Soprano Criticizes Schwab's Acoustics

By BOBBI LEVINE

Elizabeth Schwarzkopf, famed soprano who sang in Schwab Auditorium Wednesday evening, said she thought the University was badly in need of a new auditorium.

"I have been in many hundreds of small, medium and large halls in my career, but Schwab Auditorium was the second worst, acoustically, that I have ever sung in," she said.

Interviewed at a reception at the home of Ben Euwema, dean of the College of the Liberal Arts, Miss Schwarzkopf said she felt the University made a mistake from the point of acoustics when it had the wooden seats in Schwab replaced. She said the thing of music was after all the beauty of sound and that the sound could not reverberate from cushioned seats.

She said one of the best halls she had ever sung in was a big, old building in the small Australian town in which Nellie Melba had been born. "It was wood from top to bottom," she said, "and the acoustics were fabulous."

"There are many halls in this country—famous old halls—made with lots of wood, and they are acoustically good," she said. She was somewhat placated when she was told by other guests that the University plans a new auditorium as part of its expansion program.

Turning her attention away from auditoriums, Miss Schwarzkopf said she had taken time out from her touring schedule to celebrate her birthday, Tuesday, with a little bit of Christmas shopping in New York City.

"I usually do my Christmas shopping on a plane by reading advertisements," she said. "When I do shop in New York I have to be careful because so many times the products shown in New York shops were imported from Europe."

Miss Schwarzkopf began a description of a typical day while touring by saying, "Thank God it's not a day like today . . . traveling on a train in this weather." She rehearses in the morning and goes to the hall in which she is scheduled to sing to test the acoustics. Then she has lunch and sleeps in the afternoon. She said she usually rehearses an hour and a half a day when she has a performance.

Low Prof Pay Causes Strike

PARIS (AP) — About 200,000 students struck Wednesday, in Paris, Toulouse, Lillie and other French university centers in a one-day demonstration for more classrooms and increased pay for their teachers. It's an annual tradition in France. The students paraded noisily but peacefully.

Yule Carol Sing Set for Tuesday

The 29th annual Christmas Sing sponsored by the Department of German will be at 8 p.m. Tuesday in Schwab Auditorium.

In addition to the traditional singing of well-known German Christmas carols and the reading of the account of the nativity, Richard J. Browne, professor of German, will give a short talk entitled "The Star of Bethlehem," and a short skit "The First Christmas Tree" will be presented by members of the fifth grade German class of the Nittany Avenue School. Special vocal and instrumental numbers will also be included in the program.

Prof to Speak at Hillel Sabbath Eve Service

Dr. Helen Adolf, professor of German, will speak on "The Story of the Three Rings" at Sabbath Eve services at 8 tonight in the Hillel Foundation.

Rabbi Benjamin M. Kahn will be assisted in his services by members of Phi Sigma Sigma sorority. The sorority members will also serve as hostesses at the Oneg Shabbat following the service.

Brrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr, It's Coooooooooold

Brrr! It's cold outside!

For the 6th consecutive day, the temperature never rose above 25 degrees.

Keep close tabs on those woolen scarves and furry gloves, because today is expected to be no better. The temperature is expected to rise to a high of 22 degrees.

The prediction for today is cloudy and continued cold with occasional light snow.

Yesterday's temperatures ranged from a low of 0 to a high of 17 degrees.

The freezing weather shows no signs of breaking. Another batch of Arctic air is moving into the United States from Canada and guarantees a continuation of the present temperatures.

The low tonight is expected to be 8 degrees. Tomorrow's high of 20 degrees will be accompanied by a few snow flurries.

Sunday will be cloudy and continued cold with a few snow-flurries.

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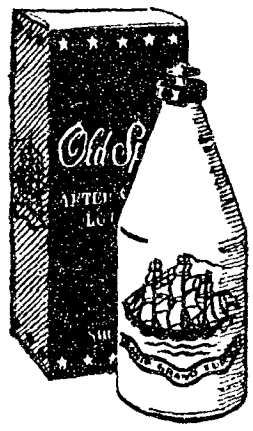

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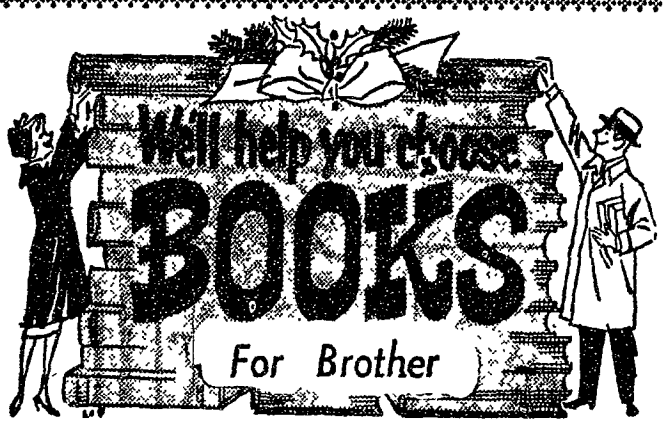

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