

Raskin Visits University To Watch Play Casting

Leaving his duties as associate professor of architecture at Columbia University and director of the advisory board of the New Dramatists Committee in New York, Eugene Raskin, author of the comedy, "One's a Crowd," arrived on campus Thursday.

Raskin is here to attend tryouts for his play which will open a six-week run Feb. 22 at Center Stage.

This is the fourth of Raskin's eight plays to be produced. The others are "Amata," "The Last Island," and "Onward Viking."

The idea for "One's a Crowd" was gotten by Raskin while he was taking a walk on a spring morning. "I had several urges to do things," Raskin said, "and suddenly thought it would be nice if I could be several different people at the same time, capable of doing all the things I wanted to do."

Four-Way Personality

"One's a Crowd" is therefore the story of a person, who unlike most people, is not jammed into a single body, but instead divided into four distinct personalities.

Raskin's introduction to the theatre was through stage designing. Later he turned to writing scripts and music. He is a member of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers.

His radio, television and recording experiences include four years of professional guitar playing. Among his writings are scholarly articles on architecture for encyclopedias and a book, "Architecture Speaking," published in 1955 by Reinhold Publishing Co.

No Conflict Between Arts

"There is no conflict between playwriting and architecture," Raskin said, "since both are works of the creative imagination requiring someone else's money."

Raskin is the owner of a schooner and during the summers he has sailed from Cape Cod to Key West. During a period of unemployment, Raskin added to his many talents the title of professional fisherman.

Raskin's educational career is almost as varied as his professional career. He graduated from Columbia College, attended the Sorbonne for two years, studied painting at the National Academy, studied choreography under Marie Marchowsky, and harmony and counterpoint at Columbia University.

Chosen by Reifsneider

"One's a Crowd" was chosen for presentation at the University by the director, Robert Reifsneider, associate professor of theatre arts, from a selection of plays sent here upon request by the New Dramatists Committee.

The Committee is sponsored by the Dramatics Guild to give talented new playwrights a chance. Among the first group of playwrights aided by the Committee were William Inge, author of "Bus Stop," and "Picnic"; Robert Anderson, author of "Tea and Sympathy"; Joseph Kramm, author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning play, "The Shrike"; and Paddy Chayevsky, author of "Marty," and "The Catered Affair."

Playwrights View Shows

Through the Committee, playwrights are given the opportunity to see all the Broadway shows, meet and talk with important theatrical people and discuss and rehearse their plays in workshops.

The presentation of "One's a Crowd" is the first attempt by the committee to distribute its plays to university and community theatres.

Raskin will attend rehearsals and work with Reifsneider on script changes and other problems which may arise. According to Raskin, a play is a collaborated process between the author and the director after the script is written.

New Men's Dorms--

(Continued from page one) student government room, recreation room, snack bar and living quarters for the head counselor. The dormitory project will also include five basketball-volleyball courts, four tennis courts, six handball courts, horseshoe courts, and an area for pitching softball. Provision has also been made for parking.



EUGENE RASKIN, left, author of "One's a Crowd," discusses the script with Robert Reifsneider, associate professor of theatre arts and director of the play. The pre-Broadway production will be held at the University next semester.

Baptist Congregation Will Hear Boddie

Dr. Charles Boddie, associate director of personnel of the American Baptist Convention and nationally known Negro leader and authority on Negro Spirituals, will deliver the sermon at 10:45 a.m. tomorrow at the University Baptist Church.

The theme of the talk will be "Hitting the Cymbal Now."

Dr. Boddie will also lead the Bible Discussion Group at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow and a student and congregation hymn sing at 6:30 p.m.

On November 15, 1955, Dr. Boddie was appointed associate secretary in the Missionary Personnel Department of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies. He has the distinction of being the first Negro to become a staff secretary of a national agency of the American Baptist Convention.

Dr. Boddie has written books "A Giant of the Earth" and "The Basis of the Negro Spiritual." His articles appear regularly in religious journals.

The Wesley Foundation will hold a Fireside Forum Discussion at 6:15 p.m. tomorrow at St. Paul's Methodist Church. Ruth Bosch, assistant director of the University Christian Association and Brown Higgenbotham, assistant to the chaplain, will lead a discussion on the subject "Why?"

Dr. B. J. Kockanowsky, professor of mining engineering, will speak at the Lutheran Student Association's Vespers Service at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow. The subject of his presentation will be "Eastern Europe." A discussion period will follow.

The Rev. Darrell Eddy will lead the evening worship service at 7:45 p.m. tomorrow at the Calvary Baptist Church.

Women Will Buy Teeth After Divorce Settlement

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP)—The first thing Mrs. Marjorie Lee McClurken, 48, is going to do with her \$500,000 divorce settlement is to have a dentist make her a new set of false teeth.

Before the divorce was granted yesterday, she testified, her husband Jonathan, 53, a building contractor, forced her to make her own with a do-it-yourself kit.

Behind Campus Parking

5500 Motorists Compete Daily for 3000 Spaces

Second of a Series

Nearly 5500 motorists seek parking in the more than 3000 spaces on campus at some time or other during the "typical" class day, according to a recently-released report of a 1954 State Highways Department survey.

But the average parking time for each vehicle is only three hours and 30 minutes, according to the survey, which was made by the department's planning and traffic division at the University's request and in cooperation with the Federal Bureau of Public Roads.

To conduct the survey, the department's engineers broke down campus parking facilities into geographical sectors. Each sector including a number of University parking areas.

Tabulation of Cars

The demand for parking and the supply of spaces was ascertained through a check of the number of cars entering and leaving each area during each half hour of the day. The engineers also questioned motorists concerning their destinations, origin, and the purpose for which the vehicle was parked.

The survey report disclosed a large preponderance of demand over supply at Sparks Building (the largest margin—1165 "space hours—the number of vacant spaces multiplied by the number of hours they were vacant), at Old Main, near Armsby Hall, Willard Hall, and other areas near the center of campus.

Largest Supply Margin

The report found the largest margin of supply over demand at the west campus parking lot on Atherton St., followed by the north parking lot beside Beaver Field, parts of Ag Hill, the East residence hall area, and other outlying parts of the campus.

According to the report of the survey, which was made more than two years ago, 4469 vehicles entered the campus daily for parking purposes. Another 952 motorists, who originated their trips from some spot on campus also sought parking.

The survey also disclosed that the peak accumulation of vehicles in parking facilities occurred between 10 and 11 a.m. A second, smaller peak occurred during the afternoon.

Strike Ties Up Building Work

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 4 (AP) — A score of heavy construction projects in the Pittsburgh district were tied-up today by a strike of 3200 workers that threatened to spread throughout Western Pennsylvania.

The strike was called by the Common Laborers Council of Western Pennsylvania as a deadlock developed in wage negotiations with the Constructors Association of Western Pennsylvania.

This association represents about 100 major contractors on highways, bridges, tunnels and other heavy construction projects.

The walkout was expected to affect hundreds of truck drivers, operating engineers and carpenters whose unions also are in negotiations.

A total of about 20,000 construction workers are employed in Western Pennsylvania.

Kerr Elected Head Of Intercollegiate Chess Association

Frederick Kerr, junior in the Division of Intermediate Registration from Allison Park, has been elected president of the Intercollegiate Chess League of America.

He will succeed Dr. Eliot Hearst of Columbia University.

Kerr has been the college editor of "Chess Life," America's chess magazine.

The election was held in connection with the 1956 United States Intercollegiate Team Tournament.

The Nittany Lions, in a surprising show of strength, finished seventh in a field of 14. The championship was won by the University of Chicago.

The University team consists of Michael Cesanek, junior in psychology from Allentown, Carl Deitrich, sophomore in arts and letters from Bellefonte; Robert Dejaiffe, junior in chemical engineering from Altoona; and Kerr.

Porky Chedwick Record Hop

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Williams Set As Speaker For Chapel

The Rev. Preston N. Williams, assistant to the chaplain of the University, will speak at chapel services at 10:55 a.m. tomorrow in Schwab Auditorium.

His subject will be "The Truth and Love."

For the services, the Chapel Choir, directed by Mrs. Willa C. Taylor, will sing the anthem "Let Thy Hand Be Strengthened," by John Blow.

'Brightest Day' Prelude

George E. Ceiga, organist, will play the prelude "O Hail this Brightest Day of Days," by Johann Pachelbel, and as the postlude "In Dulci Jubilo," by Dietrich Buxtehude.

Reverend Williams, who was named to his present position last September, is a graduate of Washington and Jefferson College, where he also received his master of arts degree.

He completed his theological work at Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary and received his master of sacred theology degree from Yale University Divinity School.

Presbyterian Minister

He is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian church, and has served as assistant professor of religion at Knoxville College and at Lincoln University, and as college chaplain at North Carolina College.

He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, national scholastic honor society, and he serves on the executive committee of the Howard Institute of Religion.

Faculty Member Elected To Accounting Society

Anthony J. Mastro, assistant professor of accounting, has been elected a member of the American Institute of Accountants, national professional society of Certified Public Accountants.

Mastro holds a CPA certificate from New Jersey.

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'FOUR GIRLS IN TOWN'
 —Starring—
 GEORGE NADER
 JULIE ADAMS
 Feature: 1:30, 3:10, 5:11, 7:15, 9:15
SUNDAY & MONDAY
'TRAPEZE'
 —Starring—
 BERT LANCASTER TONY CURTIS
 GINA LOLLO BRIGIDA
 SUNDAY SHOW Begins 2 o'clock

***CATHAUM**
 • NOW SHOWING •
 THE STORY OF THE YEAR!
"Written on the Wind"
 Rock Hudson - Lauren Bacall
 Robert Stack - Dorothy Malone

***NITTANY**
 Today - Cont. from 1:30 p.m.
 Underworld Racket!
"HOT CARS"
 • BEGINS SUNDAY •
 A Great Film Returns
 To Thrill You Again!
"THE 3rd MAN"
 Joseph Cotten - Orson Welles