

Actor Airs Views on Acting, College

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After 12 years in Hollywood, Paul Wexler, professional character actor, sometimes director, local radio personality and graduate student, has one word of advice to those hoping to become movie stars—"Don't."

Wexler maintains Hollywood agents and occasionally does TV and film work—he was in Hollywood in September—but he is taking graduate courses in education in preparation for teaching high school speech.

Life Frustrating

Life in the spotlight is hard, frustrating and insecure, he said in a recent interview. It's a cut-throat business with ruthless competition. Success is not always based on ability. If it were, he estimated that three-fourths of the actors would be out of work.

As in all the arts, he said, the politics of publicity, agents, managers, and "influence" is usually the determining factor for success.

Even though the student might not become a star, dramatic training has value, he pointed out. Childhood dramatic training could have eliminated the physical and psychological "slouch" of today's student, he said.

Such training aids development of self expression, poise, self confidence, purpose of movement, and fosters an air of assurance seldom found in student groups.

Knocks Athletes

Speaking from an admittedly non-athletic viewpoint, he said the theatre has a more definite berth on campus than do sports of "gladiatorial" semblance and proportion. Drama is a useful activity and a creative means of self-expression. Some overcome a lack of self-confidence while others feed a thriving self-confidence through participation, attention and applause.

What kind of people become actors? Wexler said the profession does not require a special type of person. Anyone interested

in the field, willing to work hard, can become an actor—even though the right "politics" might be necessary to become a star.

A 1951 graduate of the University, Wexler considers the Drama department well qualified to prepare future star candidates. A good actor, Wexler said, needs, in addition to professional training, a good, basic, liberal arts education.

Discusses Attitudes

Wexler, a character actor with more than 200 films and TV shows to his credit, discussed general student attitudes. He described the Student Union Fishbowl crowd as typically collegiate—searching listlessly for goals, purposes, and self.

He singled out one slow-moving coed to illustrate his point. He said the casualness mirrored in her walk showed the attitude of unconcern which characterizes "nine-tenths of the female population." Only the young woman who can stand up, face the world,

and "walk like she means it" meets with his approval.

Appearance is one area Wexler says students should not neglect since "other people do care." He said students' concern with their search for purpose and meaning probably contributes to the neglect of appearance.

Various attempts at self-expression are made by students, the ultimate of which is the "beatnik" type, according to one who has himself been labeled "beatnik." Wexler said that this type is merely a name for conformists in the truest sense of the word.

Beats 'Gone

A bona fide beatnik, formerly called a "Bohemian," is now a thing of the past, Wexler, once a student member of the Bohemian movement, now refers to its residue as "pseudobeatniks or pseudoboheimians." They are the results of the popular current trend of being "different in the same way."

Wexler participated in nearly every University play—a total of 20 or 25—during his student career. When 1948's "Winterset" opened the present University Theater auditorium, he had the character lead. He later won an award for his portrayal of Iago in the 1950-51 production of "Othello" and appeared two years in the Ashland Shakespearian festivals.

Since then he has had a successful professional career. His most recent appearance was in the "Rawhide" TV series last fall.

Leaky Windows Found in East Bean Dormitory

Rain coming in through windows when they're closed?

Several Bean Hall residents have registered complaints of that type and H. P. Barnhart, director of dormitories, says all complaints are being investigated.

Mrs. Mae Mattoon, head resident in East Bean, said that wind apparently drove water in through the windows in both East and West Bean. Several complaints had been made and she said physical plant employees have been checking on them.

"We have never had this kind of rain with driving winds before," she said, "and we're sure everything will be all right as soon as the checking is complete."

Barnhart said that a few leaks in the building had been reported to him and "we are looking into every one." There are no more leaks than usual, he said.

The physical plant will survey the situation first and if the leaks are felt to be the fault of the contractor, they will be referred to him. "If they are inherent, we will deal with it," Barnhart said.

Panel Discussion and Film Set By Peace Corps Today

A film and panel discussion are planned by the visiting Peace Corps team today.

The panel discussion will be held during an all-student convocation at 4 p.m. in the SU ballroom. Heading the panelists will be Prof. John Gange of the Institute of International Studies.

The panel will include Prof. Lewis Goldberg, psychology department, and Peace Corps consultant, Giorgianna Shine, a former teacher in Ghana, and Gregory Simms, a Corps man who has served in the Dominican Republic.



GREGORY SIMMS, special assistant to the Peace Corps director of public affairs, is a member of the Peace Corps team visiting the campus this week to explain the Corps, show films, and administer entrance tests.

Varied Discussion

With the varied background of the panelists, discussion on selection, training, work in the field, policy, opportunities for girls, and many other aspects of Peace Corps life are possible.

The film consist of unedited shots of Peace Corps volunteers in the Dominican Republic. This film, never before viewed on a U.S. campus, was taken by Simms, spokesman for the team of Peace Corpsmen now on campus.

Simms shot the film in 1962-63 when he was deputy director of the Peace Corps mission to the Caribbean Island Republic. Of the sixty odd volunteers seen in the film, former University student Jess Stone is shown as he demonstrates adobe brick-making in the southern part of the island.

Other Aspects Slated

Other aspects of volunteer life that are seen include training, chicken raising, demonstration farming and volunteer recreation.

Following the film will be a general discussion period led by one of the peace Corps staffers, in which any and all aspects of service in the corps will be freely discussed.

Peace Corps week on the campus started Monday and continues through Saturday. During this time an information booth will be open each day in the lobby of the SU.

The Peace Corps placement test will be given three times a day from Wednesday until Saturday. Anyone interesting in finding out more about the program is encouraged to attend one or all of these functions.

Riots Kill 30 In Tanganyika

DARESSALAAM, Tanganyika (UPI)—Rioting by Africans in the Asian city of the Tanganyika capital city of Darassalaam, has left an estimated 30 persons dead. A battalion of the Tanganyikan army touched off the rampage when it mutinied Monday against its British officers. Nationalist African mobs stormed through the streets, smashing shops and looting. However, early Tuesday (local time) President Julius Nyerere was reported in control, and an uneasy calm settled over the city.

YWCA to Hold Annual Heart Hop

The University YWCA will hold its annual Heart Hop February 15.

The dance, which is the YWCA's annual money-making project, will have the theme "Penny Whistle Rag" and is a girl-ask-boy affair.

It will rotate through four University living organizations: Pi Beta Phi, Pi Kappa Alpha, Phi Delta Theta, and Alpha Chi Omega.

The committee chairmen are: Glenda Fravel, general chairman; Leslie Watson, ticket chairman; Nina Corkins, king selection; Judy Ferguson, publicity; Nancy Wilson, program chairman.

Education Group Wants Members

The ASUO Committee on Higher Education is calling for new members from each class and from the graduate school.

The committee grew out of the ASUO President's lobbying committee, established prior to the October 15 special election. Committee members will work this term to establish a permanent structure and to outline functions of the group.

The primary duty of the committee will be the dissemination of information concerning the needs of higher education throughout the state. The committee will also direct any lobbying efforts in the state legislature.

The next major lobby will probably concern the bond measure in the May state election.

Students are asked to petition on a basis of their interest in the committee. Past activities will not be instrumental in selecting members for the group.

Petitions may be picked up in the ASUO vice-president's office, room 311 of the Student Union.

Graduate Student Group Sets Meet

There will be an organizational meeting of the Graduate Student Council at 8 p.m. today in the Student Union. Room number will be posted.

Cowin . . .

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dent court needs re-evaluation. At the present, names are submitted to the University President Arthur Flemming by the student body president, with President Flemming making the final appointments. Cowin said the names should be recommended by the students in some way. He suggested Senate approval before the names are submitted to President Flemming.

The junior class president cited letters sent to parents of University women by members of the administration asking parental permission for women to live off campus and to have extended closing hours.

"I don't disagree with the University publishing these views . . . let parents know their views . . . I feel that a letter stating the arguments for the changes should be sent at the same time," he stated.

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University Chemist Receives Award

DENVER (AP)—Marshall Fixman, Director of the Institute of Theoretical Studies at the University, was one of nine chemists honored by the American Chemical Society Monday for contributions to science.

Fixman received a \$1,000 award for work in pure chemistry. Alpha Chi Sigma fraternity sponsored the award.

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Petitions Due For Senate Seat

Petitions for the office of ASUO Senator-at-Large, which was vacated last week by Merritt Fink, are due by 5 p.m. today in room 309 SU. Fink was chosen ASUO vice-president, replacing Bruce McKeel.

No petitions had been filed for the office as of 5 p.m. Monday.

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