

'Tobacco Road' Opens At Playhouse Theatre

The play that once held the world's record for length of run (3,180 consecutive performances on Broadway) opened yesterday at the Playhouse Theatre and will run through July 20 and from July 22-26. "Tobacco Road," the comedy-drama adapted by Jack Kirkland from the best selling novel by Erskine Caldwell, is the second production of The Pennsylvania State Festival Theatre this summer.

"Tobacco Road" centers around the aging, toothless Jeeter Lester, who lives with his bickering family in a dilapidated shack in Georgia. Born with little ambition, and discouraged by the enormity of the problems he faces, Jeeter, his wife, his mother and his offspring have allowed themselves to degenerate into little more than animals. The Lester children are spiteful and resentful, while Jeeter is just as dispassionate and inconsiderate of his own mother. Jeeter and Ada, his wife, are facing the dispossession of their home, and their own descent to the poor house, with bitterness, and yet irresolutely do nothing about it.

Though the play was originally intended as a compassionate social document, it has long been appreciated as comedy by audiences unprepared for the speech and attitudes of the characters.

Perry Bruskin is the director of the Festival Theatre production. "Tobacco Road" is the second of six plays to be presented during the 1969 season, based on the theme, "Made in USA, A Summer of American Drama." The plays, which include a series of old favorites and one group of avant-garde productions, have been selected for their historic, geographic and thematic diversity. Preceding "Tobacco Road" was "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder.

The Festival Theatre is the Equity stage company operating during the summer under the sponsorship of the Department of Theatre Arts.

Max Gulak, a bi-lingual actor who has performed on the stage, radio and screen, will appear as Jeeter Lester. Ada Lester, Jeeter's wife, will be played by Kate Wilkinson. Christopher Murney will be seen as Dude Lester. Ellen Greenfield as Ellie May. Grayce Grant as Grandma Lester and Paul Villani as Lou Bensey. Also in the cast are Joseph Warren, Leslie Cass, Barrie Youngfellow, William Swetland, and Jim Hummert.

The rest of the season's productions include "Collision Course," twelve plays by contemporary playwrights; "Dark of the Moon," a fantasy by Richardson and Bernay; Kaufman and Hart's comedy, "You Can't Take It With You" and "The Drunkard," an 1844 temperance melodrama by W. H. Smith and an anonymous "Gentleman."

University students are entitled to a special \$5.00 admission on "preview nights," the night preceding each opening. The dates of the remaining previews are July 22 for "Collision Course," Aug. 5 for "Dark of the Moon," Aug. 19 for "You Can't Take It With You" and Sept. 2 for "The Drunkard."

Student admission to all other performances is \$1.50.

Ticket prices for non-students are \$2.75 Tuesdays through Fridays; \$3.25 Saturdays, and \$2.25 Sundays.

Curtain time is 8:30 p.m. for all performances. Reservations may be made at the Festival Theatre Box Office, 103 Arts Building; or by phoning the Playhouse or Pavilion Theatres.



PAUL VILLANI as Lou Bensey, doesn't seem too happy about the scarcity of turnips in 'Tobacco Road' presented by the Festival Theatre, July 16-20 and 22-26 at the Playhouse Theatre.

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Trustees Authorize Renovation

The University has been authorized by the Board of Trustees to seek bids late this year for extensive renovation and alteration to the main kitchen and food service areas of the Nittany Lion Inn.

Bids are to be solicited at the end of the 1969 football season. The tentative timetable, pending receipt and approval of the bids, calls for the remodeling to begin in December and to be completed by the end of March.

The project involves a complete renovation of the main kitchen area, including new floors, ceiling and walls, the installation of new equipment, and the enlarging of the dishwashing area.

Construction is to begin shortly on a University owned and operated laundry to provide linen services for the campus.

Contracts for the facility were awarded following approval by the Board of Trustees.

The facility, which is scheduled to be completed by fall of next year, is to cost approximately \$1 million, including the latest in linen handling equipment.

The decision to authorize the project at this time was made after a lengthy review of the plan showed the University's laundry requirements could best be served by a University-operated laundry. The facility had been under consideration for the last 10 years.

The University currently contracts with private laundries throughout Central Pennsylvania for its laundry service.

The new laundry is to be built solely from University funds and financed on a self-amortizing basis. It is to provide service for University linens from all campus residence and dining halls, which accommodate approximately 13,000 students.

Contracts also have been awarded for the construction of a new administration and office building at the University Park Airport to be financed solely by University funds.

The contracts were signed after bids were approved by the University's Board of Trustees.

The new structure is to contain a manager's office; a small passenger lobby; offices and instruction areas for Reserve Officers Training Corps flight training; and offices for university staff pilots. Additional parking facilities at the airport also are to be provided.

Construction of the building is scheduled for completion this fall.

AWS Schedules Jammy

The Summer Association of Women Students discussed representation of the Upward Bound students, who live in the dormitories, on the dorm councils at the weekly meeting on Tuesday evening. Shulze and Ritner have made definite plans to include an Upward Bound student on their councils.

The Senate suggested that AWS look into the possibility of season tickets for the outdoor pool. Such tickets would be available at a reduced rate for students.

Among the future AWS activities are:

- Splash Jammy at the outdoor pool, July 19.
- "Kiddie Day" on the HUB patio and lawn, August 9.
- Ice Cream Social in front of the Pollock Union Building from 7 to 8 p.m., July 22. A nominal charge will be made for ice cream; different toppings will be free.

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The spokesman said the bomb, made from a piece of pipe, exploded after two male students who occupied the room went downstairs to play cards. It caused minor damage to the room.

A rock was also hurled through the office door of Chancellor Wesley W. Bosvar, a fight broke out between some students and nonstudents and a small fire was discovered in the school's administration building.

The spokesman said the fire began when someone threw a lighted cigarette into a waste paper basket.

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