

Lovborg Makes a Decision



DON COLBERT, as Eileri Lovborg, struggles mentally while Hedda Tesman, played by Jolly Oswald, entreats him to attend a bachelor drinking party. Hedda, who once thrilled to his daring escapades, finds him colorless since his reformation. George Tesman, portrayed by W. DeVore Sample, stands at left.

'Hedda' Builds Web Of Ominous Intrigue

By BETTIE LOUX

From the first ominous strains of music to the final gunshot, "Hedda Gabler," which opened last night at Center Stage, builds up a powerful web of intrigue and suspense which strikes home with the impact of a bullet.

Sensitive direction by Robert D. Reifsnider has made, from six Players, an inspired cast which was able to create an unusually close bond with the audience. Credit cannot go entirely to the arena-stage setup, where the front row is less than a foot away from the action itself.

This is not to predict that "Hedda Gabler" will be one of the most popular Players' shows of the year. Undoubtedly much of the inner meaning, many of the subtleties, of an Ibsen play will be lost on playgoers anticipating just a pleasant and relaxing evening.

For "Hedda" is neither relaxing nor pleasant, as Jolly Oswald portrays her. She electrifies when, clad in ice blue, she makes her first proud entrance; she sears when she states deliberately that for once in her life she wants to have "power over a human being's fate," and shocks when she urges Eilert Lovborg to use the pistol on himself "beautifully."

The title of the play itself, which uses her maiden name, expresses Hedda's character. For she is not Hedda Tesman, wife of the scholarly George Tesman. She is Hedda Gabler, the beautiful, frigid woman who prizes independence so much that death is a triumphant alternative to domination by another person.

Bored with a life which to her seems futile, Hedda substitutes for natural instincts the feeling that that which is wicked is beautiful.

One of the most impressive things about "Hedda Gabler" is that Ibsen is not preaching a sermon. He does not say that all women must be good wives and welcome motherhood or they will come to no good end. Instead he presents his state of society, his woman, and lets his audience decide.

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Political Parties Meet Tomorrow

Windcrest Close-Down Denied

The department of housing "has not considered the matter of closing Windcrest this year," Russell E. Clark, director, said yesterday. Clark's statement came as an answer to rumors circulating in the area this week that trailers would be closed on the last day of June.

Bulletins appeared in the Windcrest area earlier this week warning residents that the area would close, unless "we the residents through our governing body take an active stand and show the College that we want it to remain open at least one more year."

The bulletin, which was signed "Election Committee," went on to indicate that unless residents could show they were interested in community affairs through high elections returns in Thursday's election, the area would be closed at the stated time.

The College revealed plans in November, 1950, that would have dismantled Windcrest, but a petition circulated by area residents last May prompted the College to keep the area open. A Windcrest resident said yesterday it seemed the understanding in the area is that the trailers will close in June. Windcrest was founded in 1945 with 99 trailers. The area later grew to more than 250. Clark said last November that the College has been losing money on trailer rental since the inception of Windcrest.

Kittens Will Try For Players Part

Two aspiring feline actors will have their first chance at legitimate theater when they try out Monday night for the part of "paperweights" in Players' "You Can't Take It With You."

The five-month old Persian kittens, now under contract to Mrs. Helen Fry of State College, have had no previous acting experience. Director Warren S. Smith feels he can overlook this, however, as the roles are non-speaking and the kittens will remain in one place throughout their performance.

Dr. W. R. Ham Dies in Maine

Dr. William R. Ham, former head of the Department of Physics at the College, has died of cancer at his Dixfield, Me. home, where he had lived since his retirement.

Dr. Ham was professor and head of the Department of Physics for 35 years before his retirement in 1944. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi, Phi Kappa Phi, Alpha Tau Omega, the American Physical Society, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the American Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education.

When he came to Penn. State in 1909, the department had only two professors and three instructors.

NSA Executive Group To Meet This Weekend

The executive committee of the Pennsylvania region of the United States National Student Association will meet at the College today and tomorrow to plan their activities for the remainder of this semester.

The committee will decide on the policy and the organization of second annual Student Government Clinic which will be held here April 19 and 20.

Representing Penn State at that clinic will be Walter Sachs, regional publicity director; Arthur Rosefeld, clinic director; and William Klisanin, regional president.

Also attending the clinic in April will be Marie Minnich, vice president of student affairs, from the University of Pennsylvania; Goldie Bernstein, vice president of educational affairs, from Temple University; Lois Glazer, vice president of international affairs, from the Pennsylvania College for Women; William Westerman, treasurer, from Lehigh University; Ralph Assette, western sub-region chairman, from

St. Vincent College; Samuel Yeager, central sub-region chairman, from Bloomsburg State Teachers College; and Bernard Segal, Eastern sub-region chairman, from Temple University.

The annual clinic was last held at Muhlenberg College. This weekend the committee will also discuss NSA student art shows which are held in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. The art shows are part of a national project. The top winners in each region are sent on a tour of the United States which emphasizes student art.

Also to be discussed here this weekend is the NSA travel program and preliminary plans for the Pennsylvania spring assembly which will be held in June.

Election of All-College clique officers will highlight tomorrow's State Party meeting, while the first written constitution to be presented to party members will be read at the Lion Party meeting.

The Lion Party will meet at 7 p.m. in 10 Sparks. The State Party will meet at the same time in 119 Osmond.

Nominations for junior and senior clique officers will be continued at the State meeting. The last meeting saw only three nominations. Thomas Farrell was nominated for clique chairman, Robert Sherman for senior class vice clique chairman, and Ann Quigley for junior class secretary treasurer.

Nominations for Lion Party officers cannot be made until the new constitution is read and approved by those present at the meeting.

The Lion Party constitution will be explained by Alan Maloney, co-author of the document. A talk on the history of the State Party and campus politics will be given by Meyer Bushman, public relations chairman, at this first organized clique meeting for State this semester.

A proposal to expand the scope and representation of the State Party steering committee will be presented.

The Lion Party constitution expands the steering committee by making every elected and appointed officer a member of it.

New 'Dimes' Move by Chest Seen

Campus Chest officials said yesterday they may attempt to donate funds from this year's drive to the March of Dimes through student government channels.

William Klisanin, drive chairman, said the Chest will try to find out whether or not the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis can accept the donation if it is made through All-College Cabinet.

The foundation has already said it cannot accept this year's contribution from the Chest because such action would be against national policy. The March of Dimes was to receive six per cent of Chest income this year.

If the foundation will accept the donation from cabinet, Klisanin said he will ask cabinet to present the check in that way. If the foundation again refuses to accept, Klisanin said he will present two proposals for distribution of the funds:

1. Re-distribution of the money in proportion to the remaining Chest agencies.
2. Allocation of the money to another welfare agency not presently a beneficiary of the Chest.

The foundation has a national ruling which prohibits it from accepting money from joint fundraising campaigns. Campus Chest is such a group.

The Centre County chapter of the foundation accepted a Chest donation of \$328.33 last year but returned the amount this year when the donation did not remain "anonymous in nature." Klisanin said the March of Dimes was included in this year's drive on the basis of last year's acceptance.

Sunday Collegian Tomorrow

The Daily Collegian will publish the first Sunday newspaper in its history tomorrow. The paper, a sports extra, will be delivered to fraternity houses and dormitories Sunday morning and will carry tonight's late sports news as well as other campus news.

Orators Win Two Places At Lehigh

By TAMMIE BLOOM

Two Penn State debaters won second and third places in oratory contests yesterday in the annual state debate and forensic tournament at Lehigh University.

David Lewis took second place in the men's extemporaneous contest on the subject: "Should the French change their policy in Tunisia?" He received a silver medal. Marian Ungar, squad manager, won third place in the women's oratory, receiving a bronze medal for her speech on "Prince's Palaces," which dealt with man's inability to translate his thoughts into moral actions.

May Keep Trophy

Guyla Woodward participated in the women's extemporaneous speaking contest, and David Swanson took part in the men's oratorical contest, but neither placed.

The men's debate squad and the women's team each entered in three debates yesterday with several additional contests scheduled for this morning. Complete results of the tournament will be announced this afternoon. They will determine whether State will retain temporary possession of the state trophy now in its possession. The trophy, which must be won three consecutive years for permanent possession, went to Penn State last year for the first time.

Men Debaters

Ethel Brown and Miss Woodward are affirmative debaters for the College in the women's contests, and Miss Ungar and Joan Dolson form the negative team.

Gene Kolber and Lewis are affirmative debaters for the men, while Robert Alderdice and Clair George take the negative side.

The four women and five men who made the trip to Lehigh yesterday are competing against squads from Dickinson, Allegheny, Slippery Rock, and other colleges throughout the state.

Junior Class Buys Albums

Twenty-eight record albums have been bought for the Pattee Library as the junior class project, Robert Sherman, chairman of the project committee, announced yesterday.

The collection of records, all of which are recordings of musical show tunes, is to be called "The Greatest Shows of the Century." The records are now being processed by the library and will be available for student use shortly. They will circulate on a three-day basis.

Among the albums purchased are "Porgy and Bess," "An American in Paris," "The King and I," "Guys and Dolls," "Naughty Marietta," "Show Boat," and "South Pacific."

Jam Session Sunday

The Sunday afternoon jam session at the TUB, sponsored by the Dean of Men's office, will feature Dixieland jazz this week. Richard Brady, who is in charge of the jam sessions, announced that vocalist Isabella Cooper will perform this Sunday.