

"The Shrike" To End College Theat

Commencement Play Ready For Cowan Hall June 4, 5

By Larry Neeley

Cap and Dagger will present "The Shrike," Joseph Kramm's Pulitzer Prize-winning "Best American Play of 1952" as its Commencement Production June 4 and 5. The curtain will rise in Cowan Hall at 8:15 p.m. for two presentations.

Jose Ferrer, who handled the direction and played the leading role in the play in its initial staging on Broadway in 1952, is currently working on a screen version of the story in Hollywood.

As one scans the plot of the play, it is learned that Jim Downs (Lloyd Lewis) is a stage director who has failed at his work and at his marriage, and is equally unsuccessful in his attempt at suicide. As he is recovering in the hospital, where his estranged wife (Donna Good) has been consistently in attendance at his bedside, Downs is shocked to learn that he is in the hospital's "psycho" ward. Ordinarily, he would have been released from the hospital in a few days in his wife's custody. However, it is soon apparent that Mrs. Downs—who seems to be an angel of mercy to the hospital staff—is really the "shrike" of the play's title. She can be compared with the bird that impales its prey on thorns.

Jim Downs had deserted his wife for another woman before his suicide attempt. Mrs. Downs, knowing her husband loves another woman, has no intention of letting the hospital release him until he is frightened enough to renounce the "other woman" and come home.

In a concluding scene Jim Downs chooses "the lesser of two evils" as his fate in a dramatic moment which is just about as harrowing in its own way as anything you are apt to come across on the stage.

A Cappella, Glee Clubs To Sing Schubert Mass

The combined voices of the A Cappella Choir, Men's and Women's Glee Clubs will present Schubert's "Mass in A Flat" on Sunday evening, June 6, at 8 p.m. The concert, part of the commencement weekend's events, will be under the direction of Prof. Robert Hohn with Miss Beatrice Ulrich at the organ and Dr. Paul Frank at the piano.

Soloists for the "Mass" will be Lola McWherter, soprano; Ruth Harner, alto; Norman Hansen, tenor; and Don Edwards, bass.

The presentation of the joint singing groups is an annual event. Last year they presented the May Day oppretta, the "Student Prince." The Sunday evening concert has been an annual event for the past several years.

Quiz And Quill Inducts 3 Juniors As Members

Quiz and Quill Club received three juniors into active membership at a special meeting Wednesday. They are Nancy Carter, Sara Rose and Robert Workman.

The new members were welcomed at a reception-meeting held in the home of Dr. Robert Price, sponsor. All three had works published in this year's Quiz and Quill magazine.

During the regular business



Final rehearsals are progressing in preparation for Cap and Dagger's commencement play, "The Shrike." Shown above scene from one of the rehearsals.

John Bullis Appointed WOBC Station Manager

WOBC's new station manager next year will be John Bullis according to an announcement this week from the campus radio outlet. Bullis was appointed to fill the position which will be vacated by Nancy Carter, present station manager, at the conclusion of the year's broadcast schedule.

The last broadcast from "Westerville's most powerful broadcasting station" will be tonight. No broadcasts will be made next week because of exams. According to Miss Carter, a special program schedule has been planned for the last night of broadcasting for this year. "La Traviata" will be presented on the RCA Victor Hour followed by a special program by Leon Miller.

It is expected that WOBC will resume broadcast activities in

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will call the clubroom "I next year. . . Enjoyed seren the frats. . . Mrs. Ashcraft Elsie Chambers will guide next year as sponsors. . . The row will be the scene o breakfast in the park.

Pi Kappa Phi threw a S night party for the eight de ing seniors. Gifts to them as as to Papa Chase were dole. . . Bill Cole is soon to ti knot with his Ohio State gi

Tau Epsilon Mu sends ro Ann Brentlinger who rec Ralph Bragg's Zeta Phi pin Sure going to miss the sen graduating are Micky Ha Anne Hathaway, Bev Ricl Mardell Boyce and Sara La . . . Thanks to advisors Mrs.

Psychological Drama Will Appear On Cowan's Stage

By Larry Neeley

Rehearsals are in full swing for Otterbein's Commencement Play, "The Shrike," by Joseph Kramm. "The Shrike" will be presented on the Cowan Hall stage June 4 and 5. Sally Hall, a senior member of Cap and Dagger, is the play's director.

Jose Ferrer first presented "The Shrike" in the Cort Theatre in New York City in January, 1952. Mr. Ferrer directed the play, and also played the leading role—that of "Jim Downs."

The plot of this psychological drama centers around Jim Downs and his commitment to the mental ward of a hospital after he has attempted suicide. Downs' mind began to fail after he and his wife separated and he began living alone. He goes through a tremendous mental struggle and change while in the hospital.

The members of the cast of "The Shrike" are Jim Downs,

Lloyd Lewis; Ann Downs, Donna Good; Miss Cardell, Evie Stump; Fleming, Charles Funk; Miss Hansen, Shirley Smith; Dr. Kramer, Bud Warner; Grosberg, Don Edwards; Dr. Barrow, Sally Hall; Dr. Schlesinger, Bob Hastings; Dr. Bellman, Ken Kohn;

Don Gregory, Bob Workman; Sam Tager, Barry Birner; George O'Brien, Charles Bradford; Joe Major, Paul Butts; John Ankortitis, Wayne Fowler; Frank Carlisle, Bob Eschbach; William Schloss, Larry Tirnauer; Miss Wingate, Mary Lou Stine; Harry Downs, Jim Wagner; and Tom Blair, Al Norris.

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