

'Fat' to open theater festival

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"Fat Fell Down," Penn State's first playwright entry in the American Theatre Festival will open 5:20 p.m. Wednesday in the Pavilion Theatre, with other performances scheduled for 5:20 p.m. Thursday and 7:20 p.m. Friday.

The play is described as a "heavy comedy" by its playwright Dan Ellentuck (grad-theatre arts). The production centers around the dilemma of Marty, an overweight 14-year-old from the Bronx whose parents send him to a "fat farm" for the summer. While at fat camp, the boy who entered as a sensitive and gentle adolescent becomes rebellious toward his surroundings and the world that sees him only as a fat person.

graduate acting student has appeared in several Penn State productions, including "Mice," "The Beepie," and "Kafka on Kafka." This is his first playwrighting effort.

Directing "Fat Fell Down" is Mark Berman, who has served as producer of the 5 O'Clock Theatre for the past six years. Berman

has coordinated about 36 5 O'Clock Theatre productions. "Fat will be his final endeavor at Penn State before leaving to fill a position he has accepted at Florida State University as an associate professor.

Berman said the play "beautifully and thoroughly develops the characters. I feel we have a shot at some national honors despite stiff regional competition and that is why we are entering it in the American College Theatre Festival."

"Fat Fell Down" is the second full length play to be produced in 5 O'Clock history. Berman said he felt 5 O'Clock Theatre has progressed in past years.

"In the past, the productions were limited to one performance and reached 150 people at the most," explained the associate professor of theatre arts. "I feel we have raised the level of the productions by spending more time in rehearsal. We have produced a broader spectrum of plays and reached more people." Last year 8,000 people viewed 5 O'Clock productions.

Berman said he hopes that in the future 5 O'Clock will gain its own facilities and produce more full-length plays. Berman, who will be acting as playwright in residence at Florida State, said he felt theatre should provide a connection with the audience. "Good theatre should be both entertaining and upsetting. It should question traditional values."

"I think we're seeing more of this both in the theatre and in the people who are now graduating from college," he continued. "Today's graduates are not pressuring themselves into getting a good job and financial security. They are not passive and satisfied with repeating the follies of the past, which is what many universities try to train them to do. They have broader visions and a more questioning attitude."

"The last decade has experienced the greatest change," said Berman, who describes himself as socially and politically radical. "This unrest has been indirectly reflected in plays where writers have articulated the anxiety and turmoil in society."



DIRECTOR AND AUTHOR Mark Berman (left) producer of Penn State's 5 O'Clock Theatre discusses "Fat Fell Down," a new full length play with author Dan Ellentuck (grad-theatre arts).

Soft living hurts Eskimos

CHICAGO (AP)—Softer living may be taking its toll on the health of Alaskan Eskimos, two government medical researchers say.

They tested adult Eskimos in western Alaska 10 years apart to determine the incidence of diabetes or conditions which might lead to diabetes.

Reporting in the Dec. 10 issue of the Journal of the American Medical

Association, the researchers wrote: "Although clinical diabetes is still rare, more Eskimos were intolerant of glucose in 1972 than was true 10 years earlier."

Glucose — or sugar-intolerance is considered to be a condition which might lead to diabetes mellitus, the most common form of this metabolic disorder.

The researchers, Drs. George J. Mouratoff and Edward M. Scott of the U.S. Arctic Health Research Center in Fairbanks, studied six villages in 1962 and 1972. Of the 320 persons tested in 1972, 187 had been in the earlier test.

At the time of the first study, the researchers suggested that the active life led by Eskimos "might be an important factor" in the rarity of diabetes and prediabetic conditions among the Eskimos.

Both in 1962 and 1972 only one actual case was found.

However, while 0.7 per cent of men studied in 1962 showed glucose intolerance, 5.0 per cent were found to be intolerant in 1972. Among women, the figure rose from 7.2 to 9.4 per cent.

Six per cent more persons were found to be obese in 1972, but the researchers said other studies have shown that there is no cause-effect relationship with glucose intolerance.

Obesity is still unusual among Eskimos.

But they added, "In the past 10 years Eskimos have made increasing use of labor-saving devices—snow machines instead of dog sleds, chain saws instead of hand saws and fuel oil instead of wood for heat."

Mouratoff and Scott said their study "suggests that if Eskimo life increasingly conforms to the standards of Western civilization, glucose intolerance will become more frequent among these people."

Controversial legislation pending

Congress rushes to finish work

WASHINGTON (AP)—Congress is heading into the last two weeks of the session scrambling to clear its calendar of various pieces of controversial legislation.

Foreign aid to Israel, the creation of an independent special Watergate prosecutor, confirmation of a new attorney general and the resolution of a trade controversy are on the Senate or House agendas.

The trade bill, with the controversy over the Soviet Union's Jewish emigration policy at its center, was scheduled to be taken up in the House today.

If an expected effort to open the bill up to floor amendments succeeds, House leaders may sidetrack the measure until next year.

The bill has stirred controversy because it includes an amendment denying most-favored-nation status for trade purposes to the Soviet Union unless the Soviets permit free emigration.

The House was scheduled to begin consideration tomorrow of a \$2.2 billion aid-authorization bill for Israel.

A Senate-passed bill giving President Nixon emergency powers to handle the energy crisis was expected to come up on Wednesday.

The Senate was to begin considering a flood-insurance bill today.

Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield said an attempt was being made to give priority attention to the special prosecutor bill but that it was not certain whether that issue would be faced at once or put off until later in the week.

The Senate Judiciary Committee was preparing to open hearings, perhaps as early as tomorrow, on the nomination of Sen. William B. Saxbe, R-Ohio, to be U.S. attorney general.

Congressional leaders hope to end the session a week from Friday and adjourn until late January.

Teachers to set professional policies

LANCASTER, (Pa.) (AP)—Gov. Shapp has signed into law a bill giving teachers a greater say in setting their own professional standards.

The bill, signed Saturday, creates a 16-member professional standards and practices committee which will include teachers, administrators, students and parents. It will be appointed by the governor.

The signing took place during the second and final day of the Pennsylvania State Education Association's PSEA annual winter meeting held at Host Farm.

Robert Baldis, PSEA president, praised the signing of the bill, saying, "This law recognizes that teachers should have a voice in setting standards and practices of their profession."

The new law gives teachers a voice in formulating

certification policies, allows them to participate in setting standards for teacher education programs and involves them in the due process procedures involving willful violation of professional standards.

Responding to the energy crisis as it affects schools, PSEA delegates approved a

motion Saturday urging federal and state policies be adopted that would place education as a top priority item.

They asked school calendar years be adhered to, urged students to use school buses rather than drive their own cars and asked teachers to form car pools.

Course repeat appeals open

Students who missed the filing deadline for course repeat forms now have a chance to appeal for an extension of the filing period.

Under present rules, all course repeat forms must be filed with the Records Office during the designated time period. But the Administrative Committee for Resident Education Procedures has established a subcommittee to review appeals from students who missed the filing period and feel they were misinformed about the rules.

If a student thinks he was misinformed or other circumstances prevented his following the proper procedure for filing the course repeat forms, he may appeal to his college dean or campus director for an exception. If the dean or director thinks the appeal is legitimate, he will submit his recom-

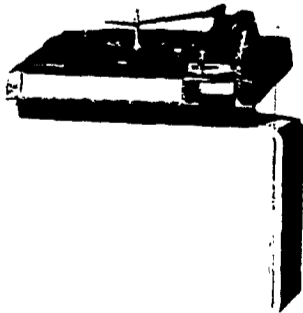
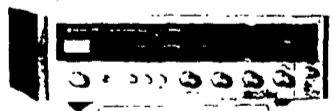
mendation to the Subcommittee for Course Repeat Appeals for approval.

If the subcommittee approves the appeal, the student can take the course as a course repeat.

The subcommittee will consist of Chairman Martha Adams, assistant to the Dean of the College of Health, Physical Education and Recreation; Jerome K. Pasto, associate dean for resident education in the College of Agriculture; E. Willard Miller, associate dean for resident instruction in the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences; and Jacqueline Schoch, assistant director of resident instruction at the DuBois campus.

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