

# MOLNAR PLAY TO BE PRODUCED

### Cast Chosen for "Liliom," Date Not Decided

### SETTING IS HUNGARIAN Fantasy First Presented on Foreign Stage

The definite date for the production of "Liliom," by Franz Molnar, which is to be the big production of the drama department for the term, has not been decided on yet; but the casting for Molnar's comedy is being made now.

"Liliom," is a suburban legend in seven scenes and a prologue. It is an excellent combination of realism, low comedy, and a bit of melodrama. The scene of the play is a carnival in Budapest, Hungary. "Liliom," the main character, is the "rough neck," using the translation of the Hungarian. His Hungarian neighbors call him "Liliom," or the Lily. He is the pet and pride of a rowdy merry-go-round where he works intermittently as a bouncer, and he takes the kronen of the stray servant girls who fall victims to his charms. Liliom is caught in his first highway robbery and stabs himself with a stolen knife. He goes to heaven and returns 15 years later to spend an hour on earth.

### Play is Fantastic

The fantasy of the play is brought out in the heaven scene, which is heaven as Liliom thinks of it; in the form of the police court. Beside Liliom there are 23 other characters, including, Mrs. Muskrat, who owns the merry-go-round; Julie, the servant girl; Marie, lately from the country and Liliom's friend; Mrs. Hollander, Julie's aunt; the Sparrow, a ne'er-do-well fellow, who gets Liliom into trouble; and the earthly and heavenly policemen.

"Liliom," was first produced in Budapest, where it received much attention. It was brought to America by the Theatre Guild, and was first produced in New York in 1921.

### Classes Study Photos

Among the 50 photographs showing the tendency of modern stagecraft, made by leading and contemporary designers, which were sent to Miss Florence Wilbur by the editors of the Theatre Arts Monthly, the scene from heaven in "Liliom" is shown. The play-producing and interpretation classes are now studying the photographs.

The casting of the three original plays, "The Kiss," by Kee Buchanan; "The Kingdom of America," by Helen Webber; and "The Athlete," by Katherine Kressman, has begun, and they will probably be produced February 11 and 12.

### Present Grade System Defended by Rebec As Measure of Performance

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house," he said, "while no doubt resulting in some very real gains in routine performance, and sincerely enough meant to advance scholarship, nevertheless, can easily work more mischief than good. If the students select courses primarily in order that they and their houses may make good records, that, of course, is a sin against education.

"The bolstering up of weak students by obliging them to sit around a table and work a given period of time under the direction and assistance of upperclassmen is a procedure that would be of a very doubtful merit even in a high grade high school; in college it spells bankruptcy of the spirit of real learning. At least half of the substance of intellectual life is made up of will. A student who does not develop enough will to carry himself into and through his work never can get educated, and, in fact, is not worth educating, in the sense in which a university should understand the word. I do not deny that such a student may get some 'finishing' or even some 'knowledge' by being mothered and fathered and coaxed and driven, but unless he undergoes a deep-sea change, he simply never can become an educated man or contributor to the world's life of ideas.

"If a university is to be regarded as the place where society trains its scientists, thinkers, and higher professional workers, and transmits and still more hammers out its living ideas, the young people of the sort that have to be held at the table and rescued, are a hindrance to the real purpose of the university. If the University of Oregon is a magnified high school of a not very excellent type, or a finishing or easy trade school, I have

nothing to say about the patrolled study-table, at least not now; but if it really means to be a university, young people of the sort described should not be there, even from the point of view of their own good. They should be in some sort of finishing school, or humble grade 'practical' institution, or, better still, out in the world learning to work and to carry their own weight."

"If our fraternities and sororities wish to gain some distinction as places of intellectual activity and interest," Dr. Rebec continued, "let them organize around some keen interests of the mind or of the spirit, around ideas or causes. Above all, let them anxiously see to it that they each enroll two or three emergent young scientists, or scholars, or writers, or artists. Let them seek this as anxiously and as far down in the high schools as they now seek promising athletes or socially attractive persons. The quality of any place is shown by its spontaneous preoccupations and enthusiasms, its quite unconscious and habitually pervasive atmospheres, and not by even a loyal submission to more or less irksome tasks in the stretches between the happy activities of 'real living.' I am glad to see students minoring in 'college life and activities,' but I want them to major—really major—in the things of the mind."

A real university cannot exist without the same spontaneity and vim and enthusiasm that is given to football, Dr. Rebec declared. However he did not lay the burden of blame for the dissimilarity between the two activities on the students alone.

"The society from which our typical American university and student derive," he explained, "does not overmuch care for them to strive and toil over, or run the risks of, the higher intellectual life. Even faculty members, instead of putting the student under the same sort of challenges that athletic tradition and organization do, are only too commonly satisfied to have him accomplish the loyal stint of courses and grades, and let it go at that.

"I can not only conceive of, but I know of persons who have received almost all I's and II's and have been elected to Phi Beta Kappa or Sigma Xi without in any vital degree whatsoever belonging to, or even being seriously aware of, the republic of ideas. Instead they have been mere faithful and intelligent day laborers, doing a neat, standard, laid-out day's task and, like most day laborers, glad when the whistle blew six."

### Varsity Meets Pacific; Schedule for Basketball Season Is Announced

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should be experienced tourists when the final curtain is run down.

### Schedule Given

The schedule:  
Jan. 15, Pacific at Eugene.  
Jan. 19, Montana at Eugene.  
Jan. 23, Washington at Seattle.  
Jan. 25, Montana at Missoula.  
Jan. 26, Idaho at Moscow.  
Jan. 27, W. S. C. at Pullman.  
Jan. 30, Washington at Eugene.  
Feb. 5, Idaho at Eugene.  
Feb. 8, W. S. C. at Eugene.  
Feb. 13, O. A. C. at Corvallis.  
Feb. 20, O. A. C. at Eugene.

### DR. G. A. ROSS VISITS

Dr. G. A. Ross, who preceded Dr. Fred N. Miller as university physician and director of health service, has been a visitor on the campus during the past week.

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Fiction, drama and the essay are acceptable forms of writing. Any student desiring to try for the prizes should see one of the three members of the Oregon committee, W. F. G. Thacher of the journalism department, Mrs. Alice Henson Ernst of the English department, and Walter Snyder of the English department. The contest closes May 1.

A first prize of five hundred dollars, a second prize of three hundred dollars, and a third prize of two hundred dollars are to be awarded to the three students producing the best pieces of English prose. Manuscripts are not to be more than four thousand words long. Three well known writers, Christopher Morley, Zona Gale, and William McFee have been selected by Harpers to judge the work submitted by the committees from the different colleges.

The contribution winning the first prize will be published in Harpers Magazine and the magazine reserves the right to publish also the manuscripts of the second and third prize-winners and to purchase other manuscripts in the competition at regular rates.

### WOMEN TEST ABILITY IN SWIMMING POOL

A classification test is being given by swimming instructors to all students who are taking swimming on their choice day. This test places swimmers in the beginning, intermediate or advanced division.

The instructor is able to judge the students' improvement during the term more easily through this test, and students are grouped in classifications for instruction. The test includes trials in endurance, form, speed, diving, and life saving.

### GRADUATE CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS FOR YEAR

The Graduate club elected officers for the year at its meeting yesterday noon at the College Side Inn. Ruth Riley was elected president, Austin Hutcheson, vice-president, and Marian Hayes, secretary-treasurer. These officers will hold until this time next year.

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### JUNIORS OF UNIVERSITY HIGH ELECT OFFICERS

The Junior class of the University high school has elected the following officers: Doris Hardy, president; Lois Pierce, vice-president; Elinor Fitch, secretary; and Wilbur Adams, treasurer. A committee consisting of Dora McLain, chairman, Ruby George, Helen Parker, Lucile Burton, Carl Moore, Austin Frey, and Thurston Shell will present a play as the contribution of the Junior class before the student body assembly.

### COUNCIL CONSIDERS CLASS BASKETBALL

### All Star Team Selection to Be Under New System

Subjects relating to the policy to be held in athletics during the winter and spring terms were discussed at the council meeting of the Women's Athletic Association last night.

Basketball is being carried on under a new system this year, according to a report given by Irva Dale, head of this sport. Girls turning out are divided in three classes, beginning, intermediate and advanced. Much time will be spent on training these groups before the class teams are chosen from them. The first four practices are obligatory but after that the player may use her discretion, although more credit will probably be given to the student turning out regularly.

The turn out for riflery this term has been very small, and although it is now too late for beginners to enter, all those who have had experience in this line are urged to

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report to Margery Horton, head of riflery. A team of at least 15 is necessary, or the sport will be discontinued.

A motion to adopt a new system for the selection of all star teams was carried unanimously by the council. One all star team will be chosen and other players will receive honorary mention at the discretion of the coach.

The council decided to discuss plans with O. A. C. for a play day to be held in the spring. This will not be held on a competitive basis, since players from both schools will be on the same teams.

A mass meeting for all members of W. A. A. will be held Tuesday at five o'clock in room 121 of the women's gymnasium.

The W. A. A. food stand is losing money, and students are urged to co-operate by buying their wares.

### DICK ECKMAN TAKES POSITION IN MOVIES

Dick Eckman, major in the school of journalism until this term, is now in the motion picture business in Walla Walla, Washington, is the word received.

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### G. CHASE TO ADDRESS FRESHMAN COMMISSION

The first of a series of freshman Girl's Commission meetings will be held in the Y. W. C. A., Bungalow Thursday afternoon at 4:30. These meetings will be in the nature of discussion groups. Topics of general interest are to be considered.

Genevieve Chase, the Oregon girl who attended the Inter-denominational Student's Conference at Evanston, Illinois, during Christmas vacation, will tell something about the conference and the remainder of the time will be spent in an open discussion, about the topic "Are we students national or international in our thinking?"

### FACULTY PARTY THURSDAY

Miss Henriette Gouy will be the chairman of the afternoon at an affair to be given Thursday afternoon in Alumni hall for faculty women and wives of faculty members. The women whose names begin with G, H, and I will be hostesses, and will entertain from 3:00 to 5:30. These social afternoons are a more or less regular event in the lives of the campus women.

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