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PETE SEEGER — FOLK SONG ARTIST

Folk singer Pete Seeger will appear in Bailey Hall at 8:30 p.m. on February 14.

Seeger has been singing folk songs for twenty years, traveling throughout the United States and Canada. He recently made his first European tour. His repertoire includes several thousand songs, which he has learned mainly from his contacts with people wherever he goes.

Communication with his audience

is very important to Seeger and he has therefore developed his program to include audience participations. "Folk music," says Seeger, "is at its healthiest when people participate."

Seeger first became interested in folk music after attending a square dance in North Carolina. He then did research on folk music in the Library of Congress in Washington.

During his tour of duty with the Army from 1942 to 1945 Seeger entertained the soldiers with his folk music. After the war he gave concerts throughout the country and in 1950 organized the Weavers, who rose to fame with the song "Goodnight, Irene."

Since leaving the Weavers in 1957, Seeger has made records and given concerts on his own.

He finds the growth of interest in folk music very important, believing that this music "stems from the pioneer days when a community was made up of good friends and neighbors. It's this attitude which drives out prejudice, snobbery and class distinction, which, in a word, makes us know that America is truly a land of freedom for all."

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