

Baker and Lee Win May Court Honors

By BAYLEE FRIEDMAN

Barbara Baker, journalism major from Sunbury, will be crowned May Queen at the Women's Student Government Association ceremonies May 9 and Nancy Lee will serve as freshman maid of honor.

Mary Markley and Madeleine Sharp, runners-up in yesterday's election, will be senior attendants. Marilyn Fisher and Jane Patton will be freshman attendants.

Junior attendants elected in Tuesday's primary will be Marilyn Buzby and Carolyn Pelzcar. Sophomore attendants will be Louanne Gallaher and Patricia Morris.

Hemlock Chain May Sign Up

The coronation will be part of the celebration beginning 3:30 p.m. on the plaza of Old Main. Events will include processions of the honor arch and members of the hemlock chain, maypole dancers, modern dancers, and serenaders. Margaret Crooks is chairman of the ceremony and Ruth Israel is in charge of entertainment.

Names of senior women who would like to participate in the hemlock chain will be accepted today at the Student Union desk in Old Main. The first 50 who sign up will be accepted.

Presidents to Present Gifts

Nancy Lusk and Patricia Hughes will be jesters in the queen's court. Nancy Gulick and Jean Yemm will serve as heralds.

The presidents of the Women's Recreation Association, WSGA, and a representative from the Penn State Christian Association will present the queen's crown, sceptre, and robe.

Betsy Seigler and Ann Cunningham were co-chairmen of the elections committee. Barbara Werts, vice president of WSGA and chairman of the House of Representatives, is general chairman.

AIM Gives Editor Post To Mathias

Charles Mathias, sixth semester journalism major, was named editor of the 1953-54 Independent, Association of Independent Men and Leonides newspaper, at Wednesday night's AIM Board of Governors' meeting.

Mathias replaces Richard Rau, who edited the paper during the current year. Mathias is presently managing editor of the Independent and is a member of the Inking staff. He was recently named copy editor of the Daily Collegian for the coming year.

The Board of Governors made final plans for the AIM-Leonides Spring Dance to be held April 25 in the West Dorm lounge. The dance will be from 9 p.m. to midnight. Gery Kehler of Williamsport will play for the dance.

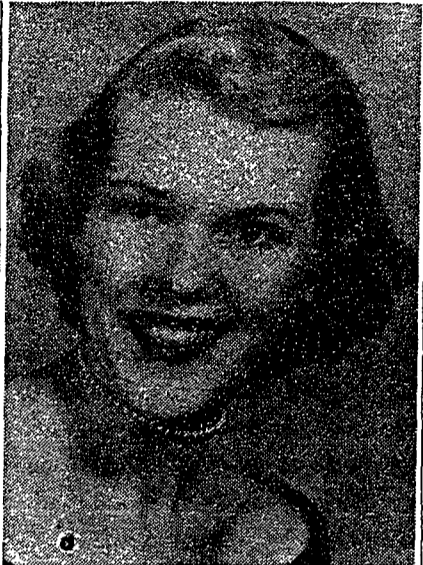
Robert Smoot, AIM chairman of the dance, said the dance will be open to all students. He stressed his invitation to the Greeks as a return gesture for their allowing independents at house parties.

The AIM banquet has been set for May 1 at the Autoport Restaurant. The banquet is for the installation of new AIM officers and the recognition of the outgoing leaders and is open to members of the board and members of the independent councils.

Talks at the dinner will be given by Dr. Robert T. Oliver, professor of speech, and Louis H. Bell, director of public information. Tickets for either a beef or fish dinner are available from Robert Harding, chairman of the committee, for \$1.75 per person.

TODAY'S WEATHER

COLD AND CLOUDY



Barbara Baker Elected May Queen

Coed Debaters To Attend Meet

Two teams from the women's debate squad will leave today to represent the College at the 18th annual Tartan Tournament at Carnegie Institute of Technology.

Debating affirmatively will be Barbara Rice and Agnes Porter. Marian Ungar, debate manager, and Nancy Nelsen will take the negative of the national inter-collegiate topic on a compulsory fair employment practices law.

William Hamilton, assistant professor of speech, will accompany the teams to Pittsburgh.

Approximately 25 teams from the New England-Middle Atlantic area will participate in the tournaments.

Tonight Is Opening Of 'Right You Are'

A view of Pirandello's pre-World War I Italy will be focused on Center Stage at 8 p.m. tonight when Players' production of the comedy-mystery "Right You Are! (If You Think So)" opens a six-weekend run.

Tickets priced at \$1 for the opening and tomorrow night's performance are on sale at the Student Union desk in Old Main.

Director Warren S. Smith chose a translation by Eric Bentley of the original *Cosè e' se vi pare* for the Player version.

Whaley Designed Costumes

As Signor Ponzia, the town official whose matrimonial status is probed by local gossips, Clifton Crosbie will play the role created by Edward G. Robinson in the original 1927 Theatre Guild production. Jolly Oswald, in her final Player role, will portray the questionable mother-in-law, whose version of his marriage differs greatly from Ponzia's.

Pirandello wrote himself into the script as an onlooker in the part of Laudisi, played by Al Sarkas. Others in the cast are Yvonne Voigt, Betsy Jones, Michael De Muzio, Nancy Fortna, Eugene Nepa, and Mort Slakoff.

Period costumes, vintage of 1915, have been styled by Player designer Russell Whaley and made under the supervision of Midge Stein, graduate assistant in dramatics. Tragic characters will be draped in black to symbolize the nature of their performance and as a sign of mourning for relatives killed in an earthquake in their native village.

Formal wear for the men has been imported from Philadelphia costumers. Beards and mustaches have been created by Ross Bannard.

Prof Knew Pirandello Italian newspapers have been brought in from Altoona by the props committee to give an authentic touch to the scene. Practical doors will be used for the first time at Center Stage.

Elio Gianturco, associate professor of Italian language and literature, who knew Pirandello and often visited him at his home,

spoke to the cast during rehearsals to give them a better insight to the characters Pirandello penned into his works.

Actually most of the figures in Pirandello's writings are not individuals, but stock characters left over from the commedia dell'arte of the Italian street theater. They represent mental habits, human emotions, and thematic ideas, and could very well be indicated as Mr. or Mrs. Anybody.

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Cabinet Gets Seating Plan; Murphy Denies NSA 'Red'

Upholds Stand On Instructors

By DICK RAU

Allegations that the National Student Association attempts to protect Communists or is trying to foster communism were denied last night by Richard J. Murphy, national president.

Speaking before All-College Cabinet, Murphy said the charge that NSA allows Communists to teach is false. He said that NSA is only in agreement with the American Association of University Professors in the association's stand that teachers should not be hired or fired on the basis of political beliefs alone, provided that no laws are violated.

Murphy said that the only reservation is that the teacher concerned "must not participate in any group that would render his mind no longer free."

A charge that NSA attacked a university dean who was trying to get rid of Communists was explained by Murphy. NSA, he said, criticized the method used by a university dean in removing an editor with leftist sentiments of the institution's student newspaper who attended the first Berlin Youth Festival and did not return to the campus for two or three months after the university term had started.

NSA maintained that in this case the editor should have been removed by either the student body or by the newspaper's administration.

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Richard J. Murphy Gives NSA Talk

First Approval Given Fee Plan

By CHUCK OBERTANCE

All-College Cabinet last night heard a plan that would admit faculty, townspeople, and alumni to athletic events in Recreation Hall. The two-point plan, proposed by Athletic Association president Joseph Lemyre, was tabled until next week.

Under the proposed plan, students would exchange coupons from their athletic books for admission tickets to athletic events in Recreation Hall. This exchange would take place three or four days before the day of the event. The coupons would be exchanged in Athletic offices in Old Main or in Recreation Hall.

Says Capacity 6000

On the day of the event, tickets would be sold to the faculty, alumni, and public. Students could still exchange athletic coupons for admission tickets on this day. If tickets were not completely sold out by athletic office closing time, tickets would go on sale at Recreation Hall prior to the event. If tickets were completely sold out, no more persons would be admitted to the event that night.

Lemyre said he based these proposals on the assumption that the seating capacity of Recreation Hall is 6000. He said that the largest crowd this year, was 5007 and the lowest, 935. The average per game was over 3000 at each event, Lemyre said. His proposal, he said, would permit capacity use of facilities.

2 Councils Have Fees

A 25-cent a semester fee hike for each student to equalize student fees was given first approval

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Home Ec Weekend Underway

The fourth annual Spring Weekend of the School of Home Economics opens at 9 a.m. today and will continue until 5 p.m. tomorrow. The program emphasizes the importance of fabrics and fashions and will bring to the campus retailers, consumers, producers, and experts in the field of textiles, as well as alumni and students of high schools of the state.

The program will include speeches, discussions, exhibits, demonstrations, skits, and movies. A. G. Ashcroft of the Alexander Smith and Sons Carpet Co. will speak on "Textiles in a Changing World" at 11 a.m. today and at 10 a.m. tomorrow. Ashcroft has had experience both as an engineer and research expert in the field of textiles and plastics.

"Madame, Do You Return Your Goods?" is the title of a talk to be given by Dr. Jules Labarthe of the Melon Institute. Labarthe, a research chemist and expert in the field of textile development and testing, will speak at 10 a.m. today and at 11 a.m. tomorrow.

Highlight of the program is a panel on "The Miracle Fibers Bring Their Own Problems." The panel will meet at 2 p.m. tomorrow in Osmond Laboratory. Producers, consumers, and retailers will discuss the question, "What may I expect from the new fibers?" The problems of the producer, research worker, and retailer will also be presented. Discussion groups will follow the panel.

At 2 p.m. tomorrow a fashion show will be presented in the TUB. Clothes for children, business women, students, and homemakers will be modeled. There will also be a section illustrating international costumes.

There will be exhibits throughout the Home Economics Building. Exhibits and demonstrations will be open during the evening.

Collegian Junior Board Promotions Announced

Promotions to the junior editorial board of the Daily Collegian have been announced by David Jones, new editor. They are Richard Anglestein, Leonard Goodman, Betty Koster, Ann Leh, Myron Feinsilber, Margaret McClain, Shirley Musgrave, William Ollendike, John Reid, Edmund Reiss, Herman Weiskopf, and Laura Wheeler.

Senior Class Completes List For Class Gift

The seniors outnumbered the juniors by one, with 15 members attending the class meeting last night where final suggestions for the senior class gift were made.

The suggestions decided on at the meeting will include "The Lineman" statue, a record room in the library, furnishings for a room in the new Student Union building, scholarship fund, student radio, student loan fund, a set of chimes or an organ for the proposed Meditation Chapel, and the purchase of permanent caps and gowns for graduating seniors.

No further suggestions can be made and posters publicizing any other gift suggestions will be illegal, Theodore Kimmel, class president, said. These suggestions will be sifted by the gift committee and seniors will vote on them when they pick up their copies of LaVie. Members of the gift committee are John Hoerr, chairman; Clair Kaime, Mary Karkley, Peg Mayberry, and Robert Sherman.

Kimmel read a report by Gail Shaver, chairman of the Cabinet Projects Council's senior exam committee on the elimination of senior finals. The report recommends that graduating seniors with a 2 point or better average in any course be eliminated from taking finals. He said that the report is now in the hands of a Senate committee and there is no chance of eliminating finals for this year's seniors.

William O'Malley, chairman of the Senior Ball committee, reported that Sammy Kaye's orchestra has been contracted for the Senior Prom.