

Decided Improvement . . .



IT IS TALENT such as is displayed here which has made coeds a permanent feature of Thespians productions. Once upon a time, however, the group was all-male and proud of it. Here is the story of that unenlightened past, complete with happy ending . . .

**Old-Time Thespians—
Womanless Wonders**

By RON BONN

To anyone who, in recent years, has sat enchanted by the broad female expanses displayed in Thespians musical productions, it seems incredible and rather horrible that once upon a time there were no women allowed in the shows.

Yet with the exception of a single male-short war year, no good ever appeared with Thespians between its founding in 1898

and 1928. In fact, when women were allowed to work in 1918, the program for the show did everything but apologize abjectly. "The audience will note," said the program, "how satisfactorily the women do the work of men in these difficult parts. Verily, the war works wonderful changes."

Audience Pleased

The audience, however, seemed happier about the whole thing than the he-Thespians. In fact it was the treasured memory of this single female appearance that sparked the agitation for the Thespians. A 1926 review in the old Penn State Collegian noted curiously that, "The cast girls were none, but the chorus girls, except one, were rotten as far as looking like the opposite sex is concerned."

One wonders about that single exception.

But the permanent attachment of women to the show with the founding of Masquerettes in 1928 added a rugged, often riotous, sometimes bawdy era. The old-time Thespians were famous, perhaps notorious, for their road trips. Way-back-when members dreamily-eyed remembering the

charter-boat trip to Washington when the cast got stranded on the way home and had to wire the College for fare.

"Upright Pianos"

There was the New-York jaunt, during prohibition days, when the cast wired ahead for the hotel to have three upright pianos ready for them. When they got there the manager slipped them three bottles of gin. "Upright pianos" had a connotation unknown to Webster's Collegiate in the Volstead days.

Old timers who refuse to be named go into detail about the after-the show trips to the "burleycue." No one chaperoned the old tours. "Bert Kinley, now College tabulation coordinator, went along with the money but, as he says, "I wasn't a chaperon; I was a wet-nurse." It was doling out the \$2 daily eating allowances that gave him the "Two-Buck Kinley" nickname he still carries.

Costuming the male changelings gave birth to a whole set of stories. One ex-Thespian recalls, "The number of garments required to dress a lady in those

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Two Chemists Present Paper To Seminar

Dr Arthur Rose, associate professor of chemical engineering, and Theodore J. Williams, research fellow in chemical engineering, were co-authors of a paper they presented at a recent seminar at Endicott, N. Y., on industrial and scientific mathematical computation.

The paper dealt with the solution of trial-and-error type problems with the card programmed calculator.

A third member of the faculty, Martin J. Ziegler of the tabulating division and the psychological testing clinic, discussed improved machine procedures for test scoring.

One portion of the seminar discussion dealt with the "Monte Carlo" method for solution of complex engineering and mathematical problems. This method involves the rapid withdrawal of various colored marbles from a series of containers through the use of computing machines. When this procedure is repeated often enough, it can form the basis for obtaining very difficult numerical answers.

Leetch Will Address Eng 2 and 3 Students

A senior engineering lecture, open to all Engineering students, is scheduled for Schwab auditorium this afternoon at 4:10. Mr. George N. P. Leetch, director of the College placement service, will take on "Employment Procedures."

MI Gallery Host To Oil Exhibit

Activities of the oil industry from the arctic to the tropics is the theme of "Oil," an exhibit to be co-sponsored by the Department of Architecture and the School of Mineral Industries.

The exhibit, which will be brought to the campus by the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, will open in the Mineral Industries gallery on Wednesday, and will continue until the following Wednesday.

The exhibit consists of four different collections of oil paintings depicting various aspects of the oil industry. Among the portrayals are the production, refining, and transportation of oil to its far-flung destinations. Oil paintings, water colors, and drawings

Chem-Phys Mixer Plans Formulated

Preliminary plans for a student-faculty mixer were formulated by members of the Chemistry and Physics student council last night. Bob Sharets, president of the council, appointed Herb Blough as chairman, and Craig Aicher to the committee.

The council, made up of 24 members, will wait until the elections November 1 and 2 to complete their committee. Six new members will be added to the council in the elections, composed of two freshmen, one pre-med, and one chemistry student. The four sophomores on the council will be two chemical engineers, one chemistry student, and one pre-med.

The next council meeting will be November 8, 204 Old Main at 7:30 p. m.

are included. Artists commissioned for the project were given complete freedom to interpret their individual assignments.

The exhibit will be open to the public from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. and 7 to 9 p. m. daily, except Saturday, when hours are 8 a. m. to noon and 1 p. m. to 5 p. m. and on Sunday, when hours are 2 to 5 p. m.

Ag Council To Hold Dinner, Harvest Ball

Plans were made for the Ag Hill student-faculty party and dinner, to be held Nov. 4 at Rec hall, at a meeting of the Ag student council Wednesday night.

The council scheduled the Harvest Ball for Dec. 2 at Rec hall. Music will be furnished by the Statesmen.

It was decided not to have the all-College farm show this year because the new agricultural buildings have not been completed.

Two College Grads Work With Army In Japan

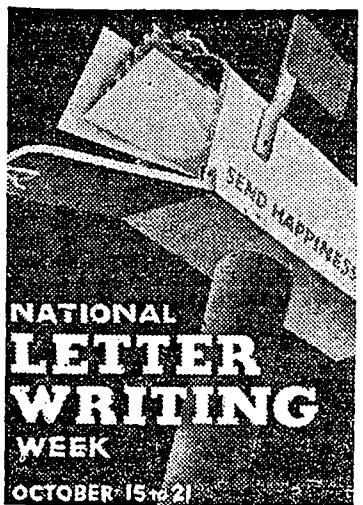
Two recent Penn State graduates are working in the same railway transport office for the army in Japan, according to a letter received by Mrs. Jean Sloan, a junior in journalism.

Her husband, Lt. Lawrence A. Sloan, of Philadelphia, a '49 graduate in journalism, wrote that he was working in the same office with Norman Halperin, of Cleveland, a '48 pre-med graduate.

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