

## The University Players

Knickerbocker Holiday is the fifth in a series of light operas and musical comedies produced by The University Players. The first was the *Pirates of Penzance* in March, 1949. Bucknell students, members of the faculty, and various campus organizations become members of this organization by virtue of their participation in the several departments of production and performance. The names of members for 1953 appear on various pages of this program.

The University Players is an association established for the purpose of uniting the special abilities of individuals and campus organizations whose interest in the development of the fine arts at Bucknell has been significant. The University Players, as an association, is managed by a board of directors composed of two representatives from each of the cooperating organizations as follows:

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## The University Players

Presents

# **Knickerbocker Holiday**

Book and Lyrics by MAXWELL ANDERSON Music by Kurt Weill

Directed by Edward H. Davis

Conductor Allen W. Flock

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Production Manager LEONARD AHLFELD

Settings designed by C. Willard Smith and Susan B. Canan

> Entire production supervised by HARVEY M. POWERS, JR.

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February 26, 27, and 28, 1953

#### The Director - - -

## **Edward H. Davis**

It's a shame that the Army will most likely take over the dramatic talents of Ed in June. Ed deserves a big hand for the many jobs he has so willingly performed for Cap and Dagger. He has appeared as a leading character in both "Anne of a Thousand Days" and "The Good Woman of Setzuan". "Heartbreak House" was directed by Ed; "The Student Prince" co-directed by Jane Brown and him. The set design for the "Madwoman of Chaillot" was another piece of Ed's handiwork. He has worked on every committee officially except perhaps, Tickets, and he has managed to sell a few here and there. As vice president of Cap and Dagger, he has worked diligently on this production in spite of glee club tours, measles, and women's rushing.

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#### The Conductor - - -

## Allen W. Flock

Mr. Flock, who came to Bucknell in 1950 as director of instrumental music, is now conductor of both the University Band and University Symphony Orchestra. He received his master's degree in Music Education at Columbia University after having graduated from Susquehanna University. Mr. Flock studied choral conducting at Union Theological Seminary under Alfred Greenfield, director of the New York Oratorio Society. In the summer of 1950 he studied choral music with Olaf Christiansen and Peter Tkachowski. Tonight he conducts members of the Symphony Orchestra for the second time in a University Players' production.



#### The Technical Supervisors

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The Cast

[In order of appearance]

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#### THE GIRLS OF NEW AMSTERDAM

Alice Mae Buell - Alice Fetzer - Gretchen Hendricks - Shirley Laffin Doris McCroddan - Marianne MacMain - Ramona Rogers Shirley Simington - Barbara Stumpf - Anne Wieboldt

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#### THE ALGONQUINS FROM HARLEM

Henry Belber - Donald Cole - Irv Ginsburg Norman Kerewsky - Stuart Lewis

## The Powers Behind the Scenes

Mr. Harvey M. Powers, Jr., general director of the University Players this year, is rounding out his fourth year as an adviser to Cap and Dagger, a constant bulwark to all struggling student directors, and a man of ideas, originality, and tireless effort in all phases of campus dramatics.

When Harvey came to Bucknell from Johns Hopkins University, where he earned an M.A. degree in Writing, Speech, and Drama, he made possible a greater specialization in Cap and Dagger, as well as the inauguration of a major in drama under the English department. C&D had been growing steadily since the end of the war, and Willard Smith, its adviser, faced the superhuman task of supervising all phases of production, acting, and directing. Harvey was able to take up residence in Bucknell Hall where he has spent almost every night of his Bucknell life, acting as adviser to directors and cast, while Willard could emphasize production work and the importance of stage design.

As general director for "Knickerbocker Holiday," Harvey has been responsible for coordinating all phases of the production. This position has meant much more than the executive capacity indicated by the title, for he has assisted with the set design, worked on property and costume designs, listened to the complaints of the first flutist and the second Indian, advised the director in staging and interpretation, and taken up hammer and nails when the set moved into the high school. Even the sanctity of his home was invaded by the costume committee, which received a helping hand from honorary C&D member Betsy Powers, and kibitzing by the three smaller members of the Powers clan.

Harvey is never so immersed in one play that he forgets about plans for the future, and is a perpetual source of suggestions for new plays C&D might try. He should receive much of the credit for C&D's

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## **Musical Synopsis**

1. Overture

The Orchestra

#### ACT I

2.	Prologue	Irving
3.	Clickety-Clack Girls'	Chorus and Mistress Schermerhorn
4.	Hush, Hush, Hush	
5.	There's Nowhere To Go But Up	Brom, Tenpin and Chorus
6.	It Never Was Anywhere You	Brom and Tina
7.	How Can You Tell An American	Irving and Brom
8.	Will You Remember Me?	Brom, Tina, Council and Chorus
	One Touch of Alchemy	
10.	The One Indispensable Man	
11.	Young People Think About Love	Brom, Tina, Council and Chorus
12.	September Song	Stuyvesant
13.	The Party	The Orchestra
14.	Finale: All Hail the Political Honeymo	oon

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#### ACT II - - - SCENE I

15.	The Ballad of the Robbers	Irving
16.	Sitting in Jail	Stuyvesant
17.	We Are Cut In Twain	Brom and Tina

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#### ACT II - - - SCENE II

18.	Reprise: There's No Place To Go But	UpIrving
19.	Our Ancient Liberties	The Council
	May and January	
21.	The Scars	
22.	Dance: The Algonquins from Harlem .	The Dancing Chorus
23.	Dirge for a Soldier	
24.	No, Ve Vouldn't Gonto Do It	The Council and Chorus
25.	Finale Ultimo: How Can You Tell An	AmericanThe Entire Company

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## The University Theater Fund

The University Players as an organization has a natural and a practical interest in the University Theater Fund. The Fund Committee wishes to take this opportunity to thank the Players for its handsome gift to the Fund in 1952 and, somewhat avariciously, to suggest that a similar contribution would be most warmly appreciated in 1953. All friends of the theater in this community are certain to approve this generous spirit and to commend the performance of *Knickerbocker Holiday*.

- The University Theater Fund Committee.

## Theater Month

Next month is International Theater Month. In conjunction with this observance Cap and Dagger will sponsor an exhibit in the Ellen Clarke Bertrand Library throughout the entire month of March.

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#### The Powers Behind The Scenes

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decision to attempt last year's "experimental" epic drama, *The Good Woman* of *Setzuan*, and for tactfully leading Theta Alpha Phi along the cliffs of discovery to *Oedipus Rex*, which, he will admit under pressure, is his favorite play. Harvey has become such a master of psychology and the C&D mind that he is able to lead us into decisions, invariably the right ones, with such ease and persuasion, that we end up thinking that the whole thing was our idea in the first place. And Harvey just chuckles his inimitable chuckle, and goes home to eat bits of theatrical costume with his dinner.

- - - Jane Brown

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#### Prologue

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#### ACTI

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ACT II -- SCENE I

## The Jail

ACT II -- PROLOGUE Irving's Study

ACT II -- SCENE II The Battery, the next day

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Trumpets -RANDALL BECKMAN ALICE HUNSICKER

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Who's Who in the Cast (Irving)

#### PETER SCOTT

is seen tonight in his third musical role. A sophomore and a member of the Men's Glee Club, he appeared in "Student Prince", and last fall in the "Madwoman of Chaillot".

BETTY CLARK (Mistress Schermerhorn) has had a great deal of theatrical experience. In high school she was a member of the Columbia Opera Co. of Washington, D. C., and she has been soloist with the Women's Glee Club, Chapel Choir, and Messiah chorus for the past three years. Last year she helped to direct the music for the "Student Prince". She also appeared in "Mlle. Modiste" and "Oedipus Rex".

**JAMES KENWORTHY** (Vanderbilt) is appearing as a member of the city council. He was seen earlier this year in "The Madwoman of Chaillot" and in the chorus of Theban Elders in "Oedipus Rex". Jim is a junior transfer from Union where he was a member of the dramatic society.

DONALD CLARK

is well qualified for dramatic roles. He has had two lead roles, that of Grandpa Vanderhoof in "You Can't Take It With You" and Death in "Death Takes a Holiday", and he was also in the chorus of the "Mikado" in high school. He is also a member of the Men's Glee Club.

(Roosevelt)

(De Peyster)

DALE STEINMETZ

makes his debut on the Bucknell stage as a member of the council. A sophomore, Dale took part in several plays in high school. (Continued on page 13)



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Miss Jane Brown Mr. Blanchard Gummo Mrs. Mary Johnson Mr. George Pardoe Mrs. Betsy Powers Miss Dorothy Wilson The Cast --- and especially Leonard Ahlfeld, Mary Shinn, and the entire production and business staffs for working so hard to produce this show in record time.

#### Critics' Forum

The public is cordially invited to attend a Critics' Forum on *Knickerbocker Holiday* to be held this Sunday, March 1, at 8:15 p.m. in Bucknell Hall on the campus. We invite you to participate in the informal discussion after the forum.

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#### WHO'S WHO - - -

(Continued from page 11) WILLIAM COOK (De Vries) is seen behind the footlights for the second time this year. He was a member of the chorus in "Oedipus Rex". Besides singing baritone for the Glee Club, he is also a member of the Quartet.

ROBERT BLAKE (Van Rensselaer) is no newcomer to the stage tonight. He has been seen this year in both plays, "Oedipus Rex" and "Madwoman of Chaillot". He is an English major and plans to study the drama at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts in London next fall.

#### ROBERT CATHERMAN

#### (Van Cortlandt, Jr.) is a junior pre-med from Williamsport, and he was active in dramatics in high school there. Although this is his first performance on the Bucknell stage, he has appeared in "Demie Plays".

NED MILLER (Mynheer Tienhoven) is a seasoned veteran of the stage. He is (Continued on page 14)

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probably best remembered for his portrayal of the lead in "Heartbreak House". Ned was seen this year as the sewerman in "Madwoman of Chaillot". He has also taken part in summer stock in Waitsfield, Vermont.

#### **JACK KAUFMAN**

(Marshall Schermerhorn)

(Brom Broeck)

(Tenpin)

(Tina)

makes his third appearance this year on the stage. Just a short time ago he was seen in "Oedipus Rex", and before that as the Broker in the "Madwoman of Chaillot".

#### RICHARD ELLIS

is a familiar personality to Bucknell audiences, being remembered for his performance of Dr. Engle in "The Student Prince". Dick has sung with the Men's Glee Club for two years. A C&F major and music minor, he has recorded with the radio and television star, Bob Smith, and has also sung in churches, operettas, nightclubs, and with dance bands. Dick recently had a radio show in Sunbury over WKOK.

#### ROBERT SMITH

has his second role of the year tonight. His first was a part in the chorus of "Oedipus Rex". This role is a comic one including singing tenor in the number, "There's Nowhere To Go But Up".

#### BEVERLY GEAKE

was previously seen by Bucknellians in the "Madwoman of Chaillot" and last year in the chorus of "The Student Prince". Active in dramatics since high school, Bev has been a Glee Club member for three years. As a freshman she was in the Chapel Choir.

#### DOWNEY STANCS

#### (Pieter Stuvvesant)

is making his debut tonight on the Bucknell stage. As a sophomore, Downey was active in the Men's Glee Club and WVBU. This year, his senior, he has been the brains behind the column "Talking Back to the Ivy" in the college newspaper. Displaying his versatility, this mechanical engineer has written a number of songs.

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## Who's Who in Production

#### LEONARD AHLFELD

#### (Production Manager)

is a senior who is going to make a record with the number of shows that he will have worked on by the time he graduates this June. This production is the sixteenth show that he has worked on since his freshman days at Bucknell. Besides being production manager for this musical, "The Student Prince" and "Heartbreak House", working on various committees, Lenny has done lights for the Theater Guild of Lewisburg in "Light Up the Sky". Lenny is a civil engineer and an honor student being a junior member of Tau Beta Pi. He also belongs to the mathematics honorary, Pi Mu Epsilon. He is the president of Theta Alpha Phi, the dramatics honorary, too. Recently he was tapped for ODK, men's leadership honorary.

#### MARGO HAND

#### (Assistant Director)

(Accompanist)

has worked on practically every committee that exists in the production of a play but this is her first time in aiding in the direction of a college play. Last summer Margo directed plays at the Bay St. Louis Little Theater in Mississippi. Her stage debut was made as Josephine in "The Madwoman of Chaillot". Last year she worked as the directors' secretary in "The Student Prince".

#### **IUNE HOFFMAN**

is not a novice in being the accompanist for a musical. Last year she worked in this same capacity for the "Student Prince". June has also been seen behind the footlights most recently in "The Good Woman of Setzuan". As English major, June plans to teach.

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(Continued from page 15) DORIS POTTS (Accompanist) has been active in University Players since her freshman year. Last year Doris also acted as accompanist for the "Student Prince". She was accompanist in "The Vagabond King" and "Mademoiselle Modiste". Doris is a member of numerous campus organizations. Among these are Mu Phi Epsilon, Kappa Delta Epsilon, and she is accompanist for the Women's Glee Club. After graduation in June she plans to be a music teacher.

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