

Sophomore Star—

Ives Has Lead Role In Players' Show

By JOE BEAU-SEIGNEUR

Newcomers to campus dramatic circles can take hope from Elizabeth Ives, third semester arts and letters major, that they may not be buried forever in the chorus or in walk-on roles. Miss Ives has the leading role in Players' presentation of Emlyn Williams' "The Corn Is Green."

Miss Ives, better known around campus as Betsy, has the role originated by Ethel Barrymore in the drama of Welsh mining life, her second Players show. She made her campus dramatics debut last semester as Linda Loman, the female lead in Arthur Miller's Pulitzer Prize winning drama, "Death of a Salesman."

Portrays Miss Moffat

In "The Corn Is Green" Miss Ives portrays Miss Moffat, a domineering, strong woman, whose warmth of personality which comes out at odd moments is the



Elizabeth Ives Stars in 'Corn'

only thing which saves her from complete destruction. She comes to the Welsh mining town to teach school, and it is there she finds Morgan, a gifted boy whose mind is undeveloped from years in the mines.

Morgan's idea of a holiday is to walk above ground. In two years Miss Moffat prepared him and gets a scholarship to Oxford for him. He is half-afraid of her until he realizes that she has suppressed her affection towards him and really loves him as her own son.

Scranton Native

Miss Ives, a native of Scranton, appeared with the Scranton Community Theater before entering the University, and has also worked for radio station WARM in Scranton doing children's shows.

"The Corn Is Green" opens at 8 p.m. Friday at Center Stage in the Temporary Union Building. Four other performances are set for December 10 and 17 and for January 7 and 14.

O'Leary to Open Religious Talks

The first in a series of three religious discussions will be held at 8 p.m. tonight at Theta Kappa Phi by the Interfraternity Council of Chaplains, James Parmiter, chief of chaplains, has announced.

The discussion will be introduced by the Rev. John J. O'Leary, who will speak on "Catholicism."

In following weeks, the Council of Chaplains will conduct discussions on Judaism and Protestantism, in an effort to promote interfraternity welfare through a better knowledge of personal religion and its place in the fraternity.

Panhel Meets Tonight

A special meeting of Panhellenic Council will be held at 6:30 tonight in the Delta Zeta Suite, 129 Simmons, Louise Moreman, council president, has announced.

Sorority representatives who have not turned in their rushing recommendation sheets should bring them to the meeting.

25 Are Given ROTC Awards

Twenty-five seniors enrolled in the advance Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps at the University have been designated Distinguished Military Students.

The honor is bestowed on students demonstrating leadership in the classroom and in the field. High scholastic standards in military as well as other subjects also are required for the honor.

Seniors who hold the rating of Distinguished Military Students at the time of their graduation may qualify for nomination for Regular Army commissions.

Students honored are:

- Howard Guenther and Donald Clark, industrial education majors; James Simpson, Richard Feicht, and Bruce Luton, electrical engineering majors; John Hawk, Laverne Frederick, William Wismer, James Ferrier, and James J. Anderson, forestry majors; Robert Moyer, education major; Fred Wilder, mechanical engineering major; Jerry Donovan, labor management relations major;
- Curtis Hare, chemistry major; Belford Thompson and George Snyder, poultry husbandry majors; John Collett, John Carpenter, and Michael Durkin, arts and letters majors; Robert Rohland, recreation education major; Jacob Maizel, agricultural and biological chemistry major; Gary Gehrig, architectural engineering major; John Gable, civil engineering major; John Chillrud, science major; and Walter Wurster, dairy science major.

'Who's in News' To Honor 470

Approximately 470 students have been selected for "Who's in the News at Penn State," the University's "Who's Who" which honors outstanding student leaders.

The publication, sponsored by Sigma Delta Chi, men's professional journalism fraternity, and Theta Sigma Phi, women's professional journalism fraternity, will be distributed to University offices, fraternities, sororities, and independent groups. Students named in the publication are entitled to two copies of the book.

The selections committee was composed of the All-University president, the Women's Student Government Association president, the nine presidents of college councils, the editor of the Daily Collegian, and the editor and associate editor of "Who's in the News at Penn State."

ACEI to Hold Holiday Discussion

The Association for Childhood Education International will meet at 7 tonight in Atherton Lounge. The topic of discussion will be the Holiday customs of Protestants, Catholics and Jews. The talk will be led by representatives of the three denominations.

The traditional Mitten Tree will be decorated with mittens from anyone who wishes to contribute. The mittens will go to needy children of Centre County and other parts of the country.

Reports will be made on the Children's World Theater, the book exhibit, the care package, and the ACEI Pennsylvania Convention, which was held in State College.

Anyone interested in securing membership in the ACEI may do so by bringing \$1.00 to this meeting.

Ag Group Initiates 6

Alpha Tau Alpha, agricultural education honorary society, has initiated six new members. They are Lester Beck, Wilmer Harris, Daryl Heasley, Robert Korona, William E. McLaughlin, and William Williams.

Air Force ROTC Schedules Flights

The Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps, in acquainting its cadets with planes and flying, has scheduled a series of flight trips. The trips, which will be made in a C-47, will originate from the State College airport.

Each cadet is given an opportunity to steer the plane for approximately ten minutes.

Previously, students were taken to the Olmstead Air Force Base at Middletown but this system has proved impractical. However, some groups of cadets will still be taken to Olmstead in order to observe first hand the workings of a large air base.

Trustees Approve \$10,320 Allocation For Scholarships

The allocation of \$10,320.03 to the Alumni Memorial Scholarships fund has been approved by the Board of Trustees of the University. The money was contributed by the 1954 Alumni Fund.

The Alumni Memorial Scholarships are awarded to high school seniors selected by a committee at the University on the basis of high scholarship and outstanding qualities of citizenship and leadership. District alumni clubs nominate candidates for the awards.

Ray Tannehill, general chairman of the Alumni Fund, reported that 7922 alumni have contributed this year to the 1954 Alumni Fund. The fund, which will continue until Dec. 31, has received \$135,000 to date.

Party to Be Held By Housemothers

The Fraternity Housemother's Club will hold a Christmas card party at 8 tonight at the Allencrest Tea Room. Dessert will be served and small gifts exchanged. O. Edward Pollock, dean of men, and Mrs. Pollock will be guests.

The Housemother's Club was organized last month at Sigma Nu. Mrs. Gertrude Steelman, housemother at Sigma Nu, was elected president. The club will meet the first Wednesday evening of each month at either a fraternity house or a tea room in State College.

Ruths to Lead UCA Fireside Discussion

The Rev. Arthur L. Ruths, Lutheran campus pastor, will lead the first of a series of fireside discussions for the Christmas season at the University Christian Association assembly at 7 tonight in 304 Old Main.

His topic will be "The Place of Advent in the Church Year." A devotional service will precede the discussion at 6:45 p.m.

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Class Presidents To Be Installed

Presidents-elect Samuel Wolcott, sophomore class, and Arthur Schravasande, freshman class, will be installed at All-University Cabinet tomorrow night.

Wolcott will replace Hugh Cline and Schravasande will replace James Musser on Cabinet.

Wolcott was Lion party's nominee for sophomore class president, and Schravasande was State party's nominee for freshman class president.

Young Demos Elect Fox

The Penn State Young Democrats Club has elected James Fox, president. Other officers elected were: Thurman Lorick, vice president; Vanessa Johnson, secretary; William Appleton, corresponding secretary; and Susan Street, treasurer.

Marriages

Pressloff-Schleifer

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schleifer of Princeton, N.J., announce the marriage of their daughter, Rita to Franklin Pressloff of New York.

Mrs. Pressloff is a graduate of the University and a member of Sigma Delta Tau.

Mr. Pressloff attended Hofstra College and was recently discharged from the United States Army.

Herschenfeld-Goncher

Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Goncher of Wilkes-Barre announce the marriage of their daughter Sandra to Arthur Herschenfeld.

Mrs. Herschenfeld attended the University and is a member of Sigma Delta Tau.

Mr. Herschenfeld is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and is serving with the Coast Guard.



HOME, SWEET HOMECOMING

A great number of people have been asking me lately, "What is Homecoming?" Yesterday, for example, as I walked from my house to the establishment of Mr. Sigafos, the local lepidopterist where I had left a half dozen luna moths to be mounted — a distance of no more than three blocks — I'll wager that well over a thousand people stopped me and said, "What is Homecoming?"

Well, what with company coming for dinner and the cook down with a recurrence of backbone fever, I could not tarry to answer their questions. "Read my column next week," I cried to them. "I'll tell all about Homecoming." With that I brushed past and raced home to baste the mallard and apply poultices to the cook, who, despite my unending ministrations, expired quietly during the night, a woman in her prime, scarcely 108 years old. Though her passing grieved me, it was some satisfaction to be able to grant her last wish — to be buried at sea — which is no small task when you live in Pierre, South Dakota.

With the dinner guests fed and the cook laid to her watery rest, I put out the cat and turned to the problem of Homecoming.

First of all, let us define Homecoming. Homecoming is a weekend when old graduates return to their alma maters to see a football game, ingest great quantities of food and drink, and inspect each other's bald spots.

This occasion is marked by the singing of old songs, the slapping of old backs, and the frequent utterance of such outcries as "Harry, you old polecat!" or "Harry, you old rooster!" or "Harry, you old wombat!" or "Harry, you old mandrill!" All old grads are named Harry.

During Homecoming the members of the faculty behave with unaccustomed animation. They laugh and smile and pound backs and keep shouting, "Harry, you old retriever!" These unscholarly actions are performed in the hope that the old grads, in a transport of bonhomie, will endow a new geology building.

The old grads, however, are seldom seduced. By game time on Saturday, their backs are so sore, their eyes so bleary, and their livers so sluggish that it is impossible to get a kind word out of them, much less a new geology building. "Hmph!" they snort as the home team completes a 101 yard march to a touchdown. "Call that football? Why, back in my day they'd have been over on the first down. By George, football was football back in those days — not this namby pamby girls game that passes for football today. Why, look at that bench. Fifty substitutes sitting there! Why, in my day, there were eleven men on a team and that was it. When you broke a leg, you got taped up and went right back in. Why, I remember the big game against State. Harry Wallaby, our star quarterback, was killed in the third quarter. I mean he was pronounced dead. But did that stop old Harry? Not on your tintage! Back in he went and kicked the winning drop-kick in the last four seconds of play, dead as he was. Back in my day, they played football, by George!"

Everything, say the old grads, was better back in their day — everything except one. Even the most unreconstructed of the old grads has to admit that back in his day they never had a smoke like today's vintage Philip Morris — never anything so mild and pleasing, day in day out, at study or at play, in sunshine or in shower, on grassy bank or musty taproom, afoot or ahorse, at home or abroad, any time, any weather, anywhere.

I take up next another important aspect of Homecoming — the decorations in front of the fraternity house. Well do I remember one Homecoming of my undergraduate days. The game was against Princeton. The Homecoming slogan was "Hold That Tiger!" Each fraternity house built a decoration to reflect that slogan, and on the morning of the game a group of dignitaries toured Fraternity Row to inspect the decorations and award a prize for the best.

The decoration chairman at our house was an enterprising young man named Rex Sigafos, nephew of the famous lepidopterist. Rex surveyed Fraternity Row, came back to our house and said, "All the other houses are building cardboard cages with cardboard tigers inside of them. We need to do something different — and I've got it. We're going to have a real cage with a real tiger inside of it — a snarling, clawing, slashing, real live tiger!"

"Crikey!" we breathed. "But where will you get him?" "I'll borrow him from the zoo," said Rex, and sure enough, he did. Well sir, you can imagine what a sensation it was on Homecoming morning. The judges drove along nodding politely at cardboard tigers in cardboard cages and suddenly they came to our house. No sham beast in a sham cage here! No sir! A real tiger in a real cage — a great striped jungle killer who slashed and roared and snarled and dashed himself against the bars of his cage with maniacal fury.

There can be no doubt that we would have easily taken first prize had not the tiger knocked out the bars of the cage and leaped into the official car and devoured Mr. August Schlemmer, the governor of the state, Mr. Wilson Ardsley Devereaux, president of the university, Dr. O. P. Gransmire, author of *A Treasury of the World's Great Southpaws: An Anthology of Left Hand Literature*, Mr. Harrison J. Teed, commissioner of weights and measures, Mrs. Amy Dorr Nesbitt, inventor of the clarinet, Mr. Jarrett Thrum, world's 135 pound lacrosse champion, Mr. Peter Bennett Hough, editor of the literary quarterly *Spasm*, and Mrs. Ora Wells Anthony, first woman to tunnel under the North Platte River.

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