

# Drama on Saturday's Docket

## Saroyan's Plotless Play To Climax Homecoming

A reverie in a bar room, without much story and none of the nervous excitement of the theater, Saroyan's "The Time of Your Life" is one of the highlights of Homecoming weekend. Opening in Johnson hall Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, the play is presented by the University theater guild.

The plotless drama centers its ambling actions in a San Francisco waterfront saloon. The audience meets both odd and ordinary specimens of humanity drifting in and across the stage throughout the three acts.

The recent action of the Student Affairs committee regarding closed weekend was not intended to prohibit attendance of students to the speech and drama division production of Saroyan's "Time of Your Life." Dean Karl Onthank announced that individual living organizations may use their own discretion in permitting students to attend this production. It is hoped that houses will be lenient in the case of students with a professed interest in speech and drama as the production will be of academic interest.

Joe, the warm-hearted sentimentalist played by Lewis Vogler, spends most of his stage time at one of the saloon's little round tables. He consumes champagne and regards life with a philosophical air of helpfulness. From him the various strays who wander into the waterfront dive seek everything from food to spiritual assistance.

### Burlesque Mystery

Kitty, the one-time burlesque queen, is portrayed by Estelle Shimshak; Nick the bartender, by Clifton James; and the lovely lady of mystery, Mary, by Marge Allingham.

Completing the cast are Willie, Charles Simpson; Tom, Craig Beeson; Dudley, Floyd Stack; Harry, Dale Frederick; Wesley, Lloyd Damaschofsky; Lorene, Maxine Knorr; Blick, Bob Miller; Krupp, Emerson Hoogstraet; McCarthy, John McDonald.

Kit Carson, Jack Miller; Elsie, Jacqueline Flug; Drunk, Paul Marcotte; Sailor, Donnel Wingate; Killer, Pat Kimick; Streetwalker, Pat Smith; Anna, Muriel Light; Lady, Lynn Renick; Arab, Lee Petrask.

### Robinson Directs

The play is under the direction of Horace W. Robinson, assisted by Marilyn Wherry.

Crew members are Kenneth Shores, stage manager; Jeanne Myers, assistant stage manager; Dorothy Lee, switchboard operator; Beverly Slaney, property manager; Janice Myers, sound effects; Janette Williams, box office manager; Betty Ingebritson, head usher; Jo Schulberg, make-up.

## Miss Rogndahl to Sing Over Mutual Sunday

Singing Lakme's "Bell Song," Marie Rogndahl a former University student will perform over the Mutual broadcasting network Sunday at 7 p.m.

Miss Rogndahl, who took her senior year at the University last year, was chosen the "Undiscovered Voice of America" in a nationwide contest conducted by the "Hour of Charm" radio program.

The former student has been working in New York City for the past few months.

The New York, Ontario and Western Railway Co. was the first to use diesel engines in all locomotives.

## Phi Beta Kappa Announce 1945 Senior Six Members

Six outstanding University students, known traditionally as the Senior Six, were elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa Thursday. Each fall six students, chosen for exceptional scholarship, are tapped by the honorary scholastic fraternity. Fall term, 1945 members are: Louise Montag, journalism; Pauline L. Sulflow, business administration; Charles F. Cunningham, english; Shirley A. Rubenstein, mathematics; Mrs. Aleanor Patterson Merrifield, sociology and Barbara Lucas, biology.

Miss Montag maintains the highest cumulative grade point average, 3.79. Editor of the Emerald, she is also a member of Mortar Board, senior women's honorary and Theta Sigma Phi, national women's journalism honorary.

The second highest grade point is that of Miss Sulflow, who has a cumulative of 3.76. She is a member of Beta Gamma Sigma, national business honorary and is a Sigma Kappa.

New officers of the Alpha chapter of Phi Beta Kappa were also chosen at the meeting Thursday. They are: president, F. M. Combella, assistant professor of Greek and Latin, succeeding Miss Mary E. Kent of the general extension division; vice-president, John Stehn, acting dean of the school of music; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Helen Soehren, instructor in English. Robert Leeper, associate professor of psychology was elected to the executive committee, and Miss Shirley Anderson to the membership committee.

## I.S.A. to Elect Representatives

Independent students recently cast a unanimous ballot in favor of an ISA constitutional amendment which provides for two representatives, one man and one woman, from each class.

The first election this amendment will affect is scheduled for December 5 at which time two freshman representatives will be chosen and a man from each of the three other classes will be elected. The sophomore, junior, and senior classes already have a woman representative on the ISA executive council.

## 'Music' Box Disclosed

Date Set for January 5; Committees Announced; Decorations Remain Secret

"The Music Box Ball" will be presented by the class of 1946 on Saturday night, January 5. The theme of the annual senior ball was announced at a meeting of the decorations committee Tuesday night.

With the decorations to remain a secret, the ball will be the first formal dance of winter term and will be held in McArthur court. Last year the class of 1945 presented "Club 45".

Committee heads for the ball are: Mary Margaret Ellsworth, chairman; Martha Harrold, decorations; Bernice Granquist, patrons; Annamae Winship, publicity; Ted Loud, orchestra; Bob Smith, entertainment; Shirley Walker, programs; Ed Allen and Jim Lund, lighting; and Fred Semain and Ted Kent, cleanup.

Martha Harrold, chairman of the decoration committee has announced the following members of the committee: Lois Twining, Bobbi Bealer, Rosemary Alber, Cecile Noreen, Bob Bissett, Bibbits Strong and Elaine Taylor.

### ISA INTRODUCTIONS

Students petitioning for ISA representative positions will be introduced at an open ISA senate meeting Tuesday, December 4, 7 p.m. in 105 Commerce hall.

All independent students are invited to the meeting, senate president Catherine Crombie announced, in order to meet their candidates who will be voted on the following day.

## 'Idols of Swift' Topic of Souers Talk Thursday

Lecture Series' Speaker Department Head

"Wisdom is a Nut; or the Idols of Jonathan Swift," will be the topic of the discussion by Dr. Philip W. Souers, head of the English department in the University, on the University Lecture series Thursday, December 6, on the campus.

This topic is especially appropriate, in that this year marks the 200th anniversary of Swift's death, said Dr. Rudolph Ernst, chairman of the lecture committee. "Gulliver's Travels," "Battle of the Books," and "Modest Proposal," are among the many books written by Swift.

Appointed last spring as head of the English department, Dr. Souers was previously professor of English and chairman of the department at Sophie Newcomb college, Tulane University.

He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Iowa in 1920, his master's degree from there in 1922, and was granted his doctoral degree at Harvard in 1928.

Counselor for the Medieval Academy of America, and advisory reader for Publications of Modern Language association, he has had several articles published on medieval painting, archaeology, early Anglo-Saxon art, and philology. Dr. Souers has traveled widely in Europe.

## Puzzled Pud: No Coat, Mud

If any student should see one of his friends strutting around in a green jacket several sizes too small for him, kindly go up and ask if he borrowed it from Puddles, mascot of the Oregon Webfoots. It seems some character, (friend or foe) deliberately snatched Puddles' wearing apparel while she was going through her performance at the game in Portland.

Since Jim McClintock, Puddles' keeper, isn't exactly handy with a needle and thread but would like to have his charge re-decorated for the Homecoming game, he recommends that something be done to relieve this situation. Besides, the weather is so cold the duck may catch her death of pneumonia if not properly clothed.

## Alumni Nominate Haycox, Cronise

Nominated for the presidency of the University alumni association were Ernest Haycox, Portland author and Ralph Cronise, publisher of the Albany Democrat-Herald, at a meeting of the nominating committee held Monday in Portland.

Nominated for vice-president of the association were: Mrs. Walter Banks of Eugene and Mrs. Paul Patterson of Hillsboro. Voting for the election will be handled by mail throughout December, and results will be announced December 31. All members of the organization are eligible to vote.

## Rally Prevues Big Weekend

As a prevue of Homecoming weekend, the traditional rally assembly was held Thursday morning at McArthur court with Bob Campbell as master of ceremonies.

Bill McLennan, general chairman of the Homecoming committee, urged the cooperation of the students in carrying out plans that have been made for the weekend.

June Johnson, accompanied by Pat Metcalf, sang "Your Eyes Have Told Me So" and "Ciribiribin."

Through the use of a human "flivver" which persisted in breaking down after picking up an Oregon State hitch-hiker, the rally squad demonstrated how Oregon plans to "knock out" Oregon State and ride away with "Miss Victory."

Bob Moran was narrator, and Bill Gross, Sam Benveniste, Bud Salinardo, Jim McClintock, Jim Ellison, and Winston Carl took part in the skit, which was planned by Pattie Beaton.

Mickey Davies, yell king, introduced a new yell which will be used for the first time in the Oregon State football game Saturday. He also requested that girls wear white blouses if they plan on sitting in the card section.

Among the card tricks will be one which will start with a black OSC printed diagonally across a field of orange. In the next trick a smear of green paint will blot it out.

The Chi O quartet, including Betty Jones, Jean Kirkwood, Dorothy Fleming, and Janice Crabtree, sang "On the Sunny Side of the Street" and "Deep in a Dream."

The three finalists in the contest to find the Oregon "Girl You Most

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## Oft-Painted 'O' Has Unique History; Brushes Still Out After Thirty-Seven Years

By LAVERNE GUNDERSON

For over 37 years, the giant cement "O", prominent in Oregon tradition and campus life, has looked down Willamette street from its perch on Skinner's butte. Its history, about which many students have often wondered can be related thus—

On May 11, 1908, the Oregon Weekly, the U of O's first newspaper, long-since replaced by the Emerald, announced that among other constructive projects scheduled for the school's first Junior Weekend, a huge cement "O" would be laid on Skinner's butte. The monogram, sponsored by the Eugene Commercial club, would be in charge of Guy Kennedy, class of 1909. On May 22 the block letter was built by the University men.

Painting of the "O" was established in tradition on the fifth annual "University Day," when men of the junior class under Clarence Steele, gathered on the butte to apply the first coat of

lemon yellow. Junior men continued to paint the symbol until 1912, in which year the Class of 1913, considering it too messy a job for themselves, forced the freshman men to do the honors.

The freshman class of each succeeding year, painted the "O" under junior supervision, until 1922, when only those men having won frosh athletic numerals were elected for the task. Three years later, the bossing of the job was switched from the junior class to Order of the "O" members and has continued until the present.

The Junior Weekend paintings are unique in that the freshmen do not use brushes or brooms, but smear the emblem with the seats of their frosh pants. The paint is poured from the top with the hapless victims forced to slide down the 'O' in order to cover it in its entirety.

Though desecrations of the "O" by OSC vandals has occurred on numerous occasions, the last being

less than two months ago, other schools have also added their bit to its life story. For instance, in 1910, the visiting California baseball team, blocked out one side of the letter thus transforming it into a "C". In connection with this week's Homecoming, after the event's football game of 1937, a carload of Beavers were caught, transported to the butte and made to restore the cement mass to yellow rather than the OSC orange that had recently been applied.

In late years it has been a fall term tradition to see which living organization would win the race to bathe the "O" in yellow. This was normally done by a men's house, but since the war, it has been painted numerous times by groups of girls. Campbell club gave the letter its first coat this year, and several weeks ago, the Zeta Tau Alphas applied a second to cover the OSC orange the eager Beavers had put on during the 'little civil war siege.