

'Carousel' a show worth seeing

By PADDY PATTON
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"Carousel" is a peculiar show. It tries to blend the appearance and music of a light opera with the tragic elements of serious drama. The Penn State Thespians' production, which opened in Schwab Auditorium last night, effects this difficult mixture as well as any version I've seen.

This is not to imply that the production itself was without flaws. On the contrary, Steve Allen, as Billy Biglow, suffered some intonation problems and Mary Lee Bradford, as Julie Jordan, suffered inconsistent dramatic impact. In some spots the pace lagged; in others, the orchestra sounded thin. These were incidental problems, though, and there was much that was praiseworthy about the show which compensated for these shortcomings.

In general, Weiss and Bradford were a believable leading pair, especially in light of the fact that the play itself simply does not allow these roles much character development.

Bradfield deserves special commendation for those moments when she captured the balance of hesitancy, desperation and wisdom which characterizes Julie. She also sang with a lyric, light quality that was very appropriate to Julie's personality. Similarly, Allen, as Biglow, who does the wrong things for the right reasons, rood the thin line between good guy and bad guy for the most part successfully.

In addition to the leading characters, the supporting elements of the show were essential to its success. The chorus numbers were well rehearsed; choreography interesting but suitably simple. The vocalists were all more than competent and the orchestra never goofed up seriously.

To Director Rick Lyon's credit, the whole company seemed to know what it was doing all the time. There was a blessed absence of awkward pauses, screw-up lines or obviously missed cues.

Particularly enjoyable were the supporting roles of Enoch Snow and Carrie Pipperidge, played by Winthrop Cashdollar and Alison M. McIntyre respectively. These two also worked very well as a couple, more specifically, as the prosaic and complacently successful foil to Julie and Billy's unhappy future. McIntyre brought much-needed humor to the evening and put her vocal skills to equally good use. Cashdollar, who possesses an especially fine voice, also handled the deadpan funniness of his role with delightful talent.

Other members of the cast are equally deserving of recognition. Karen Risinger, as Mrs. Mullin, was the real bitch she was supposed to be; and Patricia Swanson, as Nettie Fowler, was the wonderfully supportive matriarch she was supposed to be.

Gregory S. Henry, the unredemably bad Jigger Craig, wrung his role for all its worth with good results.

Carousel is a difficult show to produce well, but in the hands of the Penn State Thespians, it is worth seeing.

House may avoid general bill debate

By PHILIP GUTTS
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Some members of the state House of Representatives may be trying to avoid debate on the general appropriations budget, said state Rep. Gregg Cunningham, R-Centre Region, last night.

One method being considered to avoid debate is making the general appropriations bill an amendment, he said. It would then be tacked onto another smaller, less complicated appropriations bill which has been passed by the House and Senate and sent to conference committee with minor differences between the two versions.

The conference committee eliminates those differences by making a compromise — adding the general appropriations bill to the smaller bill, he said. The bill and the amendment are sent back to each house in the form of a conference committee report, which can not be amended any further. Members in each house can only vote yes or no.

This move could benefit the University by ensuring the quick passage of the general appropriations bill, Cunningham said, and then the General Assembly would be able to act on the budget proposals for the non-preferred institutions.

The four state-related universities, Penn State, the University of Pittsburgh, Temple University and Lincoln University are considered non-preferred institutions.

However, the proposed move would be "disfranchising the people of this district," Cunningham said.

The differences between the two bills would then be resolved by a conference committee composed of six members of the leadership from each House, and sent to each House for concurrence, he said.

"I oppose that vigorously," Cunningham said. "This is a representative democracy and it is important that we not have the majority of the people in the Commonwealth disenfranchised."

The proposed move would "entirely remove my participation in the process," he said, "and make it a bill that I arrived at by the power elite."

However, Cunningham said he would have to proceed cautiously with his opposition "because I risk delaying the bill, and in delaying it, my district's economic interests would be hurt."

With the Centre Region and the University heavily dependent on state money, Cunningham said he has to proceed with care.

"If I represented a different sort of district, I would probably be handling this differently," he said.

Other legislative measures Cunningham discussed in his town meeting on campus last night were the capital budget for the state and the handicapped access bill.

The capital budget bill which contains appropriations for the completion of the University's sewage treatment plant is "bogged down right now and it might not move until September," Cunningham said.

The University is under pressure from the Department of Higher Education to complete action on the plant by November 30, he said.

Cunningham said he will consider the possibility of removing the sewage plant appropriations from the budget and making it a separate appropriations bill.

However, he said he was worried about wearing out his welcome in the General Assembly by going before them too often with appropriations bills.

2 Pa. head shops close due to harassment

By LISA DOHNER
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At least two head-shop owners in Pennsylvania have closed their stores as a result of police and community harassment over ordinances passed by their respective borough councils, a local member of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws said last night.

Mark Carns (6th-music), a member of the Penn State chapter of NORML, said the two stores, which sell drug-related paraphernalia and that have closed, are in Carlisle and Hummelstown.

Bob Martrano, owner of the "Headkeeper," the only store in Hummelstown which sells drug-related

paraphernalia, said the borough council passed an ordinance on April 15 banning the sale of such paraphernalia inside the Hummelstown borough.

"They passed the ordinance within a matter of hours without giving me any notice," he said. "It went into effect immediately. I can't display articles, I can't sell them and I can't give them away."

Martrano said he was going to keep the shop open and fight the ordinance. However, he would have been fined \$100 a day if he decided to do so.

"I would have had to put up the money because he was dealing not only in drug-related paraphernalia but also in drugs."

Since it is a borough ordinance, Martrano said he might set up his shop outside of Hummelstown. He said his lawyers told him he could also remain open as a clothing and gift shop, but he takes the drug-related paraphernalia off the shelves.

"When, when my regular customers come in, I can make arrangements for them to buy the products that they want from somewhere else," he said.

Martrano said when he first moved into the shop in July 1977, he told the owners of the property exactly what he was selling. Word got around, he said, that he was dealing not only in drug-related paraphernalia but also in drugs.

Student receives town position

Undergraduate Student Government Senator Andrea Solat was recently appointed a voting member to the State College Municipal Planning Commission.

Solat said she became involved with the planning commission through the USC Department of Political Affairs and has served as a student representative since last spring.

James Deesle, chairman of the planning commission, said Solat was naturally considered for the open position because she was a very active representative.

"Andrea attended almost every meeting and work session," Deesle said. "She's been very faithful and interested in the community."

Solat said, "I'm very interested in the planning commission. It's my major. I like it a lot."

"It's a good opportunity for the student population as well as for myself," she said. "I'll be able to put in some input from a student's point of view."

Solat said she is the second student ever to serve as a voting member of the commission.

—by Bernadette Eyster

Lectures prepare students to sit on Race Relations Board

By DAVID MEDZERIAN
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Twice a week, 15 present and future members of the Undergraduate Student Government's Race Relations Board gather in a conference room in Fisher Hall for informal lectures and discussions on topics from discrimination and prejudice to homosexuality and group behavior.

The students are enrolled in a special section of Counselor Education 302, which has been exclusively geared for members of the Race Relations Board.

"The course is basically the same as that taken by the RAs," said Harry Young, chairman of the board.

Perrell Jones, East Halls coordinator and board adviser, said the three-credit course has been modified exclusively for the board members.

"All but the first six sessions have been restructured," Jones said. "We've rewritten it to deal with our specific concerns."

Jones said that class activities vary from lectures and discussions to group exercises. The course is designed to improve the board members' group leadership skills — which the board members use in conducting race relations programs for University student organizations.

"We're teaching them skills about leadership — things that will help them," Jones said.

Aleta Ott, former vice chairman of the board and one of the instructors of the course, said that the course's main objective is to get students in touch with their own feelings.

"What we want to do is to teach people to communicate, to work effectively in groups and to be self-aware and

Ethnic differences potential trouble Yugoslav cohesion called tenuous

The death of President Josip Broz Tito, the man who kept Yugoslavia united for 35 years, has left Yugoslavia facing the possibility of civil war, Thomas F. Magner, University professor of Slavic languages, said recently.

"Yugoslavia is a crazy quilt of nationalities, and there is no majority nationally. So it is possible that some of the nationalities would try to break away from the state which had been unified under Tito," he said.

The threat of a Soviet invasion of Yugoslavia, once considered formidable, is no longer imminent, Magner said, because of "worldwide condemnation of their invasion of Afghanistan."

Vernon Aspatarian, professor of political science, said the future of Yugoslav-Soviet relations depends "largely on what happens within Yugoslavia and on the degree to which the Soviet Union can use what happens in Yugoslavia as a wedge to enter into whatever quarrels develop there."

Aspatarian said the invasion of Afghanistan has influenced Soviet contingency plans in Yugoslavia, mainly because an invasion of Yugoslavia at this time would risk a military confrontation with the United States.

However, the Soviets may attempt to induce Soviet sympathizers in Yugoslavia to move closer to the Soviet Union, he said.

Yugoslavia is divided into six national and two autonomous provinces, each of which compose a different nationality. Tito was able to keep this patchwork together, Magner said, because of his stature as a national hero.

"In Yugoslavia, Tito represented a combination of, in our terms, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and General Eisenhower. The majority of the population knew no other leader than Tito," he said.

For that reason, Magner said, it is unlikely that any emerging leader will be able to lessen inter-ethnic discord as successfully as Tito.

—by Steve Halbrook

Dairy farmer to run for Democratic post

Rodney Reese of Worth Township has declared his candidacy for Centre County Democratic Committee chairman.

Reese will be running against Daniel Chaffee, a member of the State College Municipal Council.

Reese said his qualifications for the job include former membership on the Worth Board of Township Supervisors, the Centre County Association of Elected Officials and the Centre County Planning Commission. He is a member of the Centre County Farmers' Association and served as its president from 1976-79.

Chaffee, a former University student, said his first objective, if elected, would be to rebuild and unite the Democratic party in Centre County for the fall election.

"The party's current chairman, Roger A. Biery of Rebersburg, has said he will not run for a second term."

—by Philip Guttis

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