



Acting, Script Combine Well In 'Right You Are' Opening

By CHIZ MATHIAS

A host of fine performances coupled with an intriguing script swept Center Stage last night to make "Right You Are! (If You Think So)" one of the better Player shows this season. The comedy-mystery-drama (call it what you like) by Pirandello opened a six weekend run at the arena theater.

Director Warren S. Smith has given the play a simple but exacting production and the small opening night crowd was alternately amused, perplexed, and goaded by suspense — probably just what Pirandello intended!

Sarkas a 'Natural'

Cast members slipped into their roles with an amazing understanding of character. In their earthiness they lose the Italian atmosphere of the play and the action could take place anywhere. But the setting is irrelevant. It is the nature of the characters themselves that exudes the real essence of the play.

Only Al Sarkas, reflecting the philosophies of the author as Laudisi, retains a flavor of Italia. He is casual and fits the part like a natural. In his appearance and manners he reminds us of a philosophical J. Carol Nash in "Luigi" as he sits back, laughs at his cohorts and takes life with a grain of salt.

As the mother-in-law Frola, Jolly Oswalt, her usual stage radiance dulled by lining pencils and mortician's wax, gives a sensitive and powerfully emotional performance. There is a tragic simplicity in the bend of her back and the gasp of her breath projecting a true picture of the pathos of her age and predicament.

Looking like the villain in an old time melodrama, Clifton Crosbie hobbles about looking menaced and menacing in a sulking and neurotic performance of the soul-tortured Signor Ponzia. At times he is carried away with the role and in one tense scene we almost expect him to bludgeon poor Frola with his cane.

Leaves Audience Spinning

Excellent support is given by Dominic Landro as Councillor Agazzi, Allen Adair, Alyce Mears, Yvonne Voigt, Betsy Jones, Nancy Fortna, and Rochelle Zinger, as town gossips, and Mort Slakoff as the governor.

"Right You Are" sweeps in like a breeze, builds up like a powerful whirlwind, and subsides, leaving the audience still spinning. Pirandello has not only strayed from the beaten path of playwrights, but seems to have got lost along the way. The result is, surprisingly enough, very good theater.

The play is built around a single incident of buffoonery with sharp overtones. Some gossips congregate to discuss their neighbor Signor Ponzia's strange marriage. He claims that his mother-in-law is insane and believes his second wife is her daughter, the first wife he says died. She swears that Ponzia is mentally unstable and lives under the delusion that his first wife was killed, when actually she is living and still his wife.

One of them is obviously mad, but which one? While the audience sits in suspense the denouncement is sprung on them like the jaws of a steel trap and they are plunged into a far greater dilemma.

Players' costumes are colorful and reminiscent of a Sears Roebuck catalogue, 1912.



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CLIFTON CROSBIE, left, as Signor Ponzia, coerces his mother-in-law Frola, played by Jolly Oswalt, into fearful submission in a tense scene from "Right You Are! (If You Think So.)" The comedy-mystery by Pirandello opened a six-weekend run last night at Center Stage.

Warfield to Close Community Concerts

Equally at home before the footlights of a Broadway musical, on the concert stage, and in front of the moving picture cameras is William Warfield, baritone, who will appear Wednesday night in Schwab Auditorium in the last program of the current Community Concert series.

Warfield may be best remembered for his portrayal of Porgy in the recent revival of the Heyward-Gershwin folk opera, "Porgy and Bess," and for his rendition of "Ol' Man River" in the motion picture, "Show Boat."

With the "Porgy and Bess" company Warfield appeared at the edge of the Iron Curtain in Berlin and Vienna and toured England and other European countries. Previously, following his concert debut in New York's Town Hall in March, 1950, he appeared in concerts throughout Australia under the auspices of the Australian Broadcasting Commission.

His first musical experience came as a boy soprano in the choir of the church in Rochester, N.Y., where his father was pastor. He gave up singing as "sissy stuff" and turned to piano lessons, and it was not until he was in high school that he took up singing again.

During his senior year in high school, he won first place in a competition at the Music Educators National Conference and was awarded a scholarship to Eastman Music School. Following service in the armed forces, War-

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At 2 p.m. tomorrow, a group from B'nai B'rith of McKeesport will conduct a mock degree installation for Hillel Foundation members.

Those interested in taking a course on Basic Judaism are asked to sign up today at Hillel. The course will be taught by Rabbi Benjamin M. Kahn at 4:10 p.m. Thursdays until the end of the semester. Various textbooks will be used for the instruction.

United Student Fellowship members will review "What Is Christianity?" at a round-table discussion at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow.

Penn State Club Nominates Officers

Eight students have been nominated for offices by the Penn State Club.

Nominations will be closed and elections will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday in 405 Old Main.

Those nominated are Walter Kowalik, president; Frank Hitchcock, Alvin Goodman, vice president; William Jones, secretary; John Belak, treasurer; Richard Reskovic, athletic committee chairman; Robert Neiman, parliamentarian; and Heng Lim, publicity committee chairman.

Spring Election Vote Machines Arrive Today

"Voting machines to be used in the spring elections, Wednesday and Thursday, are expected to arrive today, according to Ronald Thorpe, elections committee chairman.

Sample ballots, showing the position of the candidates on the machines and which levers control voting for the candidates, have been obtained and will be distributed in dormitories and fraternities.

Thorpe said the Automatic Voting Machine Corp. of Jamestown, N.Y. is supplying five machines. Sample machines for the students to familiarize themselves with the operation of the regular machines also will be sent here with the regular machines.

Campaign to Resume

The company will send Frank A. Stone as a representative of the company to supervise the use of the machines, Thorpe said.

On the campus political scene, Lion and State parties will continue the break in their campaigns until tomorrow.

McElwain and Simmons dormitories will both be brought under the attention of the State and Lion candidates when they resume their campaign tomorrow. Lion party candidates will also move into the Nittany and West Dormitory areas to continue stumping activities.

Atherton to Be Visited

On Monday, all State party candidates will visit fraternities during the noon meal, and at 5:15 p.m. they will campaign in Atherton. State party All-College candidates will visit McKee Hall at 7 p.m., while the senior class candidates travel to independent living units in town, and while the junior class candidates are in Watts and Irvin.

Lion party candidates for All-College, senior, and junior class offices will carry their campaign to Atherton on Monday afternoon and in the evening to the Nittany and West Dormitory area.

50 to Appear In Glee Club Annual Concert

The Penn State Glee Club will present its annual spring concert at 3 p.m. tomorrow in Schwab Auditorium. The program is open to the public and is free of charge.

Featured in the concert will be several groups from within the organization and two soloists. The concert is under the direction of Frank Gullo, associate professor of music.

A total of 12 numbers will be sung by the 50-man Glee Club, including "Hail to Pennsylvania State" (Ray Fortunato), "Gandy Dancer's Ball" (Weston-Howard), and "Rise 'n Shine" (Vincent Youmans).

The Hy-Los, a 19-man comedy group, will sing five selections, and the Varsity Quartet will present four. Solos will be offered by Eudell Korman, pianist, who also serves as accompanist for the program, and LeRue Durrwachter, tenor. Korman will play "Toccata" (Aram Khachaturian), and Durrwachter "De Glory Road" (Jacques Wolfe).

Army Man Will Speak At Chapel

Col. Francis Pickens Miller, consultant to the State Department from Charlottesville, Va., will speak on "For Freedom Has Christ Set Us Free" at Chapel, 11 a.m. tomorrow in Schwab Auditorium.

Col. Miller will also speak at the faculty lecture on "Christian Faith and Social Policy" at 8 p.m. tomorrow in 10 Sparks.

A native of Kentucky, Colonel Miller received degrees from Washington and Lee University and Oxford. He served in both world wars and was full colonel on the staff of G-2 SHAEF.

A member of the Commission of 25 of the World Council of Churches, Colonel Miller is also a member of the boards of the U.S. Academy at West Point and of Mary Baldwin College in Virginia.

Colonel Miller was a member of the Virginia House of Delegates for four years.

He is the author of "The Giant of the Western World" and "The Blessings of Liberty."

The Chapel Choir will sing as introit "To Thee, Jehovah, Will I Sing Praises" (Bach) and as anthem "Then Round About the Starry Throne" (Handel).

George Ceiga, organist, will play as prelude "Agnus Dei from 'Fortuna Mass'" (Des Pres); as offertory "Adagio from 'Trio No. 10'" (Bach); and as postlude "Altein Gott in Der Hoh sei Ehr" (Bach).

Counselor Forms Accepted Today

Applications will be accepted today in the Dean of Men's office, 109 Old Main, from men desiring to serve as Orientation Week counselors Sept. 15 and 16.

Approximately 100 men will be accepted as counselors. Those living in College dormitories will receive free room and board. Counselors living outside of dorms will receive approximately \$10 as reimbursement for expenses.

Aim of the counseling program is to acquaint new students with the College, its regulations, social, academic, extra-curricular, and religious activities, and general atmosphere.

Cheer Contest Set

A contest to obtain new cheers "truly representative of the College" for use next year will be run next week, Alan McChesney, head cheerleader, announced yesterday. Up to three \$5 prizes will be awarded for cheers which are accepted. Cheers are to be submitted at the Student Union desk in Old Main before noon next Saturday.

Ike Wants Draft Law Extended

WASHINGTON, April 17 (AP)—The Eisenhower administration disclosed today it will ask Congress to extend the draft law beyond its 1955 expiration date even if fighting ends in Korea.

American defenses will remain "strong and alert" no matter how the international situation changes in the next few years, Dr. John A. Hannah, assistant secretary of defense for manpower, told the American Society of Newspaper Editors. A year from now, he said, defense chiefs will be appearing before Congress asking for an extension of the Selective Service Act. It is scheduled to expire June 30, 1955.

"Should there be a period of relaxing international tension meanwhile," Hannah stated, "we hope the newspapers of the country will explain and reiterate to

the people of this country the necessity for keeping our defenses strong and alert, even though it entails drafting all young men for two years of involuntary service."

Congress will also be asked to continue the draft of medical officers beyond the June 30, 1954, expiration date, Hannah said. The manpower chief estimated that in about 30 months the country will have exhausted its pool of men who can meet the current physical and mental standards for military service.

"Assuming first that the strength of our uniformed forces will be continued at or near the present strength of 3½ million men and women, and second that the period of involuntary service remains at 24 months, we will continue to use manpower faster than the males in our population turn 18½ years of age and be-

come eligible to be drafted," he said.

Hannah came to the Pentagon from the presidency of Michigan State College. His appearance at the annual meeting of the editors' society was the occasion of his first public address since joining the civilian high command at the Defense Department.

The "hard and unpleasant" facts of the draft situation, Hannah said, are a spur to the Defense Department to find better ways of using the country's military manpower. Studies are now under way toward this end," he said.

Secretary of Defense Wilson indicated recently that every effort would be made to reduce the military's manpower requirements without endangering national security. One aim is to level off the monthly draft quotas at a lower and more constant rate.

TODAY'S WEATHER

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