



**UP A TREE**—the Players crews are constructing scenery for their play "On Borrowed Time." The first play of the series will be presented and will run for six weeks.

## Apple Tree Problem Solved by Players

By ZANDY SLOSSON

This is not just any old apple tree; this tree is very special, according to the Players' construction crew.

After four months of scheming, drawing and hard labor the apple tree will have a special place on Center Stage during the six weekends that "On Borrowed Time" will run. The play, first Players' production of the season, will begin Friday.

## West Aids Communism Elms Says

"The Western world has acted stupidly in the scientific and cultural fields as well as in its domestic policy," Alan Elms argued last night in a debate between the University Men's Debate squad and a team from Cambridge University.

Elms, squad manager, was joined by Al Davidson in supporting the affirmative side of the proposal "Resolved that Communism's strongest ally is the stupidity of the West."

The negative was upheld by Cambridge's Julian Greenfell and Roger Evans who argued that "it is a lack of proper perspective to blame Western stupidity for the success of Communism."

The debate, which was not judged, differed from the usual American debate in its presentation and resolution. Members of the affirmative and negative teams alternated with 12-minute constructive speeches, after which one member of each team presented a 5-minute rebuttal. Questions from the audience followed.

The resolution of the debate was also unusual in that it did not advocate something which should or should not be done. Instead it merely discussed a particular proposal.

Dr. Henry Albinski, instructor in political science, was chairman of the debate.

How do you build a tree that is strong enough for people to sit in, that can be dismantled every week, and that will still look realistic?

Russell Whaley, assistant professor of theater arts, and the construction crew had to find the answers.

They began by fitting pieces of two-inch black iron pipe together with wood filler blocks to form the trunk and main limbs. The pipes were then covered with chicken wire and paper mache.

For any "normal" tree this would have been enough. But because it plays such an important role in the play, the crew covered the surface with Celastic "The Fantastic" plastic.

Real branches were selected for the tree. They were chosen for particular shapes and are from elm, maple and oak trees on campus and in town.

Leaves for the apple tree will be made of specially treated paper similar to that used by florists. Artificial and real apples will add the finishing touches.

Branches and apples that fall off during the performances or dismantling will be continually replaced by the crew.

"On Borrowed Time" is the story of a small boy, Pud, who idolizes his profane but loveable grandfather. Pud's aunt and grandmother become increasingly concerned about his habit of copying grandfather's habits.

Many of the scenes are centered around the apple tree which will stand at the rear of the stage. The tree's big moment, however, comes when the boy and his grandfather chase the devil into it.

## Elections Committee Size Grows

The Student Government Association Assembly approved the appointment of three new members to the Elections Committee, Thursday night, bringing the group's total to 35.

The three are Pamela Alexander, Marjorie Kapelsohn and Richard Levinson.

Under the chairmanship of Stanley Foster, the Elections Committee consists of seniors, Lawrence Epstein, Carol Jo Harkness, Roberta Levine, Robert Ritchey and Miss Alexander.

Junior committee members are Lawrence Abrams, Joanna Aluise, Jack Bergstein, Stephen Brown, Donald Clagett, Catherine Craig, James Ettleson, John Glagola, Floyd Greer, Mary Lee Hill, Susan Hill, Sharon Hoffman, Jane Ingley, Judith Longworth, Marlene Neff, Barbara Strauss, Robert Umstead, and Richard Haber.

Sophomores are Eugene Chaiken, Linda Firrell, Patricia Gardner, Francine Garfinkle, Joan Gerstl, Donald Giagnacova, Douglas Oneck, William Snow, Carole Steinberg, Joyce Stichman, Miss Kapelsohn and Levinson.

## Grad Council Elects Officers

Robert Richey has been elected president of the Graduate Student Association.

Other new officers are James Andrews, vice president; Laura Partain, secretary; and Lawrence Ramspott, treasurer.

The council mentioned the various interests groups for graduate students that are being started and help with the organization of each group.

The bridge group meets from 7 to 10 p.m. each Sunday evening in 212-213 Hetzel Union Building, and the discussion group will hold its first meeting at 8 p.m. tomorrow in the Helen Eakin Eisenhower Chapel lounge.

## Marines to Interview Prospective Applicants

The Marine Corps Selection Team from Philadelphia is interviewing interested students in connection with the Marine Corps Platoon Leaders Class and Officers Candidate Program.

Interviews will be held in the Hetzel Union game room today. The Platoon Leaders Class is offered to freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. The Officers Candidate Program is offered only to seniors or recent graduate students.

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## Ag Council Proposes Constitution Change

By TOM EGGLE

The Agriculture Student Council proposed to revise two sections in its constitution at a meeting last night.

The revision was proposed by Council President Charles Ault. The same change, made in both sections, will make it the duty of the president of the council to attend all ICCB meetings if the proposal is passed.

As the clauses now read the president of the council would attend All-University Cabinet meetings.

The council also discussed the forth coming Ag Hill Party and the possible changes and additions for TV courses.

Applications for the 1959 Miss Agriculture contest are now available. Women wishing to enter the contest may submit their names or they may have their names submitted by a group. Those nominated for competition in the contest must at least be second semester students and not more than sixth semester with an All-University average of 2.5.

Five finalists will be selected, from which the winner will be chosen. They will be judged on scholarship, personality, leadership, and participation in activities by advisors and students.

A plan also was discussed for recording classes and running them over the radio. This would give the student a chance to listen to courses he is interested in or that he is or has taken. Classroom jamming would be eased.

## Zeigler to Speak In MI Auditorium

G. A. Zeigler, General Sales Manager of the M. J. Grove Lime Company, will speak on "Careers in Non-Metallic Minerals at Home and Abroad" at 7:30 tonight in the Mineral Industries Auditorium.

Zeigler has received his bachelor of science and his master of science degrees in chemistry at Mt. Saint Mary's College where he was also a professor of chemistry.

This is the first of a series of lectures sponsored by Sigma Gamma Epsilon to be given by visiting persons from industry.

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