

Shell Used by Siepi In Friday's Concert

By BARB YUNK

Cesare Siepi's concert Friday night in Schwab Auditorium turned into an experiment for the Artist Series Committee and the Milan-born star of the Metropolitan Opera.

Siepi, a basso, performed while standing in a 3-sided shell made of fiber glass and aluminum. Siepi said that he thought the shell good but added that it should be placed a little further upstage.

"The effect is deafening on the artist where it stands now," he said, "but it sounds all right to the audience and that's the important thing."

The shell, which was used in Schwab for this concert, is only the central core of a larger partition which will be used for concerts in Recreation Hall.

The use of the shell was an attempt to improve the acoustics in the two buildings used for Artists Series programs, Schwab and Rec Hall.

Siepi agreed that the shell improved the acoustics, adding that it gave the auditorium "almost living room acoustics."

Mrs. Nina Brown, chairman of the Artists Series Committee, said, "We used the shell for Siepi, although he didn't need it, because his is the only program left this year which is suited to its use."

Siepi termed his audience "responsive" and added, "It was a pleasure to sing to them."

His audience obviously did re-

spond, calling him back to perform three encores in addition to his one and one-half hour program. One of the numbers which drew the most applause was Mephisto's Serenade from "La Damnation de Faust" by Berlioz.

The song occurs in the opera after Mephistopheles has taken Faust to the door of Marguerite's house. After Faust has gone in, Mephistopheles sings this mocking serenade.

Convention Applications

Applications for the Eastern District Association convention for physical education majors may be obtained until next Monday in 105 White Hall and in Dean Lawther's office in Recreation Hall. The convention will be held in Pittsburgh.

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Downes, freshman in business administration from Springfield; Howard Creskoff, freshman in pre-law from Philadelphia; Lynn Freimuth, freshman in division of counseling from Springfield; and George Henning, freshman in fuel technology from Shillington.

For junior Assemblymen, Suzanne Pohland, sophomore in arts and letters from Latrobe; Lynn Marvel, sophomore in arts and letters from Northfield, N.J.; Theodore Simon, sophomore in business administration from Teaneck, N.J.; Cynthia Xanthopoulos, sophomore in secondary education from Pottstown; and Neil Yarrow, sophomore in business administration from Pittsburgh.

For senior Assemblymen, Judith High, junior in arts and letters from State College; Mary Gombar, junior in art education from Throop; Edward Scherlis, junior in general arts and letters from Philadelphia; Richard Kitzinger, junior in business administration from Moutclair, N.J.; Richard King, junior in arts and letters from Wynnewood; and Frederick Meckley, junior in agricultural economics and rural sociology from Sunbury.

Borough Council--

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raising the real estate tax because many improvements including parks and playgrounds were needed.

Council tabled a motion to fix the real estate tax at 15 mills so that they could talk to the school board and to the County Commissioners about reassessment.

In other business council passed the \$663,000 borough budget for 1960 and ordinances setting up salaries of the borough manager and borough employees.

Armed Forces Series To Feature University

The University will be one of 60 major colleges and universities represented in a new series of radio programs to be beamed to personnel serving overseas in the armed forces.

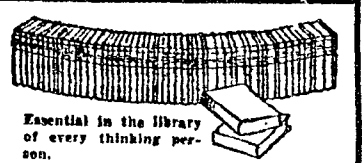
Titled "On the Campus," the series has been assembled by the Armed Forces Press, Radio and Television Service.

The University will be represented by a 30-minute recording of the Penn State Glee Club, directed by Frank Gullo.

Chem Research Boosted By Government Grants

Grants from the Atomic Energy Commission and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare are supporting research being conducted by Dr. Andrew Benson in the Department of Agricultural and Biological Chemistry.

The Atomic Energy Commission this year increased its continuing support of the research with \$19,198, while the National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases granted \$14,950 for the study.



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