

CAROUSEL

UT First Night Highly Polished

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Emerald Columnist

The first night curtain rose at the University Theatre Wednesday evening revealing Rogers and Hammerstein's *Carousel* as a well-integrated production of fine music, voices, acting, and dancing.

Opening night was exceptionally polished, and much of the credit must go to the director, Horace W. Robinson, associate professor of speech. Also to be commended are Max D. Risinger, assistant professor of music, and Jean Cook, instructor in physical education, who were in charge of the large, enthusiastic singing and dancing choruses.

To those who saw the recent movie of *Carousel*, the University Theatre production was no disappointment. In fact, in several aspects the stage play was much better. It captured the simple and direct sweetness, which is so fitting to the musical's theme, and which was often overshadowed by the extravaganza of the Hollywood production.

The principals were outstandingly cast, dramatically as well as musically. Gordon Howard as the bragging, swaggering, but lovable Billy Bigelow, turned in one of his best performances. His full voice was at its best when he sang the "Soliloquy." Petite Ar-

den Jaeger made a completely sweet Julie Jordan. Ann Sterns plays the same role on alternate nights.

Carol Arneson and Ed Ragozino as Carrie Pipperidge and Jigger Cragin were audience favorites as they breezed through their comic scenes and lively songs. Micky Simmons is double-cast with Miss Arneson.

Patricia Taylor, playing Nettie Fowler, ably sang two of the musical's most famous songs, "June Is Busting Out All Over" and "You'll Never Walk Alone." As Enoch Snow, John Moseley, also added to the musical enjoyment of the play with "When the Children are Asleep" and "Geraniums in the Window."

The dancing was delightful throughout, from the prologue of systematized carnival confusion to the finely executed ballet by Marni Mahaffy, who played Louise.

The singing chorus, which is often the downfall of a student musical, was extremely effective in projecting and enunciating the words of such songs as "A Real Nice Ciambake."

One of the most interesting features of the setting, designed by Dave Sherman and Inga Shipstead, was the revolving carousel, which appeared only in the opening scene, but which was often apparent in the distance. Unusual lighting enhanced the settings as Billy moved from heaven to earth.

On the whole, *Carousel* was a fine example of what can be accomplished when the departments of speech, music, and dance cooperate for a common end.

Honorary Chooses Hall for President

Hubert Hall was elected president of Delta Nu Alpha, transportation honorary, at a banquet and meeting of the group Wednesday night in the Student Union.

Elected vice-president was Neal Kluckman, and Fred Stammen was elected secretary. Robert Armes will serve as treasurer of the group next year.

Given awards were Stammen, a junior in business, and William Walters, senior in business. Stammen's award was \$750 in cash, from the Republic Carloading and Distributing company. The award was made by Tad Dittmars, regional manager of the company.

Walters was awarded \$250 in cash from the Pacific International Express company, from Parkman Sayward, vice-president of sales and traffic.

Memorial Day Hours Announced by Library

The University library will be open on Memorial Day, next Wednesday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Two new works for band will be featured in the concert: A Symphony by Thomas Beversdorf, in its first West Coast performance, and "Contrasts" by Will Bottje, which won the 1952 award of the Composers Press, Inc.

"Classic Overture" by Grossec,

and a choral and fugue by Bach, and a Mozart march arranged by University graduate student Walter Buehning will also appear on the program.

This concert, which is open to the public, is being presented in conjunction with the Northwest College Band Director's conference on campus today and tomorrow.

Music directors from Washington, Oregon and Idaho are attending.

Georgia Hemmila Elected President

Georgia Hemmila was elected president of the "Cercle Francais" University French club, Wednesday night at the organization's last meeting of the year.

Other officers are Valerie Gilman, vice president and Birger Brandt, secretary.

The program included a series of slides and refreshments were served.

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