

Players' Oscar Wilde Comedy Features Too Many Ernests

By TAMMIE BLOOM

When each of two men called Ernest is adored by a woman because his name is Ernest, the situation may be confusing — especially when Ernest is not the real name of either Ernest.

The amusing solution of the situation is a part of the Players' production "The Importance of Being Earnest," which will open tomorrow at Center Stage. Robert Reifsnieder, associate professor of dramatics, is director of the Oscar Wilde comedy which will play seven weekends at the downtown theater.

The play is a satire on the English high society of Wilde's day, designed to amuse by exaggeration of incidents.

Cast Named

Connie Melvin will play the part of Cecily, an idealistic girl who loves Algernon, portrayed by Gordon Greer, because she thinks his name is Ernest.

Lois Lehman will be seen as Gwendoline, who also has romantic ideas about the name Ernest. Don Colbert will play the role of Jack, the object of Gwendoline's adoration.

Yvonne Voight will portray Lady Bracknell, who judges everyone by his social and financial background rather than his personality and character traits. The Rev. Chasuble, portrayed by Myron Cole, satirizes the minister of the 19th century.

Played in London

Pat Farber will be seen as Miss Prism, a prudish, strict school-teacher who is actually seeking a man. Albert Kalson and Ed Grove will portray Lane and Merriman, the butlers.

"The Importance of Being Earnest" played for the first time at the St. James Theatre, London, on Feb. 14, 1895. The humor of the situations may still be appreciated by 20th century audiences.

Tickets for the play are available at the Student Union desk in Old Main. They are priced at \$1 for both Friday and Saturday performances. Food will not be served at the Saturday show.

Sales Increase Shown by UBA

A 133 per cent increase over last fall's sales was shown this semester by the Used Book Agency, according to Howard Giles, UBA chairman.

Giles attributes the greater volume to a newly initiated system of self-service whereby students were able to browse through texts in the TUB ballroom rather than waiting to be served.

Fourteen hundred books were bought and sold with \$3546.20 collected. Of this amount, \$3000 was returned to students selling through the UBA. The remaining \$546.20 was charged as handling fees.

Postcards are being sent for 229 book receipts which have remained unclaimed.

3 Admit Damaging Hamilton Lavatory

Two sophomores and one freshman admitted causing extensive damage to a first-floor Hamilton Hall lavatory Saturday night, Frank J. Simes, assistant dean of men, has said.

The three students, all of Hamilton Hall, voluntarily confessed to causing damages not yet estimated.

The damage includes broken shower heads, shower bars, a broken mirror, broken towel racks, and a smashed waste paper basket.

No action has been taken yet against the three, Simes said.

Forster to Address French Club Meeting

Dr. Kent Forster will speak to the French Club at 7 tonight in Simmons Hall lounge concerning his experiences in Europe this summer. Colored slides will be used.

Elections for the offices of president and vice president will be held.

Inkling Staff to Meet

Members and candidates interested in joining the staff of Inkling, campus literary magazine, will meet at 7 tonight in 208 Willard to discuss plans for publication.

One of the Ernests



LOIS LEHMAN as Gwendoline casts admiring glances at Jack (Don Colbert) under the critical gaze of Lady Bracknell (Yvonne Voight) in the Players' production "The Importance of Being Earnest." The play opens tomorrow at Center Stage.

Observatory Opens For Star-Gazing

Star-gazing doesn't have to be limited to the scientific-minded. Think you'd enjoy a look at the globular star cluster of Hercules? Or how does the double star Albireo sound?

Here's your chance. The College observatories will be open to the public from 7 to 9 tonight and tomorrow night. Hercules and Albireo will be in view.

Dennis Elected Council Head

Thomas Dennis was elected president of the Nittany Council at a recent organizational meeting.

Other new officers are Robert Harding, vice president; Peter Prinzivalli, recording secretary; Lee Brewer, corresponding secretary; and Robert Frank, treasurer.

Following the elections a business meeting was held and the council voted to collect money for the Lion suit fund. Matters concerning problems in the dormitories were also discussed.

Research Group to Hold Membership Meeting

The Industrial Relations Research Association will hold a membership meeting for old and new members at 7 tonight in 317 Willard. A movie will be shown on the national labor movement.

The purpose of the club is to learn the qualifications desired by employers of students who will be working in the labor-management relations field and to suggest courses of study which would help them meet these qualifications.

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Community Forum Ticket Plan Revised

A revised plan for expediting the exchange of Community Forum season ticket cards for reserved seat tickets will be in effect this year.

The plan will consist of two lines being set up at the Student Union desk in Old Main for distributing tickets. Students wishing seats in odd numbered rows may obtain them in one line, even numbered rows in the other, Dr. Gerald B. Stein, ticket sales chairman, explained.

In previous years one line has served for claiming all seats with confusing and waiting resulting, Dr. Stein said. He added that the new plan should eliminate much of the trouble connected with exchanging tickets.

The campaign to sell forum season tickets is now in its second week and will continue through tomorrow. Tickets may be obtained at the Student Union desk in Old Main and from forum representatives, including members of Chimes, junior women's hat society, and Alpha Phi Omega, national service fraternity.

The season ticket cards, priced at \$3, must be exchanged for reserved seats according to the plan outlined, between 1:30 p.m. Oct. 27 and 8 p.m. Nov. 10.

The Community Forum season will open Nov. 10 with Marquis Childs, Washington columnist. Others in the series are Elsa Lanchester, character actress and nightclub entertainer, presented by Paul Gregory on Dec. 8; Walter H. Judd, Republican congressman from Minnesota, Jan. 9; Hodding Carter, Southern newspaper editor and author, Feb. 23; and Begum Ikramullah, Pakistan stateswoman, Mar. 4.

'Dress Lion' Fund Drive Underway

"Dress the Lion Day" drive, an effort to boost the fund for a new Lion suit, will be conducted today by Androcles hatmen, Philip Greenberg, Androcles lion campaign manager, has announced.

Hatmen will maintain booths from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the main bulletin board on the Mall and Pollock road and at the Corner Room. During the evening meal hatmen will solicit at fraternity houses, Greenberg said.

He said an attempt is being made to have the Lion perform at the booths during the day.

A running account of contributors of \$1 or more to the Lion suit fund will be published each week in the Daily Collegian, David Pellnitz, editor, announced yesterday.

Names of members of groups which contribute to the campaign will be published if the sum contributed averages \$1 or more per member, Pellnitz explained.

The Collegian adopted the plan to help raise money for a new suit for Penn State's Nittany Lion. Goal of the fund is \$400, the approximate cost of a new Lion suit. The outfit presently in use is in a tattered condition.

A donation of \$1 by Wayne Mantz, added to the \$122 collected by the women of Thompson Hall and \$35 contributed by Ernest B. McCoy, dean of the School of Physical Education and Athletics, has brought the total to \$158.

Contributions to the fund may be made at the Daily Collegian office, basement of Carnegie Hall, from 11 a.m. to noon and 4 to 5 p.m. daily.

The move for a new Lion suit was initiated this year by Alex Gregel, who wears the outfit. Gregel said the suit's poor condition might limit its use during the present football season.

Borough Alters Traffic Laws

New borough parking and traffic regulations affecting students were announced yesterday by E. K. Hibishman, burgess.

According to the new regulations, no parking will be allowed on the south side of College avenue between Hiester and Garner streets. One-way traffic signs have been placed on Garner street from Beaver to College avenues, allowing traffic to move only from Beaver to College avenue.

Hibishman said these changes are on a temporary tryout basis.

Young Democrats Hold Mixer in TUB Tonight

The Young Democrats will hold a mixer from 7 to 9 tonight at the TUB. Social chairman Marian Venzlauskas said the mixer is open to all students and faculty members. Refreshments will be served.

Free Lecture on Christian Science

Lecturer:

THEODORE WALLACH, C.S. of Chicago, Illinois. Member of the Board of Lectureship of the Mother Church, the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts.

Subject:

"CHRISTIAN SCIENCE: THE KEY TO HAPPINESS."

Place: 109 Agriculture Building

Time: Tuesday, October 14, 1952, at 7:45 p.m.

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