

Students Produce Plays in Dram 421

A veteran of Dram 21 stolidly listened to his classmates tear apart, piece by piece, a play he had spent long, hard hours of work putting together.

As the criticism drew to a reluctant close, the student relaxed, knowing that he would be doing the same thing to the work of some other aspiring playwright.

Scenes such as this take place each week during Dram 421 class. The advanced playwriting class, directed by Warren S. Smith, associate professor of dramatics, teaches students to write plays that can be staged. Dram 21 is a prerequisite for 421.

Each of the ten to 12 students in the class writes his own play which he reads to the class. After the class criticizes it, the author rewrites it and a fellow student then directs the play in which anyone may act.

The criticism "gives the author a feeling of objectivity," Smith said.

The production of the one-act play takes about a week. Through this method, rather than the production of fewer and longer plays, all of the students are given an opportunity to see their work performed and to hear constructive criticism which they might otherwise not be able to get. This method, according to Smith, has proven to be the best of all the methods he has tried.

The three best plays of the Dram 21 class are produced by the Five O'Clock Theater.

The work in Dram 421 is coordinated with the Five O'Clock Theater productions.

The winning plays are not produced in their entirety. The actors present a play without aid of props and carry manuscripts in their hands. In spite of these factors they try to put on a professional looking, and sounding, performance.

Often as a result of participation in Five O'Clock Theater productions, some of the actors are picked by student directors to appear in other College plays.

The payoff for the hard work that a writer has put into each of the one-act plays comes when he is introduced to the audience and as he watches them smile, laugh, or cry through the performance of his work.

And as the curtain is drawn on the stage of the Little Theater in Old Main it may be opening on a new career.

Alpha Tau Alpha Holds 21st Banquet

Alpha Tau Alpha, agricultural education professional fraternity, held its 21st annual banquet last night at the Nittany Lion Inn.

The affair was dedicated to Dr. C. S. Anderson, who has retired from his position as professor of agricultural education at the College. Dr. Anderson will sail shortly for the University of Reading in England, where he will engage in research under the Fulbright Act.

Dr. Russell B. Dickerson, vice-dean in the School of Agriculture, was guest speaker. Lyman E. Jackson, dean of the School of Agriculture, presented shingles to new members of the fraternity.

Engagements

Nemeroff-Albert

Mr. and Mrs. Ayre Albert of Carlisle have announced the engagement of their daughter, Shirley, to Milton Nemeroff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nemeroff of Philadelphia.

Miss Albert is a former student of the College and is now a junior in elementary education at Temple University.

Mr. Nemeroff is a senior in pre-law and is a member of Phi Sigma Delta.

The wedding will take place June 22.

Display Features Kitchen Gadgets

Basic wardrobes, basic kitchens, basic courses—we always seem to need certain items to fulfill our basic needs. As for the home economist, or just plain housewife, she needs kitchen gadgets to prepare her hubby's meals.

An exhibit emphasizing the good and bad points of certain kitchen gadgets is now being displayed on the first floor of the Home Economics building. This display was set up by the Department of Home Management last week and will continue all month.

In some cases different makes of one gadget are compared as to worth.

Ease of operation, number of uses, work saved, food saved, durability, cleaning, storage and cost are some of the factors with which the exhibit is concerned.

West Dorm Dance

West Dorm Council will sponsor a dance from 8 tonight until 1 a.m. tomorrow in the West Dorm lounge.

Jake Huber's orchestra will play from 8 to 11, after which records will be used.

AChiO Volunteers Aid

Alpha Chi Omega has volunteered to help in the Easter Seal drive in the Centre County area this year.

This is part of the sorority's national project, which was begun at the end of World War II.

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at Balfours ("A" Store)

Co-Edits

Pi Kappa Phi

Pi Kappa Phi entertained Delta Delta at a spaghetti dinner last night at the fraternity house. The dinner was followed by entertainment and dancing.

Delta Delta Delta

Delta Delta Delta held a tea Wednesday night in honor of Priscilla Newell, national traveling secretary of the sorority. Guests included Pearl O. Weston, dean of women, members of her staff, dormitory hostesses, and representatives from campus sororities.

Beta Sigma Omicron

Beta Sigma Omicron recently pledged Bernice Yerkes, Ruth Davies and Miriam DeWitt, members of the chapter, attended the installation of officers of Beta Lambda chapter of the sorority, at Youngstown College, Youngstown, Ohio.

Tau Kappa Epsilon

Frank Kelly has been elected social chairman of Tau Kappa Epsilon. Paul Harmer and Donald McCormick have been appointed co-rushing chairmen.

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(Continued from page four) clean, and his breath is always fresh and pure. He dresses impeccably, his wit sparkles, and he uses a reliable deodorant. Now, who'll be the first to transfer?

Then we have the Reg'lar Feller type Prof. He's one of the boys, in white bucks (with regulation quantity of dirt), sport jacket clashing violently with his argyle socks, flashing bow-tie, and fuzzy, fuzzy crew cut. He'll breeze into class with a cheery "Hi, folks." He outlines an extremely liberal cut policy, remarks that you don't really need to buy the text, announces his open mind and generous curve-grading system, and then dismisses the class, whistling "Shrimp Boats" as you leave. The wise student will drop this course like a hot potato; there'll be no threes, one two, a scattered group of ones and great quantities of zips forthcoming.

In a class by herself is the Female Prof. If she had been born a bit earlier, she'd have been a suffragette. For five thousand years the men have been keeping the women down, and now, by God, this very semester, she's going to settle the score. She is characterized physically by a flushed, evangelistic expression, disheveled hair, and long, pointed eye-teeth.

It's quite a roster—almost as frightening as the students.

SU Text --

(Continued from page two) be made and still maintain architectural harmony.

Q. If the students voted to reduce or eliminate the fee, would the wishes of the students be followed?

A. Certainly the Trustees, who assessed the fee, would give the most serious consideration to student recommendations. Frankly, the Trustees would be confronted with a difficult situation. All progress in a democratic community is dependent upon decisions made by those who are eligible to make them at any given time. If future generations do not uphold previous actions, then there could be no certainty of proceeding with any type of project in which continuity of action is imperative. If previous decisions have been basically bad, of course they should be reversed, but if they have been arrived at democratically by responsible groups and undertaken on that basis, they should not be given up because of temporary difficulties.

To make the point sharp, suppose after the building is constructed students should vote that they want the fee eliminated. Obviously the Trustees, having borrowed funds for construction, could not respond favorably to such a recommendation. The question currently, then, is whether the Trustees would be justified in modifying the fee temporarily, because the time of construction is now uncertain.

Q. What will the new Student Union Building include?

A. The proposed building has been designed with the idea of serving the needs of the students, alumni, and staff of the College.

It will include one large ballroom; a lecture hall; a music room for rehearsals; a browsing library; a coffee shop, a soda bar, and three private dining rooms to supplement the food services already on the campus; offices for student organizations; four lounges; game areas for table games, table tennis, pool and billiards; and other facilities to make the Student Union Building the center of student activities.

20 Trailers Available In Windcrest Area

Twenty trailers in the Windcrest area are still available for married couples with or without children, Mrs. Sara E. Case, in charge of area housing, said yesterday.

All of the trailers are ready for immediate occupancy, Mrs. Case said. Occupants need not be veterans but must be College students, she said.

Those interested in securing a trailer may contact Mrs. Case, 109 Old Main, for further information.

WRA Plunge Hours

White Hall plunge hours will be from 7 to 8:30 tonight and tomorrow instead of from 7:30 to 9 as usually scheduled.

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