

'Yellow Jacket' Casts Namesake In Charles Coburn Famous Role

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Chorus, the oriental version of the master of ceremonies, will appear in "The Yellow Jacket" in the person of Keith Cockburn, freshman liberal arts major, from Milton, Oregon.

The Hazelton and Benrimo play, a picturesque, magnificently costumed production which opens March 6 on the University stage, retains the flavor of the Oriental theater. The chorus and property man are essentials of this stage tradition.

Introduces Characters

Chorus remains on the stage during the play, introduces most characters before they enter, and pronounces the prologue and epilogue, including the history of the Chinese theater and meaning of the play, Cockburn relates.

Chorus is a dignified suave, well-fed, and affable gentleman who confides in the audience little subtleties about the play and little philosophical observations.

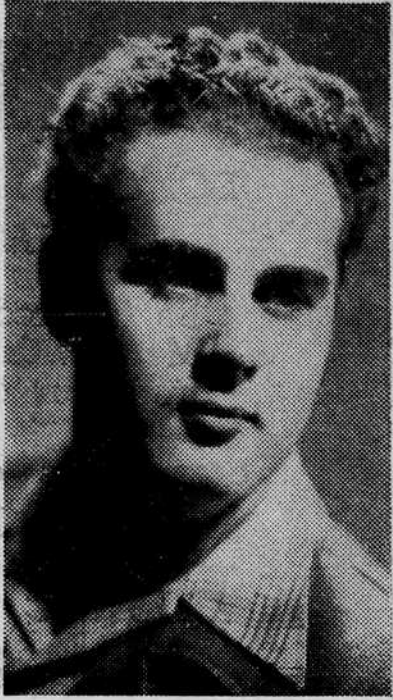
Cockburn's makeup for the play offers the problem of achieving the effect of Oriental eyes. To help accomplish this end, he has clipped off about half his eyebrows.

Theater seems to run in the Cockburn blood. Keith and his brother Bob appeared in "Dark of the Moon" as Uncle Smellicue and Floyd Allen, respectively, and Bob appears in "The Yellow Jacket" as the first assistant property man.

Coburn Vehicle

Cockburn cites an interesting incident. Charles Coburn, now of the movies, is the most famous Chorus connected with "The Yellow Jacket." Coburn toured in the play for many years and had complete rights to it for some time. Cockburn's first name is Charles, and the Scottish pronunciation of his name is Co'burn.

During the war Cockburn served



KEITH COCKBURN ...

in the navy on the personnel transport U.S.S. John Land. He spent most of two and one-half years in the Philippine Islands and the Orient.

Cockburn's high school theater career included the part of King Arthur in "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court." He is interested in music and plays five instruments, the piano being his main interest.

Warren Miller Wins Linfield Speech Meet

Warren Miller, junior in journalism, won first in group discussion at the Linfield speech tournament held last weekend. His topic of discussion was "What Should be the Policy of the Government Toward Management and Labor?"

Nancy Peterson, sophomore in journalism, won fourth in the junior women's division of memorized speaking. Miss Peterson spoke on the state penal institutions.

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