

# Famous Father No Help To Keenan Wynn's Career

By JIM GROMILLER

Having a successful actor for a father is not necessarily an aid for an enterprising son, at least not in the mind of actor Keenan Wynn.

"My dad held me back terribly," Wynn said in a 3000 mile telephone conversation with a Daily Collegian reporter yesterday.

Wynn, who appears in "Texas Carnival" which is currently playing in State College, said that in the early days, when he mentioned his father's name in attempting to land a job invariably he got one of four replies:

### Ed Wynn's Son!

"1. 'You're that stinking Ed Wynn's son. How could you possibly be any good?'"

"2. 'You're Ed Wynn's son. You ought to be good.'"

"3. 'How did you get in here? Your father buy your way in?'"

"4. 'Well, Ed Wynn's son! Say, how is your father these days? Good bye.'"

The hindrance of an actor father couldn't have held him back for long. Since moving to

Hollywood in 1942. He mentioned 52 pictures.

Wynn recalled his visits to Central Pennsylvania from 1934, when he appeared in his first professional show on Long Island, N.Y., until he moved to Hollywood in 1942. He mentioned stops for shows in Oil City, Hershey and Altoona which he remembered most vividly.

### Wife Attended College

"My father," he said, "was born in Philadelphia and attended Central High School there."

Wynn hesitated to compare college coeds with non-college women. "My wife and my previous wife were both college girls," he said. "I haven't tried the non-college girls yet."

Theatre work in college, however, is the best way to get good acting experience, he said, although talent for acting must be inborn.

When the name of Esther Williams, the star of "Texas Carnival," entered the conversation, Wynn commented that it was with her that he got his start in

Hollywood. "When you first get to Hollywood," he said, "your first job invariably is filling in on tests, and the first test I worked on was with some girl swimmer. The name didn't mean anything to me at the time," he said, "but she turned out to be Esther Williams."

Wynn explained that his part in "Texas Carnival" is limited to a four minute sequence which took two days to make, "one on location and the second resting up in bed."

### Called 3 Times

For a hobby, Keenan Wynn has long held to motorcycles. Racing them for the past 20 years, he is a 16-year man in the American Motorcycle Association. A present sidelight to his acting is a motorcycle and stock car shop in Hollywood.

The call to Wynn which required three trials to complete, was routed through Bellefonte, Pittsburgh, and into the offices of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer in Hollywood.

## Town Council To Hold Dance

Tentative plans for a town basketball league and a benefit dance were made by AIM Town Council at last night's meeting.

The benefit dance will be held on December 15 in Recreation Hall. The dance, called the "Can Can Dance," will start at 8:30 p.m. and admission will be two cans of food from each person. The food will be given to the Centre County Home.

Neil Lehman, vice president, asked council members to try to get ten men from each of the 23 wards and organize them into teams for the league.

Thomas Taylor and Thomas Mears were appointed to find out if playing space was still available in Recreation Hall. A suggestion was made from the floor to try to obtain a church basketball floor if Recreation Hall was not available.

## Blue Key Applications Must Be Filed Today

Deadline for applications to Blue Key, junior men's hat society, is 4 p.m. today.

Rosfeld said letters should be turned in at the Student Union desk in Old Main and should contain the applicants' interests and qualifications for membership. Selection of members will be based on activities, he said.

## Hillel Holds Services

The Hillel Foundation will hold regular services at 8 p.m. tonight at 133 West Beaver avenue. Rabbi Benjamin Kahn will give another in a series of talks based on "Basic Judaism".

## AIM Delegates To File Petitions

Nominating petitions for the two positions of delegate-at-large from the West Dorm area for the Association of Independent Men board of governors must be filed by 7 p.m. Tuesday, at the Student Union desk in Old Main or in the main West Dorm lobby.

Any independent undergraduate student living in the area is eligible for nomination by obtaining a petition containing the signatures and room numbers of 50 West Dorm residents.

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## Sigma Pi Ties Beaver House In Blood Drive

Tabulations of contributors in this year's blood drive show that Sigma Pi fraternity and Beaver House lead all campus groups in donation pledges with 25 pints each. Acacia fraternity has pledged 22 pints to the drive.

The deadline for the return of pledge forms will be 5 p.m. Monday, Millard Rehburg, drive chairman, said. A Red Cross bloodmobile will be at the TUB on Nov. 14 and 15 to gather the pledged blood. The drive goal is 400 pints.

Another leader in the donation drive is Dorm 13 with 15 pledges. Of some 175 pints pledged by yesterday afternoon, only 15 pledges have been received from women.

Pledge forms may be secured at the Student Union desk in Old Main, the TUB, women's dormitories, West Dorm main lounge, and 112 Old Main.

## Grads To Hold Party

The Graduate Student Association will hold a roller skating party at 8 tonight at the Coliseum Roller Rink.

Members intending to go were asked to notify Sonia Marquez at 105 Pond Laboratory or call her at State College 2505. Transportation will be provided.

## Players' 'Doorstep' Begins 4th Week

Players' production of the play "The Great Big Doorstep" begins its fourth of a six weekend run at 8 tonight in Center Stage.

One change has been made in the cast of the three act comedy. Carl Wagner has a fractured foot, so William Sullivan will be substituting in Wagner's role as Arthur Crochet.

Tickets are on sale at the Student Union desk in Old Main. Tickets for tonight cost 90 cents and for tomorrow \$1.20.

A special road performance of the show is scheduled on Nov. 13 and 14 for the Penn State Center at Altoona.

## Foreign Ag Aid Information Available

Students interested in agricultural aid to nations overseas are asked to confer with Ira Moomaw at the Penn State Christian Association, L. H. Harshbarger, executive secretary of the PSCA, announced yesterday.

Moomaw will be on campus Monday and Tuesday. Further information is available at the PSCA office in 305 Old Main.

### TAKING A CIVIL SERVICE TEST?

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