The National Student Association, along with numerous other organizations, is seeking the admission of displaced persons into American colleges and universities. Such qualified persons will be immigrating here with plans toward American citizenship.

The College chapter of NSA has been successful in obtaining the aid of Wilmer Kenworthy, executive secretary to the president, who plans to present a proposal before the executive committee of the Board of Trustees tomorrow to waive tuition for the coming year for some number of DP students.

#### Screening

The initial screening is done by joint committees composed of personnel from World Student Relief, the International Refugee Organization, and three resettlement groups based on three large religious organizations in the U. S. It is their job to send information of academic records, interests, field of study, and previous grades to the Institute of International Education in New York which acts as the central distribution agency for this information.

The Administration of the College would decide upon the scholastic requirements to be met by these students. The registrar would then make the selection of (Continued on page eight)

### Debaters Selected For Speaking Contest

Six campus debaters were selected Wednesday night in preliminaries for the Men's Debate Term-End Speaking contest, to be held in 316 Sparks at 7 p. m. next Wednesday.

They are David M. Barron, Harold E. Brown, John Fedako, Richard K. Hill, James H. McDougall and Richard C. Shultz.

The contest is open to debaters who will give their views on the topic used in this year's debates. That topic will be: "What program should be undertaken in the interest of improving elementary and secondary education in the United States?" (Continued on page eight)

The All American official told Mr. Lutz that "it is realized that there may be days when due to the sod conditions of the airport, the field may be unavailable." "While it is not presently re-