

## 'Eileen' Rehearsal Polishes Dialogue to Final Gloss

By AMY PRUDEN

"Did you girls ever live in a city where you sleep between the sheets?" roared technical director Horace Robinson as Nelda Rohrback and Dorothy Weygandt crawled into their prop bed in the newest campus play, "My Sister Eileen," with only the coverlet over them. Late Tuesday night the dress rehearsal finished, with only a few slip-ups, such as telephones ringing

when the blasting or riveting was scheduled to sound. The finished product of the latest campus production took on its final polished gloss.

As the curtain rises on the initial performance Friday evening, the expectant audience will be plunged into an hilariously comic situation. The unraveling of the story involves the New York careers of Eileen and Ruth Sherwood, capably portrayed by Miss Rohrback and Miss Weygandt, and their riotous existence in a one-room basement apartment in the Greenwich Village section of the big city.

Dashing across the stage at various intervals dangerously tangling the plot are such characters as Mr. Appopolous, the artistic landlord, portrayed by Bob Farrow; Ralph "big stoop" Jensen, man from Georgia, The Wreck, by James Bronson; former tenant of dubious character, Violet, by Helen Holden; the meek and stumbling Lippincott, by David Jahn; the magazine editor, Robert Baker, by Edwin Mickel, and the wolfish newspaper man, Chick Clark, by Ken Griffith.

With Ruth seeking a career as a writer and Eileen having aspirations to become an actress the girls settle in the noisy basement. Eileen with her amazing attraction to men, manages to entertain visitors ranging from army captain (Bill Wood), who is looking for Violet to the suspicious policeman (Jack Leonard) who heckles the girls constantly.

Adding to the surprise ending are the Portuguese sailors, played by Gordon Cochran, Bill Wood, Jack Titus, Art Damschen, Chic Chaloupka, and Don Jones, as they insist in performing the conga in the tiny apartment, landing the beautiful Eileen in a ticklish spot.

Clever lines and fine acting, as well as the assistance of Marellen Wilbur, student director; the back stage crew all attributes to the richly humorous effect of the production.

Special note should be given to such characters as Betsy Steffen, playing Helen Wade; Gardner Williams, the Cossack; Helen Johnson, Mrs. Wade; Ethan Newman, Walter Sherwood; Marie Hewett, prospective tenant; Robert Over, consul; Jimmy Toner and Bobby Joe Quigley, street urchins; and Gordon Cochran and George Fletcher, the drunks.

Although recently presented in the motion picture and the stage production of the same name, the campus version of "My Sister Eileen" promises to chalk up another hit for the smooth ability of the guild hall players.

## Bird Study Class Holds Field Trip

The bird study class, sponsored by the general extension center, held its first meeting last Sunday morning, April 18, under the direction of R. R. Huestis, University professor of zoology.

Every Sunday for six weeks the class of fifteen members, two of them University students, will go on field trips.

## Jump-Off-Joe Seen by Class

A geological phenomenon—extensive slipping of land—was observed last weekend by 20 geology students under Dr. Warren D. Smith, head of the geography and geology department, when the group drove up to Jump-Off-Joe on the Pacific coast near Newport. The site for the expedition, Jump-Off-Joe, is a huge rock overlooking the ocean, but at high water, "looks like a wash," according to Dr. Smith. Formerly hard sandstone had kept the shale structure between the homes and the ocean dry, and prevented its slipping down into the ocean.

During thousands of years, however, the pounding ocean, Dr. Smith said, wore the rock away. The shale, being nothing but hardened mud, was lubricated by the incoming water, and proceeded to slip into the ocean, creating huge fissures in the earth around.

As a result of the erosion, trees were tipped over and houses slipped into the cracks created in the region. Some houses are being moved. One auto camp was forced to do so by increasing pressure on earth area. There is no anticipating by geologists of a let-up in the sliding.

The group also collected fossils from beds uncovered by a highway being newly cut near Newport. The group traveled by truck and a private automobile.

## Stage Crew Prepares Play Dress Rehearsal

By BETTY ANN STEVENS

To the tune of a conga number, nailing down of a rug, street noises played over the public address system by Charles Politz, assistant stage manager, added to the confusion generated by electrician Ruth Moss climbing up a swaying ladder to "fiddle with the spotlights," the stage crew of "My Sister Eileen" readied the scene for dress rehearsal Tuesday night.

Being produced in the Guild Hall theater on April 23, 24, 27, and 28, the Broadway and motion picture hit has a basement apartment set designed by James Bronson, featuring a bed which slides under the sidewalk, a grilled window, through which faces peer and feet pass by. Other props, according to properties manager, Bob Over and his assistant, Yolande Pouteau, are two paintings, "Dilemma in Blue," and "Afternoon of a Goat," done by Mr. Appopolous, the landlord, played by Bob Farrow, in the "blue-green and red-red periods." The "blue-green" number was done by Neal Koch and Joyce Scott, and the "red-red" inspired by Cadet Don Shirley.

A live dog will be a member of the cast, according to Elaine Lakefish, business manager, despite any laws restricting the activities of canines.

## Genevieve Graves Heads Mu Phi Epsilon

Genevieve Graves, junior in music, will head Mu Phi Epsilon for 1943-44 as its president.

Other officers for the coming year are Phyllis Taylor, sophomore, vice-president; Helen Luvaas, sophomore, secretary; Jean Phillips, sophomore, treasurer.

The group will hold its next meeting Tuesday, April 27, at 7:30 in alumni hall of Gerlinger.

## Counselor Visits

Mrs. Claire McCarthy, national counselor for Alpha Chi Omega, visited the chapter of Alpha Kappa, on the Oregon campus April 11.

## WAAC Placed 'Deep in Texas'

Lt. Irene A. Van Houten '36, a member of the women's army auxiliary corps, has been stationed at the San Antonio district army recruiting service, San Antonio, Texas.

Lt. Van Houten was a member of Phi Beta, music honorary, the University glee club and symphony chorus, and in addition made a number of public appearances. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree at the University in 1936.

## Began December 7

Before joining the WAACs she was executive secretary of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company, Olympia, Washington, branch office.

She enrolled in the WAACs at Seattle, Washington and began her training on December 7, 1942 at Daytona Beach, Florida. Finishing her basic training January 14, 1943, she took a specialized two-week motor transport "blitz" course, and now has a license to drive anything up to and including one and one-half ton trucks.

## Brother Is a Lieutenant

Lt. Van Houten took her officer training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, and received her commission March 30. She is assigned to recruiting service in the eighth service command.

Her brother is also a lieutenant. He is Lt. Chester Van Houten, now in the army, formerly champion badminton player of the Pacific Northwest.

## BA Positions Open in June

Mr. G. L. Rideout, personnel manager of the Puget Sound Power and Light company at Seattle Tuesday interviewed 11 University seniors who applied for full-time employment with the company upon graduation next June.

Mr. Rideout said the organization was particularly interested in business administration school graduates who are interested in various types of personnel work. Girls who want to make a career for themselves in secretarial positions in an essential industry, Mr. Rideout said, received special attention.

"Any girl who accepts a position," Mr. Rideout declared, "will be placed in a 90-day training course for which the student will be paid. During this time, the course will enable the girl to acquaint herself with all the department."

Service, utilization, personnel, purchasing, and sales departments will be included in the training.

Men graduates from the BA school will take a one-year training course to prepare them for administration work in the offices of the company.

"A public utilities company first of all desires people that like people," said Mr. Rideout. "The personnel worker deals with everyone in the city. He is expected to handle customers with real courtesy and to be calm under fire."

## Civilian Defense Talks Scheduled

Three lectures on civilian defense have been scheduled for Thursday, April 22, by the campus defense council as a part of the regular lecture series sponsored by the council.

Mrs. Dorothy Warren will speak on nurses' aides to the Delta Gammas, Kappa Alpha Thetas, Chi Omegas, and Kappa Kappa Gammas at the Delta Gamma house.

Kenneth Shumaker, lower division adviser, is scheduled to speak at the Alpha Omicron Pi house on bomb reconnaissance. The Alpha Delta PIs, Alpha Gamma Deltas, and Sigma Kappas will also be there.

Dr. D. S. Dedrick, assistant professor of chemistry, will speak on civilian defense during a gas attack to the Pi Beta Phis, Alpha Chi Omegas, and Zeta Tau Alphas, at the Pi Phi house.

The lectures will begin at 6:30.

## 'Sister' Tickets Sell Co-op Head Chosen

The University theater box office opened Tuesday to begin the sale of tickets for "My Sister Eileen." The box office is located on the first floor of Johnson hall. Tickets may be reserved by calling 3300, extension 216.

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