

45 Bright Costumes Highlight 'Liliom'

By PAUL POORMAN

The forthcoming production of Players' "Liliom" promises to be one of the most colorful performances of the year, if only because of its costuming. There are 45 different costumes in the show, portraying everything from a gay Hungarian carnival to a somber death scene.

All 45 costumes used are original designs for the play. Three members of the design class from the dramatics department, Joy Polikoff, Ruthe Taub, and Marty Massing, did all the designing, and a crew of almost 40 people collaborated on the handiwork.

Work Long

One might think that with 45 costumes to make, details would be kept to a minimum, and many outfits would be made alike. This is far from the truth with "Liliom."

Extensive embroidery, dying of cloth, and hand-stitching went into the manufacturing of the actors' raiment. The crew, working from drawings and patterns drawn by the designers, has labored since before Thanksgiving on this task.

Mrs. Dorothy Scott, designer for the drama department, explained that seven different materials were used in making the clothing, including muslin, bur-lap, osnaburg, theatrical duvetyne, oilcloth, leatherette, and assorted yarns. This was done, she explained, to give the outfits a more realistic look. The coloring used, as befitting a Hungarian peasant setting, is very bright and colorful.

Go To N. Y.

Liliom, the male lead in the

play, gets along with one costume and minor accessory changes, while Julie, the female lead, and Marie, her chum, typically feminine, have three costumes apiece. This clothing is designed to show the transition from the gay holiday scenes to the drab death scene.

Mrs. Scott's design class went to New York to buy the materials used, to be certain of getting what they wanted. In fact, the whole costuming department is being run like that of a Broadway show. This is done to give actual experience to the design students.

A gallery of sketches on the wall of one of the sewing rooms gives a preview of what to expect. The great detail and variety of design, as well as the elaborate coloring, give promise of a real treat in store for local play-goers.

Dan Bryant and Ruthe Taub who are co-chairmen of the technical crew constructing costumes, have undertaken the biggest large-scale production since before the war, and they have prepared something fresh and unusual for the enjoyment of Penn State audiences.

Late AP News—Courtesy WMAJ

U.S. May Use H-Bomb

WASHINGTON — President Truman said yesterday there is a possibility that he may order the production of hydrogen bombs which are 1000 times more powerful than the present A-bombs. Many of his advisors are said to be pushing for the manufacture of H-bombs, on which there has already been considerable experimentation.

The President reiterated that he will keep hands-off the coal strike because there is no national emergency. In Pittsburgh the possibility of a shortage of coal for electric power evaporated before the news that sufficient supplies were available.

Defeat Bill

In the House, the Administration suffered a defeat when a bill to continue economic aid to the Republic of South Korea was defeated by a 193-191 margin.

Meanwhile Democratic House Leaders assured the President they have enough votes to defeat a change in congressional rules

that would threaten the passage of the Fair Deal program.

The Social Security administrator told the Senate that employers do not like to hire people in their mid-forties because of future liabilities if the worker cannot continue. Under an adequate old age insurance program, he said, employers should be willing to take on these persons because they would retire in their early sixties.

The Senate also rejected a proposal to immediately consider a bill to cut excise taxes. The proposal was beaten, 45 to 35.

Denfield Resigns

Other capital developments saw Admiral Louis E. Denfield decline to accept a lesser assignment after his removal as Chief

of Naval Operations. He applied for his pension. The State Department has indicated that it has just about abandoned hope of finding agreement with Russia on the Austrian treaty.

Hoover Enters Case

BOSTON—J. Edgar Hoover stepped in to direct the search for the nine bandits who escaped with an estimated \$1,500,000 from the Brink's express company on Tuesday. The finding of a bag similar to those which held the loot is the latest clue police have to work with.

Hiss Trial Closing

NEW YORK—Lawyers in the Alger Hiss case continued their summations yesterday. There is a chance that the second trial of the former government official will go to the jury today.

Hetzel Room To Be Opened Next Semester

The Ralph Dorn Hetzel Memorial Room will become a reality next semester when it will be opened officially. The student government room in 204 Old Main is already being used by Cabinet committees for meetings.

It has not been opened this semester because the secretary and filing plans are not completed. It was thought not worthwhile to set up schedules before the end of the semester and then change them. Also, the floor is to be painted and a general clean-up is necessary.

According to George Oehmler, chairman of the Cabinet committee which pushed the project, the room had been promised for the last week in October. But College Placement service could not move out until about two weeks ago.

Went Out Of Use

About 1930 Student Government used 305 Old Main for several years, but the room went out of use. During the war it was converted for other purposes. The committee tried to locate the furniture which had been used earlier but found that it was purchased by the College, not students. Attempts are still being made to locate the drapery and rugs.

Cabinet's total expenditure on the room has been about \$1230, including plaques on the door and one wall. Equipment was bought through the College purchasing agent. A telephone will be installed Jan. 28.

Students are invited to visit the room and offer suggestions, according to Oehmler.

Phi Beta Kappa Elects White

Recently elected president of Phi Beta Kappa, scholastic honorary, was Dr. Wallace E. White, professor of wood technology who never formally had a course in the subject he teaches. Dr. White, a meticulous man with a Boston accent, succeeded Dr. Robert E. Dengler, professor of classical languages.

Dr. White is a charter member of the Penn State Chapter and has been a professor in the Forestry School for 20 years.

Together with the other newly-elected officers of Phi Beta Kappa, Miss Elsa C. Lisle, secretary, and Prof. Thomas F. Bates, treasurer. Dr. White states that he will continue to advocate liberal education for college students.

PSCA To Hold Coffee-orum

The last PSCA coffee-orum of this semester will be held in 304 Old Main at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Prof. Edward Abramson of the sociology department will speak on "China In The News."

These coffee-orums, which will be continued next semester, are informal meetings that include a talk by a professor on topics related to the present-day news followed by a discussion period.

The meetings are usually held on different days of the week to enable a variety of students to attend. Sessions begin at 4 p.m. and last until 5 p.m.

Francis Artley, member of the CA, accepted responsibility for the promotion of the Coffee-orums.

Coffee-orums this semester have had such speakers as Dr. Anthony Luchek, associate professor of economics; Dr. Scott Keyes, economics department; Dr. Nelson McGeary, political science department; Dr. Seth Russell, assistant dean of the School of Liberal Arts; Col. Ben-Hur Chastaine; and Dr. John Ferguson, political science department.

Outstanding Seniors

Ramon Saul

(This is the ninth in a series of articles concerning prominent senior men and women who have proven themselves outstanding in one or more fields of activity at the College.)

By MYRNA TEX

Putting out the senior class yearbook is quite a job in itself, but, Ray Saul, editor of La Vie, has taken a part in other campus activities as well.

He is a member of Skull and Bones and belongs to Sigma Delta Chi, men's journalism honorary. He is also active in Players and had a leading role in "This Side of Bedlam." His name is listed in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Saul attended the Hazleton Undergraduate Center for two



Ramon Saul

years where he was treasurer of his freshman class, a member of the Student Council, and circulation manager of the school paper. In addition, he played on the Hazleton basketball team.

Journalism Major

Hazleton is Saul's home town. He is majoring in journalism and has a job with the Hazleton Plain Speaker, effective March 1. He graduates in February, but has decided to remain in State College for a few weeks to see that La Vie is well on the road to completion before he leaves.

"Serving as editor of the yearbook is excellent training for a journalism major and provides him with a wonderful opportunity to meet people in all phases of college work," Saul pointed out. "Our yearbook is one of the best in the country," he continued, "and we often get communications from other yearbook students wanting to know

what system we use here. If more students could compare our yearbook to those at other schools, I feel they would appreciate ours to a far greater extent than they do now."

Favorite Hobby

Saul is a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity and claims his favorite hobby is collecting pipes. For the past two summers he has worked at a resort in the Pocono Mountains in the capacity of waiter and last year as both waiter and social director. One of his main ambitions is to take part in Hazleton politics once he gets back there.

In regard to campus politics and organizations, Saul feels that the student body should have more faith in their student government and organizations. "They are doing everything in their power to improve conditions for the Penn State students," Saul added.

Hillel Program

Members of Phi Sigma Sigma sorority will participate in the service and serve as hostesses at Hillel Foundation, 8 o'clock tonight.

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