

# Seminar Called 'Cutthroat Theatre'

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"I'd like to be in your play, but . . . well, I read this other script and Betty offered me the lead role. I've already signed the contract."

Such is the behind-the-scenes dialogue of students currently involved in Howard Richardson's new seminar, a joint English and Speech Department course sometimes referred to as cutthroat theatre.

The actual title of the course is Problems in Producing the New Play. After selecting scripts written by University students, members of the seminar are scrambling to get their shows on the board. They are working in a manner closely approximating that of the professional theatre.

... Milk the Cow, Sir!

Richardson, experienced in professional theatre on Broadway and elsewhere, as a writer, director and producer, is adviser for the course. He is an associate professor in the English and speech departments. Pressure tactics or methods of guile, he told students, may be used to get the plays produced with the casts and crews desired by the playwrights.

## Air Force ROTC Attends Confab

The 16th annual legislative convention of Arnold Air Society, the honorary for the Air Force ROTC, last weekend in Denver, Colo., attracted 18 Air Force ROTC cadets from the University.

Two representatives from the University chapter of Angel Flight attended the 9th annual Angel Flight Conclave held simultaneously with the Arnold Air convention.

Astronaut Gordon Cooper, Air Force Chief of Staff Curtis LeMay, and entertainer Bob Cummings were among the aerospace leaders who addressed the conclave and received awards for their contributions to air science.

A formal Military ball was the climax of the four day joint meet. Participating were members of Angel Flight and Arnold Air Society from campuses all over the nation.

Arnold Air Society is named after Air Force General "Hap" Arnold.

The University delegation was flown to Denver by the Air Force.

A typical example of one of the new plays budding to life is "And You Shall Milk the Cow, Sir," a three-act comedy written earlier this year by Betty Evans, graduate student from New Zealand.

When Mrs. Evans learned at the end of last term that her play was being considered, she began lining up her company and re-writing for the final mimeographed script. Many of her cast and crew had voiced tentative commitments before spring vacation. Her play was selected, and company members signed contracts as they registered for the seminar.

### Rewriting Necessary

Like the other student playwrights, Mrs. Evans is delighted

that her play has been chosen for production. It is the first of her works to be staged, and the realization has inspired her to go on, perhaps even to submitting "And You Shall Milk the Cow, Sir," for London publication.

"I have more rewriting to do," she said last week. "A play is not a play until it comes to life, and I realized upon hearing the voices at tryouts that some changes will have to be made."

She has established her office in the University Theatre's coat-check room, where she regularly confers with her producer and director. Sometimes she calls up on another group, the student playwrights, who all face similar problems in getting their first shows produced.

### Grades Suggested

Three full-length plays and several one-act plays are now in early stages of production. Each is supplied with a small beginning budget and, by charging admission, is expected to run in the

## Hostel Slates Summer Tours

Several American Youth Hostel tours have been planned for this summer, including a low-budget trip to the Orient, a trip to Hawaii, a transcontinental tour, and a western national parks tour.

Cost of the Japanese hostel tour is \$995. Groups will sail from San Francisco June 25, or from Los Angeles June 27. Return sailing will be from Yokohama Aug. 17. Some time is allowed for independent travel.

A six-week trip to several Hawaiian islands is offered at \$580.

This year AYH is offering a seven-week transcontinental trip from the West Coast to the East and return by plane, bicycle and mule. A five-week tour of 11 National parks costs \$385.

Further information is available at the International Education Center, 312 SU.

## Spring Activities Planned By WRA

The Women's Recreation Association has planned a variety of activities for Spring term.

Track and Field is among the many recreational opportunities. The meet time is from 4 to 5 p.m. every Thursday. On May 16th, a meet will be held in which ten other schools will participate.

The Tennis Interest Group will meet from 4 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday on the Alder St. courts. By the process of a round robin tournament, a tennis team of four members will be chosen to represent the University in Portland at a conference.

Softball Intermurals will be held from 4 to 5 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The Softball Interest Group meets from 5 to 6 on Mondays.

Co-ed Gymnastics is held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays in the men's gym.

On Saturday, April 25th, a Bicycle Breakfast will be held. Meet at the Gerlinger turnaround at 7:30 a.m. for the ride to Armitage Park followed by food and games.

## Students Exhibit In Museum of Art

Photographs taken by beginning students in photo-journalism are on display in the Museum of Art.

The objectives of the course, taught by Bernard Freemesser, assistant professor of journalism, are to teach the student to observe the world around him, and to use light to advantage in the picture.

Through the use of light and shadow, students have created different moods in their pictures which include portraits, abstracts, and the reactions of people to the environments in which they are placed.

Freemesser has recently been elected president of the Oregon Press Photographers Association, at a meeting in Portland Tuesday night.

Also elected were Bill Brian, vice-president, photographer for the city of Portland; and Leonard Bacon, secretary-treasurer, photographer for The Oregonian.

Freemesser, who is University Photographer, has been on the University faculty since 1955. He holds a bachelor of arts degree from San Diego State College and a master of science degree from Oregon.

## Push-Cart Relays Slated For May 16

Held under the sponsorship of the Delta Chi fraternity, the second annual push-cart relays and parade will be held May 16.

All profits from this authorized All-Campus activity which has the approval of the Student Activities Committee will go to the Pearl Buck School for Retarded Children.

Along with the relays, a parade will be held. Each organization is invited to enter a small float, a skit, a marching unit, or any other form of group entry which will not only be amusing and entertaining to the spectators, but enjoyable to the participants as well.

Trophies will be awarded to winning participants as well as to winners of the relays.

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Grades will be suggested to Richardson for each individual by the producers and directors. Some 75 students, both graduates and undergraduates, are enrolled in the seminar for credit.

According to Richardson, students may well encounter such problems of the professional the-

atre as passing over good scripts in favor of a "bomb," or complete failure. All the drama of making a success of a new play exists, and the performances of all the students involved are on trial.

Students learn by doing, Richardson maintains, and this competitive course plays by the rules of the real game.

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