

Garner to Present Concert... Sitting Atop Telephone Book

Erroll Garner, one of the most dynamic jazz pianists of this era, is 5 foot 2 inches tall, very tailored and always sits on a telephone book in order to reach the keyboard.

Garner will appear at 8 p.m. Sunday in Recreation Hall sponsored by the University Artist Series. Tickets are still available at the Hetzel Union desk.

Garner does not belong to any one school of jazz, but is universally respected by his fellow musicians for his high level and individuality of work.

According to Don Nelsen, feature writer for the New York Sunday News, two qualities contribute to Garner's popularity: his heavy emphasis on the melody of a tune and the



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infectious rhythmic swing which could "set a-stomping the feet of a wooden Indian."

"One would have to be unconscious not to be affected by the insistent, uninhibited, romping pulsation he puts down," Nelsen said.

When asked during an interview if he could read any music, Garner replied, "I can't read at all. Not even a note. I can't even read that five and dime sheet music. I can tell you how pretty it looks, that's all."

Garner had some experience with music lessons but his teacher soon realized, when Garner insisted on playing notes that were not in the score, that he was merely playing what he had heard and not what he saw before him.

The teacher was so upset that she made Garner's parents take back half of the money they had paid for the lessons.

Garner's older brother had no such difficulty and today he is a professional pianist and arranger.

Garner, at 36, is still unmarried and, from all reports, intends to remain single. "He appears most content to be a rolling stone, meeting people, seeing things and generally having a ball for himself. This fierce enthusiasm for life comes through in his playing," Nelsen said.

Garner is now touring the country under the sponsorship of Sol Hurok and he is the first jazzman that Hurok has promoted. Garner will wind up the current tour in the spring at New York's Carnegie Hall.

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Richard Haber, SGA president, He pointed out to the Assembly that the present SGA "lease" (it is on a two-year trial basis) expires this spring and will be reviewed by the Senate Committee on Organizational Control before the spring elections.

Haber, while not referring to any statement by the committee, said that it does not intend to let the present system operate.

Later in the meeting after two motions requesting the Senate committee to extend the "lease" were defeated, he announced that he would call Monroe Newman, chairman of the Senate Subcommittee, and ask him to take a poll vote of the committee members' opinions of the present SGA structure.

Changes Develop In Activity Funds

By PAT DYER

(This is the first of a series of articles outlining the present system of allocating funds for student activities.)

The methods of allocating funds for student activities have changed greatly in the past few years, according to William G. Fuller, manager of Associated Student Activities.

The SGA Budget Committee is now planning an investigation of the budgets of all activities which receive funds from ASA. This process is much simpler than that used in former years, Fuller said.

Years ago when an organization wanted money, it went before

All-College Cabinet and presented its request.

If Cabinet approved the request, it recommended that the Board of Trustees authorize a fee increase to provide the appropriate funds — often about 25 cents per student. This led to a large number of separate small fees with an unwieldy collection process, Fuller explained.

Today the University has consolidated all fees into one lump sum which each student pays before registration. From this total a certain amount of money is allocated to run student activities.

This activities fund, which amounted to \$149,000 last year, is further divided among the various student organizations. Each organization receives a certain amount of money for each student considered a part of that group.

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Lit Conference to Convene At University This Summer

The Pennsylvania Literature Conference will be held on campus for the first time this summer, from July 3 to 21.

In previous years, the conference has been held at Millersville State College.

The program will include a variety of writing interests for both undergraduates and graduates, Stanley Weintraub, assistant professor of English and associate director of the conference, said. These include fiction, biography, criticism, article-writing, poetry, playwriting and writing for children.

Students may participate in the conference for credit by registering for English 421, narrative writing, or they may participate

for no credit, Weintraub said. Pre-registration forms must be completed and returned by June 10, he added. Expected enrollment this summer is between 100 and 144.

Among the visiting writers expected at the conference are poet John Ciardi, critic Malcolm Cowley, and Pulitzer Prize biographer Margaret Coit.

Penn State faculty members will include John Barth, assistant professor of English; Edward F. Nichols, professor of English; Philip Young, professor of American literature; J. Mitchell Morse, associate professor of English; Henry W. Sams, head of the English department; and Warren S. Smith, professor of theatre arts.

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