

KEITH BICKFORD OUTSTANDING IN PRODUCTION OF MICKEN'S PLAY

In spite of the blackout last Friday night the annual Christmas play, "Mr. Pickwick," completed its two-day run in the Morris Dailey Auditorium with Keith Bickford starring in the outstanding performance of the play in the role of Sam. Mr. Pickwick's amusing plot, as in the first play of the season, "The Rivals," the male members of the cast turned in more professional looking performances than did the women. Shirley Dress as Emily was the outstanding actress, giving a good interpretation of her role.

NOT COMPLETE

The play itself was not the best vehicle that could have been chosen for the holiday production, as it failed to create the Yuletide atmosphere which the audience hoped to find. Since it was taken from a book and originally depended on the rest of the book it didn't seem to be complete in itself.

The hunting scene was the outstanding part of the play with all the participants turning in their best natural performances. Bert Holland in the title role of Mr. Pickwick did his best acting in this scene, portraying the role of a city philosopher to perfection.

SQUARE DANCE

The square dance scene was another highlight of the play, creating more jollity than any other part. Keith Bickford as Sam again "stole the scene."

The play as a whole was a very successful production considering that an unusually large percentage of the cast were inexperienced and that the cast itself was unusually large.

Sets designed by Wendell Johnson of the Speech department were exceptionally good for a student production and the stage crew managed their shifting with commendable swiftness and quietness considering the disadvantages of the Morris Dailey stage.

JOB SHOP

Two women would like someone to drive them to Indianapolis over the holidays and probably share expenses.

A job is open for someone to do light work in a private home. Nice room with own bath and some pay are offered in return.

A place to sleep is open to two men who will be available to answer phone nights.

N.Y.A. time cards are due today. Some checks for "Big Game" have not been called for.

Boy Scouts And Sea Scouts Called

Alpha Phi Omega is calling for Boy Scout volunteers to man an airplane lookout station over the holidays. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the Alpha Phi Omega bulletin board.

All Sea Scouts are asked to attend a meeting at Pala School Sunday night at 5:30. The men are needed to repair a boat for coast patrol. For further information see the Dean of Men.

Next quarter the class in "Coaching Methods in Boxing" which in the past has been just for P. E. majors will be thrown open to all students who have had one quarter of elementary boxing, according to Coach DeWitt Portal. All other students are encouraged to enroll in elementary boxing, as this type of work will be of value to them in the army.

DESERT TRIP

War Conditions Will Not Interrupt Nature Class

Despite the interference of present war affairs, the West Coast School of Nature Study is continuing its plans for the trip to Death Valley during the Easter vacation.

A new plan has been incorporated into the school's program. If forty or more students sign with the registrar, Miss Gertrude Witherspoon, to camp during the six-day trip in place of staying at the Furnace Creek camp, they will be divided into a separate camping

group, and Dr. Robert Rhodes will accompany them as host.

REDUCED RATES

This plan will enable a great many more students to make the trip because of the reduction in living expenses. An estimate given by Miss Witherspoon was \$25 for tuition, transportation and living expenses. The tuition alone is \$12.

Accommodations have been arranged for those students wishing to stay at the Furnace Creek

camp, and special rates are given. These will be announced later.

TWO SCIENCE UNITS

Students who attend the school will receive two units of natural science credit for the six days' work. There are no classrooms, examinations, or term papers or projects.

Students planning to attend should make arrangements with Miss Witherspoon in the Chairman's office of the Science department as soon as possible.

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January 24 Set As Date For Annual Inter-Society Dance

Because of the present situation, the annual Inter-Society - Inter-Fraternity formal dance has not definitely been arranged for, according to June Gross, president of Inter-Society.

A joint meeting was held Thursday afternoon at which time January 24 was decided upon as the date for the dance. It will be given in San Jose, Miss Gross said, probably at the Civic Auditorium or Hotel Sainte Claire.

The format, given each year, is for all members of the eight sororities and six fraternities.

Details will be released later.

Young Represents San Jose State On KFRC Sunday

Wesley Young, varsity forensic member, will be representative for San Jose State college Sunday, December 21 from 11:15 to 11:30 o'clock, on the last KFRC broadcast of the quarter.

According to director-producer Brother Cyprian of St. Mary's, the programs will continue throughout the rest of the school year.

Young will talk with students of Santa Clara, Stanford, and Mills on the topic, "Are Democracy and Technology Incompatible." Father Boland of Santa Clara will be the moderator for the Forum.

Japanese Club Votes To Help

The Japanese Student club voted unanimously to volunteer its services to the civilian defense program at a meeting held recently according to Konoshima, president of the group.

Japanese women are encouraged to knit and prepare bandages for the Red Cross.

"The club as a whole however has not specified its services, and offers to do any work which is necessary to its country," Konoshima declared.

"We wish to express our deep love for our country by doing all that we can to make it safe," he said.

Ice skating will be given from 4 to 5:30 on Wednesday afternoons, instead of from 5:30 to 7:30, next quarter. Students who have pre-registered for the class will be expected to register for the new time on registration day. First class meeting is Wednesday, January 7. —Irene Palmer.

Dr. Sotzin Honored At Faculty Tea Sunday Afternoon

Dr. Heber A. Sotzin, Industrial Arts department head, was honored Sunday afternoon at a tea given for him by faculty members in the library reference room.

Dr. Sotzin will leave soon for Philadelphia, where he will be in charge of industrial arts activity in that city.

Christmas decorations, a varied musical program, and refreshments were featured at the tea.

Daily Every Day

Although it is customary to publish only two dailies during final week, the Spartan Daily staff is putting out a paper every day this week.

The paper is being printed every day to comply with the extra number of notices about changes in classes due to the present emergency.

CONFERENCE SET FOR VACATION DESPITE CRISIS

The Asilomar conference will be held during Christmas vacation despite the crisis. Workshop discussions are being revised to be more relevant to the problems confronting the individual and nation in the present world war situation.

The Hotel Casa Del Rey, where the conference will be located, has been equipped for blackouts and is constructed so solidly that it should be bomb proof and reasonably safe against the danger of enemy attack, according to the management.

All kinds of facilities for indoor games are offered the students, and in addition bicycle and motor trips are planned to the big trees, the mystery spot, the Cliff drive, and the Begonia gardens. Students will gather around the huge fireplace in the hotel lobby for bull sessions and relaxation. A large group representing San Jose State is expected.

Red Cross Busy--- Sixty Hanks Today; Three Tomorrow!

Sixty hanks of yarn were received last Wednesday afternoon by the on-campus branch of the Red Cross. By Friday, two days later, all but three hanks were gone.

This is an example of the way things have been buzzing around room H 36, Miss Pauline Lynch, head of the Red Cross said.

Army Quarters In Men's Gym 'Life Saver' Says Major

By ELIZABETH MOODY

"It was a life saver to us," were the words with which Major P. H. Enslow, commanding officer of the 450 officers and men who have established headquarters in the Men's gymnasium, described the invitation given him to move his troops from the muddy parking lot of Spartan stadium into the gym.

Major Enslow expressed especial appreciation to Joseph Stillwell, Superintendent of Building and Grounds, for courtesy in turning over to him athletic and other facilities.

TYPICAL DAY

Describing a typical day of the soldiers encamped on San Jose State college, the Major listed the following activities:

The group (57th Field Artillery from Fort Ord) arose from their cots and sleeping bags (which have turned the large and small gymnasiums into temporary barracks) upon hearing Reveille at a. m., had calisthenics from 6:30 to 7 o'clock in the large gym, followed by breakfast prepared in front of the new library at 7 a. m. They then drilled for one hour, to spend the remainder of the morning cleaning firearms. The purpose of the drill, Major Enslow explained, was to keep the men occupied, to prevent restlessness. The afternoon was spent playing basketball and swimming.

TARGET PRACTICE

Monday the officers made use of the San Jose Police force pistol range, and yesterday the higher grade non-commissioned officers took their turn at it. Today the Major plans to have a number of the enlisted men hold rifle practice at the National Guard rifle range.

"There are about eighty men in the group who have never fired the new high-powered rifles, and they will have their first chance at the range," he said. One battery, he went on, is equipped with the latest type of 75-millimeter guns, and one battery has the newest type French "75" cannons. "We hope for more new guns very soon," the Major continued.

Barbara Price To Marry December 21

Barbara Joan Price, former Speech major, and a member of KΣJΣ, and Richard A. Buell, police major, will be married Sunday, December 21, in the Chapel of Roses in San Jose. Buell is working part time at the Permanente Magnesium company in the Identification Bureau. They will live in San Jose.

ENTIRE CAMPUS IN WAR PROBLEMS CONFERENCE HERE ON JANUARY 10

Determining ways the college can aid in the two major problems facing us today—soldier welfare and civilian defense—will be the objective of the all-day conference scheduled for Saturday, January 10.

Delegates from every campus organization will attend and submit resolutions pertaining to projects which might be adopted by the conference.

POYTRESS CHAIRMAN

Dr. William Poytress will act as chairman and mediator, and a speaker will discuss and explain the need for these projects.

At the close of the conference a continuance committee will be elected to carry on the work suggested. This committee will be the central coordinating body through which the organizations will work in aiding soldier welfare and civilian defense. It will keep in close contact with the organizations and endeavor to make it possible for each group to do its part in defense efforts.

WORK WEDNESDAY

Projects already being considered include the Spartan Senate debate society's plan to offer the services of its members in a series of lectures on civilian defense, to be given in city schools.

Sororities are planning to work with the committee on dances for draftees stationed in Santa Clara Valley.

All organizations should consider the things they are especially fitted for in carrying out the aims of the conference. Representatives who attend the conference may then submit their plans for consideration. All projects submitted will be binding upon the organization represented.

Students who are not delegates but who are interested in working with the committee are invited to attend.

Library Remains Open Week Days During Vacation

The library will be open during Christmas vacation from 1 P. M. to 4 P. M. daily except on weekends.

"The number of hours which the library will open, varies from previous vacations, as the library staff will be engaged in the final stages of moving from the old library into the new," declared Miss Joyce Backus, head librarian. The library will be open to faculty and students in the afternoon.

Farewell Party At Newman Club

The Newman club of San Jose State will hold its final party of the quarter this Friday night at 7:30.

This will be the closing get-together of the club and all members are asked to attend. According to the Social Affairs chairman, Johnny Kain, there will be dancing to the new records received at the Christmas party. Refreshments are to be served sometime during the evening.

Let's all be there to make this final party a big success and by the way, in case of blackout, the party will not be postponed. So make a special effort to be present and we'll all have a good time.

All students having lockers in main building fill out a card in the Information Office immediately. If this is not done the locks will be sawed off and the contents disposed of.