

# 'Thunder Rock' Curtain at 8

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## Reality vs. Idealism Theme of Drama

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"Thunder Rock," Robert Ardrey's thoughtful drama of a man who attempts to escape reality, opens tonight at 8 in the University Theater under the direction of Mrs. Ottilie T. Seybolt.

The second production of the 1949-50 season, the three-act drama has newcomer Don Van Boskirk in the lead role of Charleston, the cynical lighthouse keeper.

### Supporting Cast Varied

Supporting roles are played by Grace Hoffman as Melanie, the daughter of Viennese Dr. Kurtz, enacted by Faber de Chaine. The doctor's wife, Anne Marie, is played by Joan Landman. The gruff Captain Joshua is portrayed by Ken Neal, and Bob Morton appears as the illiterate cockney Briggs.

Fiery Miss Kirby is played by Louise Clouston. Characterizing the lighthouse staff are Harold Smith as Streeter and Bob Peterson as Flemming. Other roles are filled by Wayne Wagner as Nonny, Robert Metz as Chang, and Donn Doak as Cassidy.

Doak, along with Margaret Maulding, also doubles as assistant director.

### Show Broadway Hit

Ardrey's drama was an immediate success when it opened in 1939 on Broadway with Francis Farmer in one of the leading roles. Moving to London in 1940, just before the blitz, "Thunder Rock" was hailed, in the words of The Spectator, as "one of the great plays of the age." Its theme appealed to a people beset by the trials and brutalities of war.

Though "Thunder Rock" utilizes but one set—the interior of the lighthouse—it is a careful blending of sounds, lights, set, and action in an attempt to depict the somewhat supernatural story of dead people returned to life. Charleston, trying to escape from his own present, delves into the past and recreates in his imagination a group of people who died in a Lake Michigan shipwreck in 1849. Through them and their experiences, his warped philosophy is reviewed.

### Five-Day Run Set

The drama is scheduled for a five-day run—tonight, Saturday night, and Feb. 8, 9, and 10. It will be presented before delegates to the Northwest Drama Conference on Feb. 9 and 10.

Tickets for the production may be purchased in the theater box office from 8 to 12 and 1 to 5 daily. The box office, under the supervision of ticket manager Ken Olsen, will be open until 8 p.m. on production nights.

## Speech Contest Set for Feb. 6, 7

An all-University extemporaneous speaking contest will be held Feb. 6 and 7 on the general topic of United States foreign policy, according to E. R. Nichols Jr., professor of speech.

The preliminary round of speaking will be held Feb. 6 at 3 p.m. in room 201 Villard. The final round will be held at 8 p.m. Feb. 7.

Prizes of \$50, \$30, and \$20 from the Jewett fund will be given. The contest is open to all undergraduate University students.

## Seniors To Check Records

Responsibility for checking graduation requirements will be placed on individual students under a new system initiated by the Registrar's Office this term.

A visible file containing records of each senior's status as to fulfillment of graduation requirements is now available to students at the senior counter on the first floor of Emerald Hall.

Purpose of the file is to prevent instances where seniors find they have not satisfied graduation requirements too late to remedy the situation and are consequently dropped from the graduation list. In the past, many seniors have been faced with this situation.

The new system consists of a file book situated on the senior counter containing information card strips for each senior who has filed a degree card and an explanatory chart posted above the book.

Listed on the chart, in simplified form, are the graduation requirements found in the 1950-51 catalogue. The chart also shows where the information may be found on each senior's card strip.

Cards for students who have already filled all requirements are marked with a large blue dot. Two colors of cards are used, white for undergraduates and blue for graduate students working for higher degrees.

Nine requirements checked are:

1. Completion of 45 hours of work since receiving the junior certificate.
2. Accumulation of sufficient upper division hours. Professional schools require 45, while 62 are needed in the College of Liberal Arts.
3. Accumulation of sufficient hours in subjects for degrees. A

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## 'Abnormal Cold' Continues Today

Oregon's cold wave is due to continue with low temperature for this morning predicted at somewhere between zero and minus five degrees.

A high pressure area extending over western Oregon and Washington is causing the envelopment of the Pacific Northwest in frigid Arctic air.

The Willamette Valley went into its second week of sub-zero weather with little expectation of warmer temperatures in sight. Eugene had a low of minus 2 for Thursday. Portland and Salem both recorded minimums of minus 3 degrees.

Some clouding will take place today and may help raise the mercury a few degrees more than it was yesterday. The forecast calls for a high of 25, five more than the recorded maximum for Thursday.

## King of Hearts Candidates Cut To Six Finalists

Six finalists for the King of Hearts title were chosen in Wednesday night's judging from 28 candidates.

Contenders are Bob Wilcox, Phi Delta Theta; Ed Eveland, Sigma Chi; Leigh Campbell, Alpha Tau Omega; Ron Gillis, Chi Psi; Ray Karnofski, Sigma Alpha Epsilon; and Dave Palmer, Phi Gamma Delta.

Voting for the King of Hearts of the Heart Hop Feb. 10 will be by dance ticket stubs at the Co-op next week. Voting will end at 4 p.m. Friday. The annual Heart Hop is sponsored by the YWCA sophomore commission.

Judges in choosing the finalists were Doris H. Brunton, instructor in Business Administration; Virginia Nolph of Nolph's Photography Studio; Leo Harris, director of athletics; Helen Simpson, Betty Co-ed, and Bob Gray, Joe College.

Candidates were judged on personality, looks, and interest or participation in campus activities.

Committee for King of Hearts selection is Pat Mullin and Barbara Clerin, co-chairmen; Betty Jo Clack, Joan Manning, Anne Henderson, Gerry Pearson, and Nancy Pollard.



GRACE HOFFMAN, Melanie, and Don Van Boskirk, Charleston, in a tender scene from "Thunder Rock," Robert Ardrey drama opening tonight in University Theater for a five-day run.

## Stan 'The Man' Kenton Takes a Stand Jazz Cleanup, Drop of 'Bop' Urged

Stan Kenton, whom students will hear in concert Feb. 13 at McArthur Court, thinks that if modern jazz is on the blink, it has only itself to blame.

Kenton contends that the present rage for "dixieland" is not founded on its merits alone. It has received



a hefty boost, he believes, from the cool, phony, pseudo hepsters, who are tying a dog-can to modern jazz."

Tickets for the concert are now on sale at McArthur Court and at

the Eugene Appliance Center. Students receive a 40 cent reduction in price. They may enter for 80 cents, while non-students are to be charged \$1.20. Reserved seats cost \$1.80. All amounts include tax.

The public, Kenton claims, isn't "as gullible as one might think." Consequently, they have reverted back to simple music.

The bandleader feels that mediocre musicians have been "looking down their noses at the public and that they have been creating confusion in the minds of those who appreciate good jazz."

What's the solution? He says all that is needed is a first-class musical house-cleaning. In the case of "bebop," "a small price to pay would be the sacrifice of the name."

Kenton, in his two-hour concert, will give the audience a full sampling of modern music in the copyrighted Kenton style. He calls his arrangements "Innovations in Modern Music for 1950."

Student tickets will go on sale Friday in the Co-op. The Student Union Board is sponsoring Kenton's appearance in Eugene.

### Soph Names Asked

Sophomore men who earned a 3.5 GPA last year at the University may submit their names to the office of student affairs for possible Phi Eta Sigma, scholastic honorary, membership.

## Parties Fix Platforms For Coming Elections

Reorganization of the freshman council heads the list of USA platform points for the coming frosh elections, Don Paillette, USA candidate for the number one post, announced Thursday.

Program points pledged by Paillette and Helen Jackson, USA candidate for the second position, are as follows:

1. Reorganization of the freshman council, making use of its potentialities as a central body of the freshman class.
2. Revival of a successful "Frosh Glee" as a semi-formal dance, with supplementary frosh activities.
3. An orientation program which includes (a) freshmen aiding in the preparation of the "Ore-n-ter," and

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Fall term elections for freshman officers will be a major point of the AGS party platform for freshman elections Monday, Don Denning, AGS candidate for the number one class position, revealed Thursday.

Points emphasized by Denning, supported by Jackie Wilkes, AGS candidate for the number two position, are as follows:

1. Fall term elections for freshman class officers to facilitate earlier participation of the Frosh in campus activities.
2. Support of freshman athletics, beginning with a frosh ski club, and looking toward a University ski team.
3. "Frosh Glee," planned, organized, and prepared by the freshmen

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