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## Another Round of Applause

We'd like to add an additional round of applause for Thespians' "Guys and Dolls" production which opened last night at Schwab Auditorium.

What seems to be a delightful and thoroughly enjoyable show is actually the product of weeks and weeks of hard work on the part of about 150 or 200 students.

The work put forth is particularly valuable in that it requires perfect teamwork. If harmony, timing and spirited relationships are not developed the show is likely to be a flop. It is up to the director to see that petty jealousies do not develop. It is his responsibility to see that each individual and group of individuals is working together in harmony.

The final production is notable for its technical correctness and its fine acting and singing. But, more than that, it is notable for its representation of fine effort on the part of many individuals working in a group relationship and working toward a common goal.

The team spirit in the chorus line of "Guys and Dolls" is no less important than the team spirit of the football team when it faces its worst opponent. The desire to help each other and so help the show is absolutely necessary.

The more effortless and natural a part may seem for a performer the more time and hard work he has undoubtedly put into making his performance just that way. Each member of the audience wants to see real people on the stage:

he does not want to be reminded that he is watching an actor. To achieve this effect requires weeks of work.

Although the stars of the show achieve some recognition there remains a great many people in the orchestra, choruses and the backstage crews who are just as much an integral part of the show. Without the make-up crew it would be almost impossible to achieve life-like characters. Without the lights crew there could be no show. Without the advertising crew there would be no means of obtaining a large enough audience to support the show.

A Thespians' production is expensive, and the group actually receives only enough money to keep its head above water. Considering the number of students who work on the show for two months without pay; considering the fact that the plays are judged by some of The Daily Collegian reviewers as they compare to professional shows we do not consider the price of the tickets—\$1.25 and \$1.50—to be excessive.

What really makes Thespians' productions a success is the fact that there are almost 200 students working hard, not caring for recognition and working just because they enjoy the work and consider the final product to be important.

We applaud Thespians for its fine contribution to entertainment and its good example of group spirit. Its fulfillment of these two functions has made it a necessity at the University. —Sue Conklin

## Economy Hits the Post Office

We are becoming more and more convinced that the Eisenhower budget is not so bad after all. It has gotten nothing but criticism from practically all sides, but as each day goes by there seems to be an increase of evidence which supports the President's view that it cannot be cut substantially in very many places.

It has been reported in the newspapers recently that this year's budget has gotten more criticism of the president from voters all over the country than he has ever had.

When the topic of cutting the budget is discussed it seems as if the conversation centers around the major items on the budget—the ones with the huge sums of money behind them.

This may be the most effective way to go about slashing the record budget, but it also leads to hopeless situations three-fourths of the time.

One of the hopeless situations—as we have dubbed them—arose yesterday. The Post Office department has announced that they will have to take some sort of drastic action if they don't receive the extra funds they asked of the federal government.

Post-master General Arthur Summerfield told a press conference that his department needs \$47 million in emergency funds to function through July 1.

If the department doesn't get these needed funds, it will be forced to halt mail deliveries

on Saturday. This will undoubtedly inconvenience a great many people and a goodly number of the malcontents may just be angry enough to write indignant letters to their congressmen.

The ironic part of the whole story is that some of these letter-writers may be the same people who have written in to those same congressmen complaining about the gross extravagance displayed by President Eisenhower in coming out with such a preposterous budget.

We are beginning to think that the record budget may not be so preposterous as it first appeared.

The problem with the Post Office department is not the first which has arisen over the sentiment to economize in Washington. We predict that it will not be the last—and by a long, long shot. (This is not an especially sagacious prediction.)

It probably won't be long before another victim of the money squeeze will throw out a complaint. Then, another deluge of angry letters, and around and around we go. And just where do we stop?

That is the question which is nicely evading quite a number of important men in Washington tonight. Among them President Eisenhower, Post-master General Summerfield, a score or more congressmen, and even more puzzled taxpayers who are contemplating a 5-cent postcard. —The Editor

## Small Towns Get Slum Aid

By ARTHUR EDSON  
WASHINGTON, April 4 (AP)—The 700 residents of Gibson, Ga., got good news today from the mighty federal government. The Housing and Home Finance Agency told them it would help with Gibson's slum problems.

Most people have the idea that slums, and the so-called blighted areas, grow and thrive only in cities. And it's there, certainly, that they are most in evidence and most depressing.

But no matter how prettily poets may sing of the glories of small-town living, apparently it has its housing problems, too.

For Housing Administrator Albert M. Cole, while approving mammoth slum clearance programs for cities, also has okayed plans for a surprising number of small towns and cities.

Today it was Gibson. Tuesday

it was Fairburn, Ga., Pop. 2,600. Last week it was Douglas, Alaska, Pop. approx. 1,000, that got the approval.

And before this approval went to such towns as Ellijay, Ga.; Opelousas, La.; Calexico, Calif.; and Demopolis, Ala., none of which is likely to be confused with New York or Chicago.

Gibson probably is fairly typical of the small town with a housing problem.

It's 40 miles west of Augusta, and is the county seat of Glascock County. Mostly it depends on farming and timber, but it's pleased to report that it also has an industry, a canning factory.

Like many a far larger community, Gibson's problems are complicated by rapid growth. In 1940, it had only 474 residents.

Its hope: To qualify for low-rent public housing. Right now it has no such housing, and today's approval means that since Cole thinks its plans are satisfactory, Gibson now can apply for specific help.

Any city or town that wants federal help in slum clearance must meet a number of requirements. These include everything from working out a system of building codes, to make sure the area won't slip back into a slum again, to making sure the citizens are behind the project and will cooperate with it.

Gibson either has met these tests, or has plans to meet them. For instance, its officials are studying several building codes to see which would work best.

A final note: Maybe you've seen the words "slums" and "blighted areas" and thought they meant the same thing. But they don't, at least the way housing officials define them. Here are their definitions:

**Blighted areas**—Things are in bad shape, but by knocking down a wall here and putting in a new one there, maybe we can save some of it.

**Slum areas**—All hope is gone. Tear it down, and start all over.

### HEc Dean to Speak

Dr. Grace M. Henderson, dean of the College of Home Economics, will speak at a meeting of the American Association of University Women in Erie on Monday.

She will speak on "Education for Women."

### Troop Airlift to Egypt

NAPLES, April 4 (AP)—The UN Emergency Force airlift has carried 4120 soldiers of 10 nations from Italy to Egypt since November. It also has transported 830,496 tons of supplies.

### Cancer Fund Crusade

A house-to-house campaign will begin Monday in the State College area to raise funds for the Cancer Crusade.

Funds will not be solicited on campus, but students may make donations in downtown stores.

## Little Man on Campus

by Bibler



"I take it you've just recently learned to dance."

## From Here

By Ed Dubbs

### Silva and 'Student Leaders'

Thoughts while strolling down the Mall:

Wonder how much Dr. Ruth C. Silva, associate professor of political science, had to do with President Dwight D. Eisenhower's proposed constitutional amendment on the "disability" clause . . .

Dr. Silva, considered an expert on the topic, was in Washington last week, but has refused to tell a Collegian reporter whether she had anything to do with writing the proposed amendment.

She did, however, praise the amendment, which has drawn the fire of many Congressional leaders. Chances for its approval are seen as slight.

The amendment says the vice president would merely act as president and would do only for the duration of the president's disability. The president would decide whether he is disabled.

If the president fails to declare his inability and if the vice president and the majority of the Cabinet feel that the president is disabled, the vice president would then act as president for the duration of the inability.

I'm not sure what—if any—part Dr. Silva played in writing the amendment. Only she can clarify this.

However, I've heard she conferred with Attorney General Herbert Brownell on it and that the reason she has remained quiet is that the amendment is strictly to be an Eisenhower-Brownell idea.

Well, Dr. Silva . . .

Watch for the National Student Association issue to pop up before All-University Cabinet before too long . . .

There are some members of the new Cabinet who do not want to see the University drop its membership.

Robert Bahrenburg, former All-University president, you will remember, vetoed the University's membership in the controversial organization last month.

The odds have it that membership will be revived.

An interesting postscript to the whole matter is that no one seems to be sure where the University now stands as far as NSA membership is concerned. Bahrenburg vetoed membership but the dues are paid up until the fall. A regional NSA conference is scheduled to be held on campus this month and no one is sure whether the University will send delegates—to the Hetzel Union Building . . .

Watch for the list of Student Encampment chairmanships, to be announced soon. They usually reveal who will be next year's non-elected "student leaders" . . .

## Theta Sig Taps 5 Journ Majors

Five women students were tapped at 8:30 a.m. today by Theta Sigma Phi, national women's professional journalism society.

They are Marian Beatty, Lenore Hamilton, Jean Hartley, Josephine Hough and Margaret Leiberman.

The tapping ceremony was followed by a breakfast in the Alpha Chi Omega suite.

Requirements for membership in Theta Sigma Phi are a 2.5 All-University average; 3.0 journalism average; participation in two journalism activities or outstanding participation in one activity; fifth semester standing; journalism or home economics-journalism major; and the intention to make journalism a career after graduation.

Theta Sigma Phi will sponsor the annual Matrix Dinner Monday night to honor outstanding women students.

## Asman Resigns Mining Position

Arnold W. Asman, professor of mining engineering and head of the Department of Mining, has resigned effective June 30 to accept a position with Hewitt-Robins, Inc., Stamford, Conn.

He has been named product manager of mining equipment sales with the Robins Conveyors Division of Hewitt-Robins.

Asman, who has been head of the Department of Mining since 1948, previously held engineering positions with Armco Steel Corp. and Koppers Coal Co.

He is a graduate of the University of Illinois and also has completed work at the Colorado School of Mines and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

## Tonight on WDFM

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