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The Curtain Club

of

Ursinus College

Presents

"JUPITER LAUGHS"

A Play by

A. J. CRONIN

Directed by

BEVERLY CLOUD '45

Staged by

FRED DECK Navy V-12

January 28 and 29, 1944

Curtain at 8:15 p.m.

Thompson-Gay Gymnasium

Ursinus College Campus

By special arrangements with Samuel French, Inc.
'JUPITER LAUGHS'

PLEASE: Read carefully the following synopsis:

All the action takes place in the doctor's common-room at Hopewell Towers, a private hospital for nervous disorders, located not far from London, England.

The play covers a period of approximately 15 weeks.

ACT I
SCENE I. A winter afternoon at Hopewell Towers.
SCENE II. A Sunday morning six weeks later.
Note: During this scene the curtain will be lowered for 90 seconds to denote the passage of about eight hours.

ACT II
SCENE I. Same place. A Spring afternoon, one month later than the last scene of the first act.
SCENE II. Still the same place—but the time is two days later and it is evening.

ACT III
THE SCENE: Apparently the same place—but not quite the same. It is morning of a day one month later than at the time of the close of the second act.

NOW: Re-read the above synopsis so that you will have the timing of the action clearly in mind.

THE CAST will appear in the following order:
- Dr. George Thorogood (Physician at the Hospital) Robert Quay Navy V-12
- Dr. Richard Drewett (Physician at the Hospital) John Ziegler Navy V-12
- Dr. Paul Venner (Physician at the Hospital) David Brashear Navy V-12
- Matron Fanny Lemming (The Boss) Constance Johnson '46
- Dr. Edgar Bragg (Supt. of the Hospital) Newton Hudson '44
- Gladys Bragg (Mrs. Superintendent) Elaine Loughin '46
- Dr. Mary Murray (A Young Doctor) Barbara Cooke '44
- Jennie (Maid) Charlene Taylor '47
- Albert Chivers (Salesman for a Drug House) Reed Hankwitz Navy V-12
- Martha Foster (Wife of a Patient) Winifred Clark '46

AND

The prompter — whom we hope need not appear — Beverly Cloud '45
The following Curtain Club members worked

For Stage Manager Fred Deck Navy V-12
  Calvin Garber '46, Chairman
  Marjorie Coy '47
  Eleanor Grubb '44
  Virginia Haller '47
  Adele Kuntz '45
  Mary Louise Harte '47
  Ethel Evans '45
  Carolyn Howells '47
  Gladys Howard '46
  Dot Kleppinger '47
  Dolores Mackell '46
  Lee Phillips '47
  Webb Morrison '46
  Lois Stugart '47
  Betsy Shumaker '46
  Janice Wenkenbach '47

For Properties and Wardrobe Chairman Francis Tisdale '46
  Mildred Innes '45
  Henriette Walker '46
  Marian Martin '45
  Janet Shoemaker '46
  James Preskorn '45
  Betty Forney '47
  Libby Rubin '45
  Milton Marion '47
  Betty Umstad '45
  Marilyn Smythe '47
  Leonard Schwartzstein V-12
  Betty Walton '47

For Publicity Chairman Eileen Smith '44
  Seymour Berman V-12
  Mary Jean Moore '46
  Fred Carney V-12
  John Trevaskis '46
  Henry Haines V-12
  Roberta Blauch '47
  John Liber V-12
  Shirley Friday '47
  Jules Pearlstine V-12
  Geraldine Kirkpatrick '47
  Katharine Harmer '46
  Carol Strode '47

For the Business Manager Edward Smith '46
  James Marshall '44
  Lois Wilson '47
  Thomas Leinbach '45
  Betty Waddington '47
  Betty Yeager '45
  Harriet Conner '47
  Ruth Hydren '46
  Christine Franzen '47
  Elaine Bickhart '47
  Jean Loomis '47
  Jane Clanton '47
  Gertrude Mazur '47

The Make-up was applied by

    Ethel Anderson '46 and Henry Haines V-12

The Donald Helfferichs and Mrs. Stanley Omwake assisted when needed.
“Jupiter Laughs” is the most ambitious undertaking The Curtain Club has attempted in recent years. The play had a successful run in London and was later filmed under the title “Strange Victory” which was well-received throughout England.

Both the stage show and the picture were financial failures in the United States. The American critics said that Dr. Cronin should have stuck to his place as a novelist. Despite this, the members of our play selection committee think it is good drama and that it will appeal to an intelligent college audience. The play is a challenge to any cast and may be a bit mature for college actors, but you must judge for yourselves. We hope you will like it.

Barbara Cooke ’44, President

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The Curtain Club invites your criticisms and suggestions. In the space below tell us how you have liked “Jupiter Laughs” and write the titles of any plays you would like to see staged at Ursinus College. Tear this off and hand to an usher.

I suggest

Signed