

Editorial Opinion

94 Per Cent of Students Await New Auditorium

Nine hundred students or six per cent of the entire student body will have the opportunity to see Robert Frost perform tomorrow night.

The other 94 per cent will have to content themselves with sitting beside their room radios — a misfortune, indeed, to that large percentage.

Ninety-four per cent excluded from a University function — all because of an outdated auditorium which would've satisfactorily accommodated the student body of about 40 years ago.

Recreation Hall cannot be obtained for the performance for two reasons. First, it has already been scheduled for another event and secondly, it is definitely not the proper place in which to ask any renowned artist to give a performance.

Six per cent is an extremely low rate when you consider that finances for the Series come from all students' fees. And it is quite apparent from the number of complaints registered, from the long lines, from the extremely rapid ticket distribution, that many, many students are distressed over the situation.

The Artists Series program has been very successful in the past, and judging from this year's schedule it promises to be even more successful. It is a shame that a program embracing such a large number of avid fans has to disappoint so many of them.

The fault lies not with the Artists Series committee itself, but with University officials who, in endorsing such a program, cannot provide sufficient accommodation for said events.

An enlarged auditorium is included in the University's long range expansion program but that does not solve the immediate and pressing problem which arises many times during the year.

In order to alleviate this problem, since a new auditorium is out at the present time, the Artists Series committee should, whenever possible, schedule more than one performance, especially when the popularity of the performance is evident—and popularity of Frost has been evident since the year's schedule was announced in September.

It still remains that the 94 per cent will not see the performance and this example should serve as a reminder when negotiating for future performances.

Letters

Letter Explains Grading System

TO THE EDITOR: In explanation to Msrs. Taft and Luther, and to all students who are questioning the grading system, its SGA discussion and disposal:

Pros and cons on a new grading system were again studied and considered at this fall's Student Encampment in the Workshop on Academic Affairs and Curricula Revisions.

Administration officials present in the discussion defended our present system and explained it as a 5.0 system—i.e. A, B, C, D, and F . . . thus allowing for five grading divisions.

Workshop recommendations, however, recognized the inadequacies arising in our present grading system, but also realized that a finer grade division of student achievement was impossible until testing procedures could become more reliable.

Therefore, a grading system change at this time would be of little value to the University and would only serve to smooth the surface without solving the crux of the problem.

As a more immediate solution to students' complaints, it was recommended that the numerical percentages be dropped from all University publications such as transcripts, regulations and handbooks. (Numerical percentages are not officially a part of the existing grading system—i.e. An A is only to mean excellent not 90-100 per cent as is the popular belief.)

These recommendations on the grading system have been passed by the SGA Assembly, and at that time it was urged that the standing committee on academic affairs begin to function immediately . . . but these things take time ! ! !

—Carol E. Frank, Chairman Academic Affairs & Curricula Revisions Workshop

Coed Hits Critics Of SGA Assembly

TO THE EDITOR: Everyone is panning the new SGA. It seems to be the thing to do this semester.

Everyone is quite eager to criticize the Assembly, the legislation not brought up, and the "long-winded debate which accomplished little."

How many of these same critics have suggested ideas for legislation to Assembly members; has anyone thought of introducing an idea of their own? If these interested persons would apply just a little of their criticizing time to trying to help the SGA progress, much might be done.

Everyone sits back, expecting SGA to fall on its face—and it may if the students fail to realize that this is their SGA and that they, and only they, can make it succeed.

—Mary Dugan, '63

Gazette

TODAY
Alumni C.C.L.E., 8 p.m., HUB assembly room
Christian Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB
Fluid Mechanics Seminar, 4:15 p.m., 102 Sackett
Mineral Industries Colloquium, 4:15 p.m., Mineral Industries Auditorium
Newman Club Dance, 7 p.m., HUB ball-room
Players' "On Borrowed Time," 8 p.m., Center Stage
Philosophy Club, 7:30 p.m., 217 HUB
USF Halloween Party, 8 p.m., Fellowship Hall, Faith Church

HOSPITAL

Patients in the University Hospital yesterday were: Emily Adamson, Carole Baker, Patrick Botula, Reuben Dworsky, Stanley Foster, Margaret Frazier, Brenda Guziotta, Earl Harbaugh, Arlene Hermann, Helen Hill, William Jansen, Sheldon Katz, Forrest Kohler, Roger Lewis, Robert Morosky, Roy Shook, Robert Skinner, Robert Toothman, Robert Wilken, John Zerbe.

Brubaker Will Attend Phoneticians' Congress

Dr. Robert S. Brubaker, associate professor of speech science, has been invited to participate in the first World Congress of Phoneticians, to be held at Tokyo, Japan, in 1960.

The purpose of the Congress is to encourage an international scientific exchange of research on speech and language.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



'WHAT FEMALE VOICE?'

World At A Glance

Hurricane Kills Steel Shortage 1000 in Mexico Cuts Production

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Hurricane winds and floods may have taken more than 1000 lives in the Pacific Coast states of Colima and Jalisco, the Mexican government said yesterday.

Reports to President Adolfo Lopez Mateos' office said that as many as 800 are believed dead in Minatitlan, a farm community of about 10,000 population 24 miles northwest of Colima, the Colima state capital.

Many other places were still to be heard from.

The tragedy in Minatitlan boosted the death toll of the weekend disaster. Scores are still missing, hundreds injured, and thousands homeless.

Full losses at sea were still to be determined. Five vessels were reported sunk off Manzanillo.

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A growing shortage of steel due to the 107-day strike is causing widespread production cutbacks throughout the nation, adding thousands of workers to the jobless lists each week.

The latest Associated Press check, completed yesterday, shows nearly 325,000 workers laid off in industries allied with steel. The nation's biggest auto producer, General Motors, is reported ready to shut down. Added to the 235,000 are the half-million striking members of the United Steelworkers Union, idle since July 15.

Across the nation small and medium size manufacturers either have closed or drastically reduced work schedules because of mounting steel shortages. For others it's only a matter of time.

With 56 days remaining before Christmas, the economic picture cannot help but dampen Yule plans for the families of nearly a million workers—including those now working part time.

Strike to Curtail Business Advance

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Government economists were prepared yesterday to tell industry leaders that the steel strike—if ended quickly will prolong the nation's business advance at least through 1960.

But the shutdown already has stalled the boom in its tracks, officials told reporters privately, and will delay until early 1960 the attainment of a 500-billion-dollar-a-year production rate.

Side effects of the strike now are spreading so quickly, one high official said, that the administration may be faced with a decision whether to call Congress into special session. Such a session might be asked to deal with the problem if the Supreme Court rebuffs the government's attempt to get an 80-day Taft-Hartley injunction, and if a bargained settlement is long delayed.

Lt. Gen. Trudeau Attacks Educational Complacency

HARRISBURG (AP) — The Army's chief of research and development called yesterday for a three-pronged program to boost the nation's intellectual quality.

"I firmly believe that our country can no longer afford to be complacent about education," declared Lt. Gen. Arthur G. Trudeau in an address prepared for delivery to the 39th annual Pennsylvania Education Conference.

Alston Inks Pact

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Manager Walter Alston has signed a new one-year contract to pilot the world champion Los Angeles Dodgers and he gets a raise in pay.

Soviet Newspaper Attacks Reuther

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
The Soviet Union's government-controlled trade unions leveled a bitter blast at Walter P. Reuther yesterday, accusing him of deserting a Russian wife in the 1930's.

Reuther, AFL-CIO president, responded that this was a propaganda attack "based upon complete fabrication and falsehood."

The attack in Trud, the trade union newspaper in Moscow, is an outgrowth of the September debate Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev held with Reuther and other U.S. labor leaders when Khrushchev was in San Francisco.

2nd Apalachin Defendant Felled by Heart Attack

NEW YORK (AP) — A heart attack has felled the second of 23 defendants charged with hiding the purpose of the underworld convention at upstate Apalachin two years ago.

The latest attack, involving John A. DeMarco, 59, of Shaker Heights, Ohio, was disclosed in Federal Court yesterday shortly before the prosecution and defense presented their opening statements.

Joseph "Joe Bananas" Bonanno, 54, of Tucson, Ariz., won a trial severance Monday because of a heart attack. The severance postpones his trial until his health permits.



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