

'Hansel and Gretel' featured by University Opera Workshop

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It is unfortunate that a misleading idea concerning opera has wide circulation in America. This popular concept seems to be a compilation of impressions received from such popular opera singers as Mario Lanza, cartoons with balding and bored plutocrats at the opera in general circulation magazines, and fat, flowing ladies in horned helmets.

THOSE WHO WOULD like to have such prejudices dispelled should attend the University's Opera Workshop production of Humperdinck's opera "Hansel and Gretel." The three-act opera will be presented in the school of music's auditorium Friday at 8 p.m. The performance, which will be an abridged version of the opera, will be sung in English. Edward Zambara, the director of the Opera Workshop, takes "the middle view" about opera in English. Unlike purists who will not

tolerate operatic translations, Zambara produces Opera Workshop operas in English if good, singable translations are available. Opera performances in many European countries, Germany, for instance, are in the language of that country.

In Germany, Russian, French and Italian operas are all performed in German. Zambara explained that often operas are formed in America in the original language because of the "melting pot" quality of the races and nationalities that the country has.

ZAMBARA himself is a singer, having had experience with the Boston Opera, the New England Opera Theatre, the Harvard Opera Company, and has been director of the Opera Workshop at the University of Tennessee for five years.

Zambara sings 16 bass roles including Boris Gudonov, and Hans Sachs in Wagner's Meistersinger. He also sang the title role in the Harvard opera group's American premiere of Ariadis by Lully.

The Opera Workshop is a credit class, presenting each year as many operas as possible. Last year's productions were Amahl and the Night Visitors by Menotti and the west coast premiere of Petit's opera, "Love is a Game of Chance." This last production's response was "very good, excellent," cheers Zambara.

An orchestra was used for the Amahl production, the Petit premiere using a piano. Friday's opera production will utilize piano accompaniment.

Zambara feels that the Opera Workshop program at Oregon is "well-worked with classical, romantic and contemporary operas. I feel that specialization in opera is wrong." The opera director points out that last year's two operas were contemporary works, while "Hansel and Gretel" is a "standard work."

THE CAST of the opera to be presented Friday will be an all-student one. Zambara points with pride to the fact that there are music students at Oregon with the technical ability and mastery of singing to present operas. Roberta Clemens and Anne Templeton, respectively, will perform the roles of Hansel and Gretel.

The opera was first written by Humperdinck for his sister as a short musical play. Later the composer enlarged upon the original, and this extended version was first performed in 1893. It was broadcast by the Metropolitan in the 1930s as the first complete opera broadcast in America. It has enjoyed the reputation of having over 100 performances at the Metropolitan.

Frances Dougherty of the physical education department is doing the opera's choreography, and the chorus is being directed by Max Risinger. Sets are being done by students of the music school.

ZAMBARA FEELS that colleges and universities have a duty to present contemporary operas which strike out in new operatic directions and may not find a ready public among admirers of "Carmen" and "Aida."

Zambara hopes to do Purcell's "Dido" and "Aeneas" and several of the works of Carl Orff.

Handball instruction open to grads, faculty

Graduate students and members of the faculty will have the opportunity to get some professional instruction in the sport of handball at a coaching session set for tonight at 7.

THE SESSION is being sponsored by Phi Epsilon Kappa, physical education professional fraternity. Members of the fraternity will conduct the classes.

Those planning on attending the session are to bring their own gym shoes and should obtain a locker and gym clothing through the Gym Suit Service of the physical education school. Handball gloves are desirable but not essential as ordinary leather gloves can be used as a substitute.

Western meet draws UO placement director

Eugene W. Dils, director of the University placement service, is presently attending the tenth conference of the Western College Placement Association January 21-22.

Dils will conduct an orientation program for new industry recruiters and college placement officials at the conference. Purpose of the meeting, he remarks, is to coordinate efforts of industry and colleges in selection and placement of college graduates.

Bevan worsens

LONDON (UPI) — Deputy British Labor party leader Aneurin Bevan has taken a turn for the worse.

Doctors in a London hospital say the 62-year-old politician suffered a relapse and his condition causes great anxiety. The Laborite leader underwent a major abdominal surgery on December 29.

Award presented to ROTC units

The University's army and air force ROTC units were presented, a Citation of Merit award for the work the cadets did during the recent Porchlight Drive of the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

The award was presented by E. G. Hulett, president of the Lane County Muscular Dystrophy Association at a banquet given at the Crippled Children's Home Wednesday evening.

Infirmary

Conined to the Infirmary are: Barbara K. Kuhn, Patricia J. Stones, Judith A. Hodges, Patricia A. Young, Roland E. Hukill, Gary N. Johnson, James L. Washburne, David Ling, Gary Dahl, Nancy Anne Graves, Margaret A. Myatt, Janet L. Parker and Alice J. Eugenia.

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Atheists . . .

(Continued from page 1) personal experience, from what I've read, and from what others have said to me, I can find no reason to believe in the existence of a god."

As in most discussions, the point of focus shifted at random. Professor Dykstra asked, "Is it not true that the Christian feels an obligation to make others see his point of view?"

THE REVEREND BURTNER answered that "the Christian tries to bring others to his point of view through love."

McReynolds, continuing the discussion of promulgation of belief said, "although Deists usually have more formal vehicles for spreading the word, such as churches, the atheist and agnostic are generally able to make themselves heard."

IRONICALLY summarizing the two points of view, Professor Dykstra said, "to the Deist the word 'atheist' usually connotes immorality and evil personality, while to the atheist, the word 'Deist' means stupid and superstitious."

Following the discussion was a brief question and answer period for audience participation. One spectator asked if the beliefs in Darwinism and Theism could exist congruously in the same person. Lindstrom, for the Atheists, answered "No." For the Deists, The Reverend Burtner answered "Yes."

The roundtable discussion topic for the next meeting February 3 will be "Morals and College Students."

Enrollment . . .

(Continued from page 1) the law school only 3 are women, the fewest enrolled in any school.

GENERAL STUDIES showed the biggest percentage growth with 60 per cent. It also has the smallest enrollment with only 56 students. The education school had a 17 per cent increase. It is the second largest department on campus and the only school with more women than men registered. Of the 483 students enrolled, 287 are women and 196 are men.

The College of Liberal Arts is still the largest department with 4,439 students.

THE OTHER schools recorded enrollments of: architecture, 331; business administration, 480; health and physical education, 264; journalism 89; and music 77.

The number of special students increased by one per cent to a total of 149, while the graduate school reported a growth of 14 per cent to a total of 918.

Meeting scheduled by Duck Preview

Duck Preview tour leaders will meet in the Greater Oregon office at 4 p.m. today, according to John Packham.

The meeting will consist of an orientation of tour leaders by Doug Fisk.

Tours will begin immediately after the Duck Preview luncheon and will continue until 5 p.m.

Table tennis games won by Larry Wu

Larry Wu, fifth year student in political science, won first place in the University's table tennis tournament. George Kahanuk placed second.

These winners will represent the University at the Northwest Regional table tennis tournament in April at the University of Washington.

Letters . . .

(Continued from page 2) supposed friend and adviser of UO students (according to a previous Oregonian), has violated a trust placed in him. I refer to his listing of Gary Gregory's fall term grades plus his implication that perhaps one of Gregory's grades was undeserved because of irregular attendance of classes.

Whatever DuShane's opinions, they certainly weren't the best kind to spread over the front page of a newspaper.

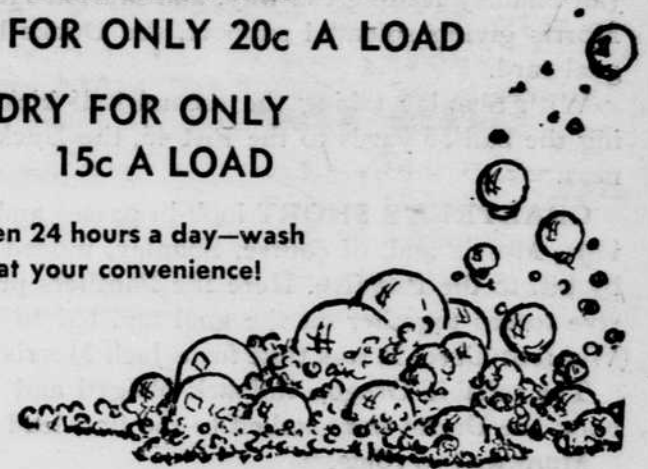
Perhaps this whole affair will provide the "founding fathers" of the ASUO with the needed precedent for establishing a more rigid constitution. Obviously such rules as the succession of office will have to be spelled out in order to keep students in the future from alibing their way out of their duties.

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