

Thespians

# Selects 'South Pacific' Spring Show Tryouts Will Open in February

Thespians has chosen the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical play "South Pacific" for its spring production which will be presented March 22 to 24.

Tryouts for the four-performance run will be held Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, Feb. 5, 6, 7, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in 410 Old Main. Tryouts will be held for singing, dancing,

and acting parts. Tryouts will also be held for the crews. Since sorority formal rushing will be held on Monday and Tuesday, Thespian officials suggest that the sorority women try out on Sunday.

The play will be given during Interfraternity Council weekend, and a Saturday matinee performance will be presented in addition to the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night performances. The director is Louis Fryman, and the musical director is Michael Rosenfeld.

### Adapted From Novel

"South Pacific" was adapted from the Pulitzer Prize winning novel "Tales of the South Pacific" by James A. Michener.

The play opened on Broadway in April of 1949 and ran for four years. The dialogue was written by Oscar Hammerstein II, and Joshua Logan. The music was composed by Richard Rodgers and the lyrics by Hammerstein. Thespian chose the play for its spring production because it wanted to produce a big show, Louis Fryman, president, said.

The plot of the play involves the love story of a French plantation owner, Emile DeBecque, on an island in the South Pacific, and a Navy nurse, Ensign Nellie Forbush. Ezio Pinza and Mary Martin played these roles in the Broadway show. The sub plot is also a love story, involving a Navy offi-

cer, Lt. Cable, and a native Tunkanese girl.

### Includes Popular Songs

Some of the show tunes that became popular are "Some Enchanted Evening," "There is Nothing Like a Dame," and "Younger Than Springtime."

A 24-piece student orchestra, and a large cast will be part of the most expensive production ever undertaken by the musical comedy group, Fryman said. The department of music aided in the selection of the orchestra.

In the past Thespians has given "Finian's Rainbow," "Bloomer Girl," and "Roberta." The group annually presents an original production in the fall and a Broadway show in the spring.

### Soil Conservationist Will Speak Tonight

Fred H. Larson, head of the engineering and watershed planning unit of the United States Soil Conservation Service, will speak at 7 tonight in 1 Main Engineering.

Larson will address students of the civil engineering, agricultural engineering, geology and agronomy departments on the topic of "The Watershed Protection Program of the Soil Conservation Service."

The speech is open to the public.

## Engagements

### Olexa-Block

Mrs. Reva Block of Springville, N.Y., announces the engagement of her daughter Marlene to Mr. Donald Olexa, son of Mrs. Agnes Olexa and the late Stephen Olexa of Clarks Green.

Miss Block is a graduate of Keystone Jr. College, and is now employed by Travelers Insurance Co. of Buffalo, N.Y.

Mr. Olexa is a senior in chemical engineering, and a member of Alpha Chi Sigma.

An August wedding is planned.

### Seidel-Hutchison

Mr. William N. Hutchison of Montoursville announces the engagement of his daughter Lois Jane to Mr. Nelson Seidel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson R. Seidel of Philadelphia.

Miss Hutchison is employed by the Sylvania Electric Corp. in Montoursville. She was formerly a secretary in the College of Chemistry and Physics.

Mr. Seidel is a senior in business administration, and is vice president of the Association of Independent Men.

No date has been set for the wedding.

### Miller-Grubb

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Grubb of Kensington, Md., announce the engagement of their daughter Alice to Mr. Stanley Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley D. Miller of Emmaus.

Miss Grubb is a senior in journalism.

Mr. Miller is a senior in electrical engineering.

### Carson-VanSant

Mr. and Mrs. J. Arthur VanSant of Fort Washington announce the engagement of their daughter Shirley to 2nd Lt. Bernard Carson, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Carson of Emporium.

Miss VanSant is a junior in home economics education and a member of Pi Beta Phi.

2nd Lt. Carson was graduated from the University in June, and is now serving with the U.S. Air Force at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. He is a member of Kappa Delta Rho.

No date has been set for the wedding.

## Co-Edits

Brothers of Pi Sigma Upsilon are Henry Bartel, Adam DiDomenico, Terrence Dunbar, Bruce Lutton, Thomas Massage, James McCabe, Edward McHugh, Francis McHugh, Paul Mitchell, Willis Thompson, and William Woehr.

Alpha Sigma Phi has elected Thomas O'Haren, pledgemaster; Richard Liedy, corresponding secretary; Roy Walker, associate editor; Albert Borkey, custodian; and James Sperry and Louis In-serra, prudential committee. Com-

mittee chairmen are Duncan Williams and Thomas Nute, social; Richard Wolford, alumni relations; Lewis Lynch, athletic; and George Kitts, rushing.

Officers of Beaver House are Houston Elam, president; David T. Miller, vice president; Ralph Vernot, treasurer; Walter Schuster, secretary; Caryl Newitt, caterer; Walter Filmore, house manager; John Mingos, chaplain; Frederick Eckert, corresponding secretary; Stanley Kolodjeski, alum-

## Greek Group May Sing At May Day

An Interfraternity-Panhellenic chorus, composed of one representative from each fraternity and two from each sorority, was suggested at a meeting of Panhellenic Council last night. It would replace the performance of the winners of the IFC sing at May Day ceremonies.

The Association of Independent Men-Leonides chorus may also sing. The suggestion will be voted on at the council's next meeting.

Music for the standard song required in the IFC-Panhel Sing this spring will soon be available to participating groups. The Council voted to have each sorority pay for its own music. The second song for the Sing may be a sorority or fraternity song.

The IFC-Panhel Ball will be held March 23, Barbara Nicholls, acting Council president, announced. Tickets will be released first to sororities and fraternities, then be on sale at the Hetzel Union desk.

Miss Nicholls suggested to the Council that each sorority submit one poster advertising the Ball. The posters will be placed on display and judged downtown. A vote will be taken at the next meeting.

Each sorority was asked to turn in an evaluation of the open coke dates and the guest list to the dean of women's office.

During open house of formal rushing, Feb. 4 and 5, the Council decided to station guides in the lounges of the dormitories in order to direct rushees to sorority suites.

ni secretary; Clarence Roeger, public relations officer; Lee Alt-mose, rushing chairman; and Harry Jermakowicz, pledgemaster.

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