

# Players' Production to Open Tonight Cool Temperatures to Continue

**By DONNAN BEESON**  
 Mattresses, inexperienced dancers and royal costumes have made the last seven weeks of rehearsal for the Players' production of "Once Upon a Mattress" exciting, Ellis Grove, instructor of theater arts and director of the play, said last night.

The show will open at 8 p.m. tonight in Schwab and run tomorrow and Saturday nights. Tickets may be purchased at the Hetzel Union desk.

"We've got a wild mixture of people working on the show," Grove said, "and some of them have never been in a show before."

MUCH OF THE original script has also been cut out, making the play mostly satire, with some slapstick included, he said.

The story, based on the fairy tale, "The Princess and the Pea," revolves around the rigors which a young princess must go through to prove herself royal in the eyes of her future mother-in-law, Queen Agravain.

Grove said that all the lead characters are parodies on old

cliches, especially the Queen, Louisa Marshall, senior in secondary education will play this role.

COMMENTING ON some of the problems which the group has faced, Grove mentioned that one of the lead characters, Prince Dauntless, dropped out and had to be replaced. Now taking the part is David Armbruster, junior in arts and letters from Pittsburgh.

A soft shoe dance routine also had to be learned by the Jester, Grove said. Marilyn Richardson, graduate student in theater, arts and choreographer for the show, explained how this was taught to the jester, who is played by James Marvel, graduate student in English from Laurel Springs, N.J.

"WE FIRST HAD the jester try out the steps most comfortable for him, then put them in order, and finally had the chorus copy them," Mrs. Richardson said.

Nancy Alinkoff, senior in secondary education from Kingston, who will play the part of Lady Larkin, said they also had trouble making the transition from

rehearsal props to the set and costumes which will be used in the production.

One of the girls was used to practicing her routine on nine mattresses and found there would only be two on the actual set, she said. She also said that the female members of the cast have had a hard time getting used to the long skirts of their costumes.

Speaking of the show as a whole, Grove said, "it's been a new experience for everyone."

A killing frost and freezing temperatures were forecast for most sections of Pennsylvania early today.

Early morning readings were expected to range from the upper teens and low 20's in northern and central counties of the state to the low 30's in the southeastern sections.

The Canadian air mass that brought mostly clear skies, cool temperatures and excellent visibility to the Commonwealth yesterday is expected to continue in

control of the state's weather today.

Increasing and thickening cloudiness and cool temperatures are forecast for today, and a high of 60 is expected.

Mostly cloudy skies and, occasional rain are indicated for tonight and tomorrow.

A low of 45 degrees is predicted for tonight, and a high of 58 is expected tomorrow.

Saturday should be partly cloudy and continued cool.

## Student Art Display To Begin Today In HUB Gallery, Temporary, Home Ec

The annual exhibition of student art will be held starting today and continuing through May 31 in the Hetzel Union gallery, Temporary Building, and the home arts area of Home Economics, Jules Heller, director of the School of Arts, said recently.

The display represents the best work of students in the Depart-

ments of Art, Art Education, and Home Arts, Heller said. All phases of art—paintings, drawings, sculpture, graphic designs, and original prints—will be exhibited.

The exhibition is the one opportunity that students in these departments have to acquaint the public with the work accomplished in their courses during the year, Heller said.

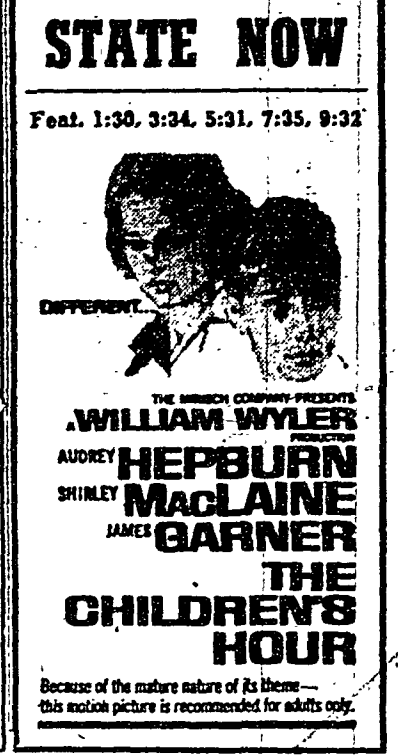


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