

'Madwoman of Chaillot' Brings World of Fantasy to Campus

Described as "a fable, spun of logic and cobwebs," "The Madwoman of Chaillot" will again, as did "The Enchanted," bring the fantasy of Jean Giraudoux to campus.

Directed by Warren Smith, associate professor of theatre arts, the comedy, which opens its three-day run at 8 tomorrow in Schwab Auditorium, has been hailed from coast to coast as a creative work of art with imagination, charm and wit.

The story suggests that in a world as mad as ours, sanity may be the possession

of the insane rather than the sane.

Countess Aurelia, or the Madwoman of Chaillot, and her three daffy friends, the Madwomen of Passy, St. Sulpice and La Concorde, speak although irrationally, with the sweet voice of reason.

The Countess lives by her illusions, and allows others to enjoy their own illusions. For instance, her friend, the Madwoman of Passy, prefers to think that her dead dog, Dickie, is still alive. The Countess is willing to pretend that Dickie is present, begging for attention or pleading to jump up into someone's lap (although he is as invisible as Harvey, the 6-foot white rabbit).

Reads Same Newspaper

Likewise, the Countess solves the problem of reading the depressing news of the day by always reading the same old faded newspaper. The paper she reads was chosen because, instead of frightening her with all the news that's fit to print, it brings her only stories which she finds pleasant and cheerful.

The works of the author, Jean Giraudoux, according to Dr. Laurent LaSage, professor of romance languages, in an article contained in the original Broadway play program, contain no separation between reality and fantasy.

Won Drama Award

"The Madwoman of Chaillot" was the first of Giraudoux's works which brought him American recognition. In 1948-49 it was awarded the New York Drama Critic's Circle Award for the best play written by a foreign author and presented in New York.

"The Madwoman" was written in 1943 and was Giraudoux's attempt to restore the graciousness and beauty of an earlier day and to rescue the world from those who were trying to destroy the charm of life.

Cast Named

Included in the Players' presentation of the play are Marjorie Schnelle, the Madwoman of Chaillot; Kathryn Kelleher, the Madwoman of Passy; Joyce Basch, the Madwoman of St. Sulpice; Linda K. Gerber, the Madwoman of La Concorde; William Warthling, the Waiter; Roberta Swarr, the Little Woman.

Floyd Santoro, the Prospector; Richard Trudgen, the Baron; Dennis Castelli, the President; Carolyn Hodgkiss, Therese; Roland LaPelle, the Street Singer; Joyce Andruzak, the Flower Girl.

Roy Elwell, the Raggpicker; Shelia Stahl, Paulette; Derek Swire, the Deaf-Mute; Irene Rothstein, Irma; Ronald Miller, the Shoelace Peddler; Lowell Salmon, the Broker; Earl Kohnfelder, the Street Juggler; Stephen Malin, Dr. Jadin; Howard Warren, the Doorman; David Skekol, the Policeman; George Vlachos, Pierre; James Hopkins, the Sergeant; George Cavey, the Sewer-man.

Dennis Castelli, Richard Trudgen, Lowell Salmon, the Presidents; Floyd Santoro, Bruce Taylor, Ronald Miller, the Prospectors; George Cavey, David Skekol, Stephen Malin, the Press Agents; Roberta Swarr, Shelia Stahl, Carolyn Hodgkiss, the Ladies; Howard Warren, Jon Wilder, Leonard Litman, the Adolphe Bertaut.

Professor Named To Tax Committee

Dr. Randall S. Stout, professor of public finance, has been named to the program committee for the 50th annual conference of the National Tax Association to be held this fall.

Dr. Stout has prepared papers for publication by the association and has addressed its sessions at Toronto, Canada. He is also completing a 2-year term as a member of the Advisory Council Tax Institute, Inc., Princeton, N.J.

Founded in 1907, the National Tax Association is one of the oldest professional tax associations in the United States.

Band Members To Participate In Convention

James Dunlop, associate professor of music education, and the 97 members of the Blue Band left for Pittsburgh today for the annual convention of the American Bandmasters Association.

The three chartered buses were scheduled to leave at 7 a.m. The band will give its concert tonight. Dunlop will direct two of the numbers. Members of the American Band Association will direct the remainder.

The Blue Band will return to the University tomorrow afternoon.

The American Bandmasters Association is an organization of bandmasters throughout the United States. Membership is given by invitation only and is based on merit.

Dunlop is one of six members from Pennsylvania. He has been a member since 1954.

The host band traditionally plays at the convention. This year Carnegie Tech is the host band. The Blue Band is the only other university band to play at the convention.

Florida Awaits Easter Crowd

Easter vacation traditionally sees thousands of college and university students traveling south, many of them to Florida.

This spring Fort Lauderdale, Fla. will be ready for their arrival.

According to estimates made by the Chamber of Commerce there, over 10,000 students from 70 universities and colleges will be coming. The chamber plans to act as a clearing house to help these visitors find living accommodations.

Students may write to the chamber, 307 E. Las Olas Blvd., or contact it on their arrival. No one will be permitted to sleep on the beach or in an automobile, the chamber has warned.

City ordinances will be strictly enforced, with offenders being dealt with as any other citizens. Also, detailed reports of offenses will be sent to the dean of the student's college and his parents.

WSGA to Screen For Two Boards

Screening applications for those interested in Women's Student Government Association Judicial Board and Freshman Regulations Board are available in the dean of women's office.

Applicants for Judicial must be fourth- or fifth-semester students, and applicants for Freshman Regulations Board must have second- or third-semester standing.

Screening will take place on March 23 and 24. Applicants will be called and given an appointment.

Grubb Elected President Of Ag Economics Club

Richard Grubb, junior in agriculture economics and rural sociology from State College, has been elected president of the Agricultural Economics Club.

Other officers elected were Ronald Schrimper, vice president; Calvin Rhodes, secretary; Charles Kresge, treasurer, and Ray LeVarr, Agriculture Student Council representative.

Accounting Club to Meet

An IBM representative, Kay Finlay, will address the Accounting Club at 7 tonight at Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, 524 Locust Lane.

Men Debaters Earn Trophies and Medal

Two men's debate teams returned Monday from tournaments in Boston, Mass. and Morgantown, W. Va. with four trophies and a gold medal.

The awards were for both team and individual achievements. The University switch team, which went to Boston University, won second place in the tournament.

The two members of the team, Jonathan Plaut, senior in industrial engineering from Rockville Center, N.Y., and Edward Klevans, senior in electrical engineering from Roaring Spring, alternated between defending the negative and the affirmative positions. In six rounds of debate, Plaut and Klevans won five and lost one, a record which enabled them to enter the semi-finals. Their opponent in the semi-final matches was the University of Pennsylvania. The University team defeated that team, but lost to Princeton in the finals.

Plaut, Klevans Reached Finals
Both Plaut and Klevans reached the finals of the oratory and extemporaneous speaking contests, but were forced to drop out of the competitions to enter the team finals. They received trophies for their individual placing.

The second team, which entered the North-South debate, won seven and lost three matches. The affirmative team won three and lost two rounds. Members were Robert Neff, junior in zoology and entomology from Pottstown, and Gerald Bogus, sophomore in arts and letters from Brownsville.

The negative team won four and lost one. Members were Jay Feldstein, sophomore in arts and letters from Elizabeth, and Robert Adams, junior in business administration from Johnstown.

Feldstein Top Speaker
Feldstein was named top speaker of the tournament. He was given an engraved gold medal. Adams placed third in the after dinner speakers' contest.

Both teams debated the national debate topic, Resolved: That the United States should discontinue direct Economic Aid to Foreign Nations.

Engagements

Habowski-Mack
Mr. and Mrs. Chester Habowski of Charleroi have announced the engagement of their daughter Joyce to Larry H. Mack, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Kimmell of North Charleroi.

Miss Habowski was graduated from the Robert Morris School of Business and is employed as a secretary at Bettis Westinghouse Plant.

Mr. Mack is a junior in chemical engineering and a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity.

Rappaport-Stern
Mr. and Mrs. Morris Rappaport of Harrisburg have announced the engagement of their daughter Zaida to David Stern, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stern of Philadelphia.

Miss Rappaport is a senior in arts and letters and a member of Alpha Epsilon Phi sorority.

Mr. Stern is now attending Villanova University School of Law. He is a member of Zeta Beta Tau fraternity.

Baltz-Reed
Mr. and Mrs. Fred F. Baltz of Altoona have announced the engagement of their daughter Mary Ann to Frederick F. Reed of Emmaus, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. Weaver Reed of Norfolk, Va.

The bride-elect was graduated from Bellwood-Antis High School and is employed by Sylvania Electric Products Company.

Mr. Reed, a graduate of Staunton Military Academy, is a senior in electrical engineering. A July wedding has been planned.

70 Debaters To Convene Tomorrow

The annual Pennsylvania Inter-State Debaters' Congress will convene on campus tomorrow under the direction of the men's debate team.

Seventy representatives from 18 colleges and universities in New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania will assemble to discuss United States foreign policy and more specifically, the Middle East crisis.

To Broadcast

Activities will begin tomorrow night with a 30 minute broadcast at 9 p.m. over radio stations WMAJ and WDFM. A panel of one delegate from each team will discuss foreign policy.

The delegates will form committees Friday morning. These groups will meet Friday morning and afternoon for discussions and to draw up resolutions based on their decisions.

Discussion to Continue

An assembly session at 7:30 p.m. in 10 Sparks will continue discussing foreign policy. It is open to the public.

A second general meeting will be held Saturday at 9 a.m. in 10 Sparks. The group will consider solutions to the Middle East crisis. The public may attend.

The congress will close Saturday night with a banquet at the State College Hotel. At the banquet the delegates will choose a woman delegate as the 1957 Gavel Girl.

Co-Edits

New pledges of Alpha Gamma Rho are William Gould and Earl Waltemyer.

Officers of the fall pledge class of Sigma Sigma Sigma are Patricia Burnley, president; Phyllis Muskat, vice president; Nancy Jendricks, secretary-treasurer.

Sigma Alpha Mu has initiated David Faust, Robert Ginns, Arnold Machles, David Stelman.

Newly-elected officers of Alpha Phi Delta are Joseph Motto, president; Paul Tsampanos, vice president; Giusto Pizzini, treasurer; and Louis Ottobre, secretary.

Newly-elected officers of Delta Tau Delta are Robert Berry, president; Richard Wilson, vice president; William Reilly, recording secretary; Fred Taylor, corresponding secretary.

New pledges of Delta Tau Delta are Richard Bullock, Robert Bridge, George Campbell, Richard Drayne, David Espenshade, James Greeves, Earl Kohlhaas, Delanore Kreiser, Edward Lough, Robert Schimmel, Richard Tuve II.

New initiates of Alpha Chi Sigma are Carl Von Dreele, Don Webb, Don Zepp, Dick Kovacs, George Maier, Ron Siders, Barry White, Joe Synkonis, Bill Sekeras, Don Horan, Terr Quinn, Eugene Capriotti, Al Mowrey, Dave Weetman, John Aber, Raden Sumantri, Ted Gelet, Charles Burkhardt, Don Himler.

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Indie Coeds Vote to Aid Hungarians

Leonides Council voted Monday night to aid the drive for the Hungarian Student Assistance Fund by placing boxes for contributions in the women's dormitories.

The drive will start today and continue for two weeks.

A committee of three, Camelia Blount, junior in education from Homestead, Barbara Barniker, freshman in education from Harwick, and Lorraine Jablonsky, sophomore in home economics from West Nanticoke, was set up to investigate the rental price for the Hetzel Union Ballroom.

Fee Called Excessive

Rosetta Kearney, Leonides president, said that the present fee of \$100 for a paid event is unnecessary and excessive.

Election of Leonides president, vice president, recording secretary and corresponding secretary will be held on March 19. Any independent women with a 2.5 average may obtain an application blank from the office of the dean of women until March 13.

Academy Awards Satire

Miss Kearney announced that the March mass meeting presented by Leonides Council for all students will be entertainment in the form of a satire on the Academy Awards.

Campus BMOC's have been contacted to play the parts in such skits as "Anastasia," "The King and I," "Giant" and "La Strada." Little Leos will be presented in place of the Hollywood Oscars.

UCA Will Hold Courtship Talk

The University Christian Association will sponsor a fireside on "A Case for College Courtship" for the West Halls area at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow in the Thompson Lounge.

This meeting begins a new program aimed at bringing UCA services to the students on a dorm-area level.

Dr. William Smith, professor of family relations at the University, will speak. Informal discussion will follow his talk and refreshments will be served.

All residents of the West Dorms area may attend.

Another program for West Dorms is a cabin retreat, now in the planning stage.

\$5308 Grant Given To CE Instructor

Bernard Gutterman, instructor in civil engineering, has received a grant of \$5308 from the Public Health Service for training in the field of air pollution.

The subsidy was one of a number of grants totaling \$90,864.

These were the first training grants awarded under a 1955 law providing for air pollution research and technical assistance.

HEC House Will Become Extension Headquarters

Benedict House, formerly a home economics management house, will be named Weaver Annex when it becomes the headquarters of the Farm Management extension and Farm Management section of the School of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology.

The alteration work is in progress and farm management personnel will move in as soon as it is completed.

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