

Skating Rink Opens



—Photo by Walker

TRYING OUT THE ICE for the first time this year last night at the skating rink are, left to right, Roger Rademacher, Paul De-Jeu, Kenneth Hartman, George Kennedy,

Carl Buss, and Stephen Weitz. The rink opened Sunday, when approximately 600 persons turned out. About 400 persons used the rink yesterday.

600 Persons Skate On University Rink On Opening Day

More than 600 skaters—most of them townspeople—turned out on the opening day of the ice skating rink Sunday.

About 400 braved bitter cold yesterday to begin the rink's second year of operation.

The capacity of the rink, which is located to the east of Nittany dormitories, is between 600 and 800 skaters.

The rink is open daily from 1 to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 10 p.m.; Saturday mornings from 9 to 10. The admission fee is 25 cents for students and 50 cents for other skaters. Skates may be rented for 50 cents.

Special skating periods are held Monday nights for faculty and Saturday mornings for public school children. The admission fee at these sessions is 25 cents.

'Picnic' Tickets On Sale in HUB

Tickets for the opening weekend run of the Players' production of "Picnic" are on sale at the Hetzel Union desk for \$1. Tickets will also be available at the door.

The William Inge play will open at 8 p.m. Friday in the Extension Conference Center. "Picnic" will be presented on Saturday and on each succeeding Friday and Saturday night that school is in session until January 14.

Tickets for future productions

AIM Representatives

Three freshmen were elected representatives-at-large to the Association of Independent Men's Board of Governors by West Halls Council last Monday night.

The three are Daniel Thalimer, chemical engineering major from Pittsburgh; Paul Snyder, metallurgy major from Hastings on Hudson, N.Y.; and Samuel Parsons, arts and letters major from Allentown.

will be on sale at the Hetzel Union desk the Monday preceding the performance.

Prof Fails as Hobo; Becomes Just a Bum

By PAT O'NEILL

A University professor failed in his attempt during the depression of becoming a hobo—he just became a bum.

Dr. George Murphy, now a professor of education and director of the Reading Clinic, decided to embark upon the life of a hobo for two months in the summer of 1932.

His action was prompted by several factors: the spirit of adventure, the fact that he had no job for the summer, as proof that teachers are not "weak-kneed," and since an associate of his had looked into the lives of hobos in the east, Dr. Murphy decided to see what western hobos were like.

His travels took him through the states of North Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Utah, and up the Pacific coast.

Just Remains a Bum
In all his travels, though, Dr. Murphy never became a hobo. He remained just a plain and simple bum.

Dr. Murphy pointed out the difference between the two. A hobo, he said, is one who feels that society owes him a living and will not work. This is the type of hobo that is usually depicted in cartoons.

A bum, Dr. Murphy explained, is one who is temporarily out of work or who feels a sense of adventure in this type of life. Because of the depression, there

were a great number of bums at this time.

Both groups frown down on the third group of homeless wanderers—the fleeing criminal. Dr. Murphy said that criminals were always shunned and ignored by the hobos and bums.

Possesses Deep Peace

The hobo, according to Dr. Murphy, possesses a deep peace, almost a religion. His policy of "live and let live" is enough to satisfy his needs. In the "jungle," which is a rallying place where freight cars are easily hopped, the hobos usually share a common law and clean up together.

The bum usually fends for himself, but Dr. Murphy said that after seeing the hobos' example, the bums soon began to follow it.

There are certain rules and ethics in a hobo's life. One of these is that a hobo must wash himself and his clothes once a week, or he is looked down upon by his fellow compatriots.

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