

# 3 Coeds Vie for Miss Pa.

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WEST CHESTER . . . Three University coeds are among the 24 girls competing for the Miss Pennsylvania title this weekend.

They are Lois Piercy, a June graduate from Springfield, as Miss Centre County; Margaret McPherson, junior in home economics from New Park, as Miss Greater York, and Judith Ann Criste, junior in engineering from Cresson, as Miss Central Pennsylvania.

The present Miss Pennsylvania, Rosalie Samley, a sophomore from Bethlehem, was crowned last June in West Chester. She represented the state in the Miss America

pageant last September in Atlantic City.

The three University coeds arrived here Tuesday as guests of the West Chester Exchange Club, sponsors of the four-day pageant.

The contestants spent last night being chauffeured around West Chester in antique cars during a

The University is represented in the Miss Pennsylvania pageant in another manner. One of the seven judges is Walter H. Walters, professor of theater arts.

The other six judges include members of the musical, art, education and business world.

two and one-half hour parade. The parade, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, featured string bands, bagpipe bands, veterans groups, floats and military

units. Originally scheduled for Tuesday night, the parade was postponed until last night because of rain.

The girls will begin competition tonight leading to the crowning of a new queen on Saturday night at West Chester State Teachers College.

She will be crowned by Miss Samley and Mary Ann Mobley, this year's reigning Miss America.

Miss Piercy and Miss Criste will appear in the talent portion of the program tonight. Miss McPherson competes in the talent portion tomorrow.

Miss McPherson will compete in the bathing suit section of the pageant today. Miss Piercy and Miss Criste compete in bathing suits tomorrow.

On Saturday, all of the girls will appear in the evening gown competition. Ten semi-finalists

will be named at that time. These girls will reappear in both talent and bathing suit competition.

From these ten girls, five will be chosen as finalists. These finalists will be asked three questions by the master of ceremonies. From this point on, competition is based entirely on intelligence, personality, and poise.

For her talent, Miss Piercy will present an original flute composition entitled "Night Rain on the City." She will also display a painting she did to complement her flute composition.

Miss Criste plans to offer a song and piano routine from "Kiss Me Kate" for her talent. Miss McPherson will present a dramatic reading.

All three coeds, as well as the 21 other contestants, have been kept busy from the minute they arrived. Following a welcoming

luncheon, the aspirants were guests of honor at a press conference, where they not only answered questions, but posed in bathing suits and evening gowns for photographers.

After dinner Tuesday night, the contestants were given the "night off." Yesterday a rehearsal, another luncheon and dinner was held. Last night they participated in a parade witnessed by more than 25,000.

Each of the girls rode in an antique car provided by a local antique auto club. Also in the parade was the reigning Miss Pennsylvania, sitting atop a giant self-propelled float.

Miss Piercy and the present Miss Pennsylvania have at least one thing in common—both are members of Delta Gamma sorority at the University. Miss McPherson is a member of Delta Delta sorority.

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## Lion Baseballers Beat Eastern Teams, Lose to Oklahoma

Penn State—conquerors of the Eastern teams in the NCAA baseball tourney but a team that fell twice to powerful Oklahoma State—will return home today.

The Nittany Lions surprised many baseball fans when they upset Connecticut in the opening game, 5-3, and then moved

into the losers bracket and topped Clemson, 7-0, Monday night.

But it was the "other" two games with the Cowpokes of Oklahoma State that sent the Lions on their way home. Sunday the Cowpokes defeated the Lions 8-6 on a seventh inning rally, and then Tuesday night the Westerns pushed across an unearned run in the bottom of the ninth to down the Lions, 4-3.

Coach Joe Bedenk's Lions had to depend on the strong-arm pitching of veteran senior Ron Riese in three of the four games. Riese saved the Connecticut victory for sophomore Ed Kikla when he snuffed out a rally in the ninth; threw a nifty 4-hitter at Clemson Monday; but suffered the loss in Sunday's game with Oklahoma State.

Kikla was charged with his first loss of the year in the second Cowpoke-Lion contest but he won his ninth contest of the season in the opening game against Connecticut.

The Lion batting star was shortstop Bob Hoover, the Nittany captain. He went 3-for-4 in Sunday's contest against Oklahoma State including a triple and home run. Hoover garnered six hits in 15 trips to the plate during the four games for a .400 batting average—a far cry from the .142 he posted in the 1957 series.

Bill Benton, Lion first baseman, hit safely 5 out of 11 trips to the plate in three games for a .454 average.

Oklahoma State met Fresno State in a loser-go-home game last night and the winner will face once-beaten Arizona, the tourney favorite, today. Fresno

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### Get Acquainted Program Will Be Held in HUB

The Summer Sessions "Get Acquainted" reception will be held from 7 to 9 p.m., June 28, in the Hetzel Union ballroom. Reservations for the event must be sent to the Summer Sessions Office, 101 Willard Hall, by Monday.

All members of the resident and visiting Summer Sessions faculty, the administration staff members and their wives or husbands are invited.

## Prexy Talks To Grads In Illinois

President Eric A. Walker last night told 940 graduates of Southern Illinois University that to preserve equal opportunity for all, each has "an equal responsibility to serve mankind to the limit of his ability."

"A free society can exist only imperfectly unless men of good will and unusual talents take the greatest possible advantage of their opportunities, for self-development and then fully accept the social, political and moral responsibilities that go along with that development," Walker said.

Walker told the graduates that America entrusts its future to its university and college graduates.

"Your degree places you in the top five to ten per cent of the population in intelligence, ability and training. It is only fitting and proper that, with these talents and with this training, you should be granted the responsibility for leadership in the society of which you are a member.

"Because leadership will be expected of you, you will occupy honored and privileged positions, your opinions will be respected and you will have many opportunities to help fashion a better life for all of us. The fact that you will have such opportunities broadly measures your responsibilities," Walker said.

### BusAd College Appoints

Dr. Earl P. Strong, professor of management and director of the Bureau of Business Research, has been named assistant dean of the College of Business Administration while the title of Berry B. Lethbridge, Jr., has been changed from director of extension to assistant dean for continuing education in the College of Business Administration.

## 'Desire' to Open At Standing Stone

Final rehearsals for Eugene O'Neill's Nobel prize-winning play, "Desire Under the Elms" are coming to a close in the rustic playhouse at Standing Stone.

"Desire Under the Elms" is an American classic, telling of an old and hardened New England farmer who takes a young wife . . . and brings new conflict to his three sons. The youngest son develops a deep affection for his young stepmother, who wants to bear

a son so her husband will leave her the farm property.

The Mateer Playhouse, under the direction of Max Fischer, casts Leon B. Stevens, Lydia Bruce and Don Petersen in the leading roles in the opening show. These performers are complemented by students from the theatre arts department at the University.

Leon B. Stevens, who portrays the father-farmer, Ephraim Cabot, is a favorite of Mateer Theatre-goers. This is the character actor's second season at Standing Stone. Stevens came to Mateer Playhouse from the cast of the recent success on Broadway, "The Geranium Hat." He has also been seen in several national television productions.

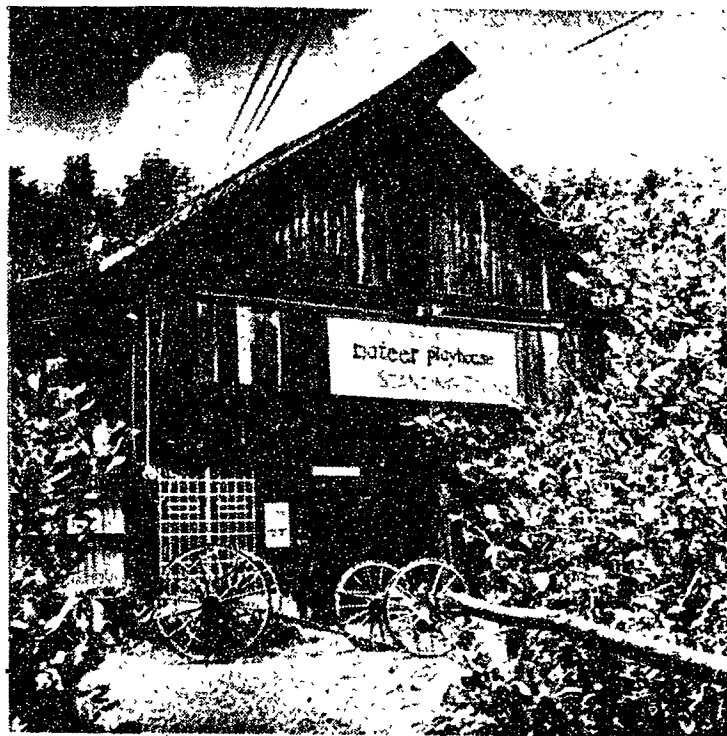
Stevens will appear later in the season in "Cat On A Hot Tin Roof," the Pulitzer Prize play by Tennessee Williams. In this production he will play "Big Daddy," the cancer-ridden egomaniac.

Ticket sales for the initial show are moving well according to Walter H. Walters, head of the department of theatre arts at the University. The house is already sold out for the Tuesday evening performance.

"Desire Under the Elms" will run for one week and will be followed by "Three Men on a Horse," an American comedy written by John Cecil Holm and George Abbott. On July 6 the playhouse presents Agatha Christie's classic suspense-thriller "The Spider's Web."

The immortal romantic love affair of the poets Elizabeth Barrett and Robert Browning is brought to the stage in Rudolph Beiser's "The Barretts of Wimpole Street," on July 13.

"Cat On A Hot Tin Roof" will enjoy a two-week run beginning July 20. This award-winning play enjoyed a long stand recently on the screen.



—Collegian Photo by Wayne Schlegel

THE MATEER PLAYHOUSE at Standing Stone is set picturesquely in the mountains near Neff's Mills. The theatre opens Monday night with O'Neill's prize-winning "Desire Under the Elms."

## Acting, Directing Included In Fischer's Experiences

Max Fischer, director of the University's Mateer Playhouse at Standing Stone for the 1959 season; has had a wide and varied experience in the theater.

Fischer, who was born in Germany, received much of his early training from the famous director-actor Max Reinhardt. Fischer acted in Munich, Leipzig, Berlin and Paris as well as appearing in four foreign films.

Since World War II Fischer has taken time from his theater work to do broadcasts for the Voice of America radio network.

According to Warren S. Smith, associate professor of theater arts, Fischer came to the United States in 1946 and began to direct plays as well as act. He directed at numerous playhouses in the east including The Quarterback Deck

### Commerce Department To Assume New Title

The Department of Commerce at the University has been redesignated as the "Department of Commerce and Management."

The change, approved by the Board of Trustees, will become effective July 1.

Ralph H. Wherry is head of the department.

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