

Peek Plays Role of 'Medea' In Euripedes' Greek Tragedy

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Currently hanging in front of Schwab these last few days is a very ragged, "un-sanforized" looking sheet, with five letters scrawled on it in red paint.

The letters spell "Medea," and when Deborah Peek, eighth semester dramatics major, makes her entrance on the Schwab stage Thursday night she will be portraying a role which was acted 2300 years ago in Greece.

Robinson Jeffers' adaptation of Euripedes' tragedy of jealousy and revenge has been in rehearsal for six weeks. John Aniston, who was scheduled to appear opposite Miss Peek as Jason, was taken ill earlier this week and Kenneth Williams, fifth semester arts and letters, has replaced him in the role.

2 Sheets Donated
"The banner in front of Schwab is made from two sheets donated by Mr. Reifsnelder, our director," Miss Peek laughed, insisting that the letters are written with blood, a large amount of which is spilled in the action of the play.

"I love to play Medea," Miss Peek continued, "and I feel she is entirely justified in everything she does."

An amusing rumor has been circulating around the cast that when Judith Anderson played the role, by the end of the performance several other actors had to hold her up because she was so exhausted. "Usually at the end of



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each rehearsal," Miss Peek said, "several of the jokers in the cast run over to hold me up. I haven't been that exhausted yet!"

Miss Peek Unique
Miss Peek is unique in that she is the only student on campus who can claim Ogontz center as her home address. Her father is administrative head of the center.

After graduating from State College High School she won a music scholarship to Wilson College in Chambersburg, where she attended her first two years of college.

"I once wanted to be a concert pianist, but after studying for 13 years I found I wanted to vary my interests," Miss Peek continued.

Last summer Miss Peek worked at the Hyde Park Playhouse, Hyde Park, N.Y., where she played Cecily in "The Importance of Being Earnest," Sidonie, the French maid, in "Gigi," and Judith in Maxwell Anderson's "High Tide."

Wants to Act Professionally
I want to act professionally," Miss Peek said. She also played the leading role in the Experimental Theater's original play, "The First Day of Summer," which ran for three nights in December.

"Medea is a woman who feels it is wrong and unjust that her lover has left her, and her jealousy and revenge cause tragedy for all involved," Miss Peek said. "I have never seen the play or heard Miss Anderson's recordings—I don't like to copy, and I feel it is unscientific to compare a performance of one person to another."

With this the perky blonde returned to studying the play which has been seen by audiences throughout the world, and opens a weekend run at 8 p.m. tomorrow.

New Officers Elected By Pollock Council

Pollock Council last night elected its officers for the spring semester.

Harry Martini, third semester arts and letters major, was unanimously elected president; Clarence Getty, second semester arts and letters major, vice president; Joseph Neville, fourth semester business administration major, secretary; John Dennis, sixth semester chemical engineering major, representative at large to the Association of Independent Men.

The council accepted the AIM constitution as presently amended by AIM.

The council heard a dormitory counselor evaluation proposal by Robert Cook, a floor counselor in Hamilton Hall. Cook's questionnaire is directed to find one specific fact about each counselor.

Cook, who is working through the dean of men's office, said the questionnaire will be read and classified and will be used as a rating scale to later set up an evaluation of counselors.

In other action, the council's welfare committee, headed by Nelson Seidel, sixth semester business administration major, gave a report on a conference the committee had with the food service department.

Students in the Pollock-Nittany area had complained that silverware in the dining halls was no longer being wrapped. In talking with B. F. Mehall, food service supervisor for the Pollock-Nittany area, the committee learned that the wrapping of the silverware was only an experiment and was not carried on in any of the other dorms.

In answer to the students complaints that the silver was unsanitary when not wrapped Mehall told the committee that the present system has been approved by the Board of Health and is used in most cafeterias.

In answer to students complaints that there was no music during meals, Mehall said that speakers were already in the process of being repaired but as yet no arrangement had been made for records.

Mehall told the committee that on the whole he was "well satisfied with student behavior and cooperation" in the Pollock-Nittany area.

Draft Deferment Test Deadline Is Monday

The dateline for applying for draft deferment tests is Monday, Frank J. Simes, dean of men, has announced.

Application blanks may be obtained in the dean of men's office.

In order to be eligible to take the test an applicant must be a selective service registrant who intends to request occupational deferment as a student. He must be satisfactorily pursuing a full-time college course, and must not previously have taken the test.

Phi Sig Is Dropped From IFC

Phi Sigma Delta has been dropped from Interfraternity Council for missing five meetings during the current academic year, according to John Carpenter, IFC president.

Under the IFC constitution, a house is automatically dropped from membership if it is not represented at three consecutive meetings, or five during the year.

Phi Sigma Delta may apply for reinstatement at the next IFC meeting, upon payment of a \$10 fine which is included with the suspension. A majority vote of the council is required for reinstatement.

The constitution also requires that the Senate Committee on Student Welfare and the fraternity's national be notified of the action.

Under the same provision of the constitution, Triangle was fined \$5 for not being represented at two consecutive meetings.

Lynn Meyers, Phi Sigma Delta president, last night, said that the house would definitely reapply to IFC at the next IFC meeting.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is March 15.

Hartman Wins Ag Ed Award

William Hartman, fourth semester agricultural education major, received the freshman award sponsored by Alpha Tau Alpha, agricultural education honorary fraternity.

Hartman was presented the award at the group's 24th annual banquet at the Autoport. He had the highest scholastic average of the freshmen in agricultural education.

Six new members of the fraternity are Lester Buck, Wilmer Harris, Daryl Heasley, William McLaughlin, Robert Korona, and William Williams.

Master of ceremonies for the program was Albert Carey, sixth semester agricultural education major.

Phys Ed Council Sets Mixer Plans

The Physical Education Student Council discussed plans for a Physical Education student mixer Monday night.

Patricia Farrell, council vice president, said the open house program will begin with a general meeting in Recreation Hall. Following the meeting will be three short speeches on the work of the College. Demonstrations then will take place on the main floor. A tour to White Hall will conclude the program.

Ralph Cryder, fourth semester recreation education major, was appointed chairman of the Sportsmen's Holiday committee. Sportsmen's Holiday which will be held in early May, will be open to the faculty and students of the College.

Donald Bell, council president, said a student major club at the University is desirable but that the cost of joining the national club is prohibitive. The possibility of setting up a club on a University basis until sufficient student interest is aroused was suggested. Bell said that the club would function as part of council.

A convocation and mixer were planned for the third week of March. The convocation, which is tentatively planned for March 16, will be held in conjunction with the Outing Club. The mixer is planned for March 18 and will include refreshments.

The College will also assist the Athletic Association in the coed swimming program held at 7 p.m. each Friday at Glennland Pool. No swim is planned this Friday because of the Forestry Ball.

Keefauver to Talk At EE Seminar

Guest speaker of the Electrical Engineering Seminar to be held at 4:10 p.m. tomorrow in 110 Electrical Engineering will be W. L. Keefauver.

The subject of Keefauver's lecture will be the Patent Profession as it Applies to Electrical Engineering. Keefauver joined Bell Telephone Laboratories upon graduation from the University. He later obtained a law degree through study in night school. His paper will describe a particular electronic device and the procedure that was followed in obtaining patent coverage for it.

Prexy Receives Latin American Relations Award

Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, president of the University, has been awarded the Cunningham Award by the International House for his work in winning friends in Latin America and for a report he made on United States-Latin American relations.

Dr. Eisenhower is special adviser to President Dwight D. Eisenhower on Latin American affairs.

The award was presented by R. G. Jones, president of International House, for the year 1953. Jones explained the award was late because one of the provisions states the award must be made in person.

According to an Associated Press story, the award is granted annually to the person showing "the greatest interest in the study of the social, economic, cultural, and political activities of Latin American countries and who has contributed toward the maintenance and promotion of a better understanding between these countries and the United States."

General Electric Forms Fellowship

The General Electric Educational and Charitable Fund has established a metallurgy fellowship at the University. It is to be known as the General Electric Fellowship in Metallurgy, and will become effective in September.

The fellowship program, which will continue for a three-year period, provides \$1750 for the fellow, or \$2500 if he is married and has dependent children.

An additional \$1200 is also provided to cover any other expenses associated with the fellowship and to assist in the general support of the University.

In 1923, students having unexcused absences the day before Christmas were fined \$5 before they were permitted to re-enter class.

21 Students Arrested In January

Twenty-one student motorists were arrested for traffic or parking violations by State College police in January.

Seven students were found driving too fast for conditions. They are: Richard Grubb, second semester agricultural economics major; John Logan, sixth semester mechanical engineering major; Morton Shapiro, sixth semester business administration major; Edward Porter, second semester industrial engineering major; Joan Smith, former eighth semester education major; Everett Weldner, eighth semester hotel administration major; and Sherman Francisco, eighth semester electrical engineering major.

Six students arrested for going through stop signs are: Donald Barnes, sixth semester psychology major; Donald Chiappelli, fourth semester physical education major; James Davis, graduate student in history; Norman C. Miller, sixth semester journalism major; Herbert Kivlighn, graduate student in chemistry; and Walter Fair, fourth semester mechanical engineering major.

Three students arrested for driving through traffic lights are: Richard Noll, second semester aeronautical engineering major; Roy Penn, former eighth semester arts and letters major; and John Packer, seventh semester hotel administration major.

Two students arrested for reckless driving are Richard Krebs, second semester pre-medical major; and Samuel Vidulich, tenth semester physics major.

Failing to yield the right of way were James Ohlinger, graduate student in electrical engineering; and Aaron Kaye, sixth semester student.

Frank Gifford Jr., graduate in meteorology, was arrested for failure to comply with the signal of an officer.

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