

Thornhill Engagements Range From Socials to Junior Prom

By NANCY WARD

From ice cream socials and oyster suppers to RCA recordings and Penn State's Junior Prom—so Claude Thornhill's orchestra engagements have ranged since he was six years old.

The orchestra leader's latest assignment, the Junior Prom, will be held tomorrow night from 9 to 1 in Recreation Hall. Tickets are \$4 a couple and will go on sale tomorrow at the Student Union desk in Old Main.

Dinner Sunday Will Honor Chapel Speaker

A dinner honoring Howard Thurman, minister of the Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples in San Francisco, will be held at 6:30 p.m. Sunday at the State College Hotel.

Nationally known as a clergyman, professor, and lecturer, Dr. Thurman will speak in Chapel Sunday morning. He will also make the after-dinner speech.

Dr. Thurman, who taught systematic theology and was dean of the chapel at Howard University in Washington, D.C., has organized the Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples as an interracial, intercultural, and non-sectarian venture. Its membership, including Caucasians, Negroes, Japanese, Chinese, and Latin Americans, embraces more than a half-dozen countries.

Co-sponsored by the Penn State Christian Association and the junior class, the dinner's general chairmen are Richard Lemyre, junior class president; Allen Marshall, PSCA president; and Linda Jacobs.

Because of Junior Weekend expenses, PSCA has subsidized the dinner so that tickets will cost only \$1. They may be obtained from committee members and the PSCA office, 304 Old Main.

Thornhill began studying music when he was four and organized his first orchestra, an eight-piece affair, after his first recital.

His musical pursuits led him to the Conservatory of Music in Cincinnati, a dance band in a Middle-West speak-easy, and Curtis Institute. It was at the institute that his arranging talent came into prominence. His inauguration into the ranks of bandleaders followed stints with Austin Wylie's orchestra and arranging for Hal Kemp, Benny Goodman, and Bing Crosby.

As a Navy man during the war, Thornhill was given a baton and told to take the Navy's musical "Rangers." The Claude Thornhill All-Star show, featuring his band and Dennis Day, made an extensive tour of the Pacific area.

After the war Thornhill returned to civilian life to continue his career as piano virtuoso and arranger. He is now billed as Claude Thornhill, His Piano and His Orchestra, featuring Christy Connor and Med Flory.

Thornhill has recorded for Columbia and RCA Victor. His engagements include the Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, New York's Statler Hotel, Paramount and Strand theaters, and the Palladium in Hollywood.

Thornhill's recordings include his theme song "Snowfall," "Johnson Rag," "Sugarfoot Rag," "Maybe It's Because," "Small Hotel," "Moonlight Bay," and an album of George Gershwin songs. He is currently recording for RCA.

Thornhill has turned down a job as house leader of one of the big broadcasting companies because he likes cross-country tours.

Foundation Shows Jewish Paintings

Thirteen paintings on Jewish themes by five modern artists will be displayed at Hillel Foundation, 224 S. Miles street, until Wednesday.

A collection of 17 paintings by Israeli children is also being exhibited.

Artists represented are Moshe Castel of Israel, I. Lichtenstein, Ilya Schor, and Jacques Zucker of New York, and Samuel Rosenberg of Pittsburgh. One of Schor's paintings was displayed last year at the Pennsylvania Academy of Art.

The collection represents varieties of techniques and approaches to oil paintings.

Ag School Given \$5000 for Contest

Five thousand dollars to promote an Agriculture speaking contest was recently given to the School of Agriculture by Mrs. Paul Goulden in memory of her late husband.

The contest is scheduled for early March and is open to any undergraduate in the Agriculture school, Guy Kreiser, chairman of the Coaly Society, has announced. Judges for the contest will be two members of the agriculture faculty and one faculty member from the Speech department.

In 1870, only a small portion of population of the U.S. went above elementary education.

Co-Edits

Phi Sigma Sigma

The pledge class of Phi Sigma Sigma entertained the pledge classes of Chi Omega, Alpha Omicron Pi, and Gamma Phi Beta at an informal luncheon Tuesday in the suite.

The sisters of the sorority entertained the pledge class at a "Come as Another Phi Sig" slumber party Friday night in the suite. Alma Gratz received a prize for the best portrayal of another Phi Sig. Refreshments and entertainment were provided by the sisters.

Phi Gamma Delta

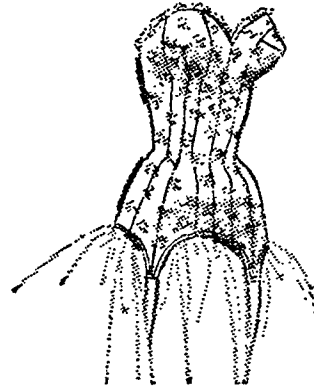
Phi Gamma Delta has initiated Edward Birkinshaw, Jesse Darlington, Richard Davidson, Otto Hetzel, John Hogan, Richard McFeely, Alan Pomeroy, Richard Schwoebel, John Speer, Fred Wilder, and Dwight Umstead.

Alpha Xi Delta

Alpha Xi Delta recently entertained Alpha Sigma Phi. Square dancing was followed by social dancing. Refreshments were served.

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