

# 'Roberta' Star Nancy Thomas To Complete Thespian Career

By CHIZ MATHIAS

Nancy Thomas, star of Thespian's "Roberta" will don greasepaint tomorrow night for her final College musical show. Now portraying a Russian princess Stephanie, Miss Thomas has graced the stage of Schwab in six Thespian and one Player show during her four years at the College.

Her freshman year she didn't even see a campus production, but she mustered up the courage to tryout for "Some Punkins" and wound up as a chorus ingenue in the dancing ensemble of the fall review. Gaining recognition for her terpsichorean talents, she proved she also had a voice by capturing a singing lead in "Anything Goes." Miss Thomas took time out to sing in the chorus of Players' "Lady in the Dark," written by Bucks County neighbor Moss Hart.

Last year she appeared in "Bottom's Up" and Rodgers and Hart's "Connecticut Yankee," and the fall semester found her busy rehearsing a role in "Don't Stop Now."

First becoming show-business conscious in high school, Miss Thomas played the comedy lead in "The Cat and the Canary" and Mrs. Otis Skinner in "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay." She was also elected secretary of the Harlequin Club, dramatic society.

Graduated from Doylestown High School in 1949, she decided to major in home economics and child development because she has always liked children. "I'm just a homebody, I guess," confessed Miss Thomas. "I chose Penn State because it had everything I wanted in the way of education and the campus offered lots in the way of activities."

Miss Thomas never received formal voice training but has always loved to sing and was a member of the Chapel Choir. She enjoys music both popular and semi-classical and considers Jane Froman one of the leading popular singers today. "I admire her courage and wonderful comeback," she said of the song sparrow injured in the Lisbon crash.



Nancy Thomas Thespian star

That took the life of night club singer Tamara, the Stephanie of the original Broadway "Roberta."

On campus the five-foot-six brownette spent part of her time in the Alpha Omega Pi suite, recording minutes as secretary of Masquerettes, or trying new steps in Modern Dance Club. She was formerly a member of the Riding Club and the Association of Childhood Education International.

Still a ballet enthusiast after ten years of arduous practice Miss Thomas lays claim to being an "outdoor girl" and "just an overgrown girl scout." She loves to swim and camp during the summer months near her home in rolling Bucks County.

"Having a newspaperman for a father has its advantages," piped Nancy, who always winds up with his complimentary tickets at the Bucks County Playhouse, Princeton Summer Theater, and Lambertville Music Circus. Dwelling in an "artiest center" makes her even more appreciative of the theater. She attended the wedding of St. John Terrill, imp-ario of the Music Circus, and once

dined with Shirley Booth at the actress' former farmhouse, Wind-race. She went to dancing class in junior high school with the son of Oscar Hammerstein III, another native of Dovlestown.

Miss Thomas' future seems set. She is engaged to be married, a graduate student in geography, and plans to marry him this summer. Fude has taught two summers in Athens, Greece and would like to return to Europe. Miss Thomas also likes to travel and looks forward to her first view of the continent.

Right now she is thoroughly absorbed with her role in "Roberta." "Stephanie is a challenging role, and a type I've always wanted to play," she said. "In the play I have to take a lot from everybody and stay a generous-natured girl whom everyone likes." She smiled coyly and told the Daily Collegian reporter about undressing on stage when her royal background is proclaimed and she comes "out of her shell," dons a Russian ballroom gown, and decides "to live."

## Political Scene

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rick, sophomore—Norm Levin, and freshman—Sandy Lichtenstein.

In party action, such as in selection of candidates, or gathering of planks for the platform, the party works through the clique, which meets each week, usually on Sundays. At a clique meeting any student may suggest candidates or party planks or ideas for the party. Voting on candidates, planks, and such matters is all done through the clique.

Such groups as the platform committee serve as a guide to the decisions of the clique. These committees meet as part of the Student Representative Council prior to all clique meetings to plan party programs and discuss suggestions previously brought up by the clique membership.

Another part of the State Party organization is the board of advisers of the party, made up of past candidates and others, which exists to aid the clique officers upon request, but takes no direct action through the party.

## Religion

### Wesley, LSA Plan Parties For Tonight

Two local religion groups will hold parties tonight. Wesley Foundation is having a "Wesley House Party" in line with the other parties scheduled for this weekend. Beginning at 7:30 tonight, the party will include square dancing and games.

Lutheran Student Association will have a game night and work party starting at 7:30 tonight. The work party will include preparation for the cabin party at Watt's Lodge tomorrow. Members will leave for the Christian Association cabin at 1:30 p.m. tomorrow.

The Reverend Nelson Veise from the Reformed Episcopal Church of Baltimore will speak to the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship at 7:30 tonight in 405 Old Main.

"Israel After Five Years" is the topic which Rabbi Benjamin M. Kahn will discuss at 8 tonight at Hillel Foundation. The talk will be in connection with the fifth birthday of the state of Israel.

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## Engagements

### Rugh-Thomas

Mr. and Mrs. Guy L. Thomas of Pittsburgh announce the engagement of their daughter, Bettie Pat, to James Rugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Rugh of New Castle.

Miss Thomas is a senior majoring in home economics and a member of Delta Gamma. Mr. Rugh is a senior majoring in commerce and finance and a member of Delta Tau Delta.

The couple plan a late summer wedding.

### King-Powell

Mr. and Mrs. Albert P. Powell of State College announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary, to Airman Second Class John King, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. King of Perrysville.

Miss Powell is a graduate of the College and a member of Alpha Omicron Pi. She is now employed by Grand Rapids, Mich., YMCA as a teen-age program director.

Airman King is also a graduate of the College and a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. He is now stationed at Selfridge Air Base in Michigan.



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