

SOC Faculty Follies 'Extravaganza' Set Later This Week

Ashland — The first annual Faculty Follies, presented by members of the staff at Southern Oregon college, will be presented at 8:15 p.m. in Churchill hall, on the SOC campus, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The "extravaganza" has been termed "one of the most unique cultural activities ever to be presented in the valley," according to a high-powered publicity campaign conducted by Robert L. Edwards, SOC instructor in journalism.

The follies will be on a "high intellectual plane," Edwards has reported, and the cast has obtained the loan of three bales of hay to give the proper setting.

The stage event is modeled on a "San Francisco Culture Tour" theme, taking-off the quarterly visits made by students to the Bay city.

Edwards quoted Producing Director Leon C. Mulling as saying that "valley residents who have the fortitude to sit through the hour and half show will automatically become eligible to receive an honorary degree as doctor of hilarity at the 1975 commencement."

Final dress rehearsal is set for this afternoon.

The production will include 17 acts of "drama, music and corn," Edwards' advance notices say. He added:

"An intermission has been scheduled early in the performance for the convenience of patrons who are unable to stand any more, although the aisles will be kept clear at all times."

Transformer Failure

Failure of a transformer near Bear Creek orchards on Highway 99 south of Medford at 7:25 a.m. today resulted in a power outage in the area between Medford and Phoenix, California Oregon Power company officials reported this morning.

Also affected were portions of southwest Medford. Service was restored within a few minutes, Copco men said.



FACULTY FOLLIES MUSICIAN—Otto J. Wilda, associate professor of art at Southern Oregon college, practices with his "rare Icelandic fish horn" with which he will present a symphonic solo in the annual faculty follies Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Entire Police Force Quits Over Pay Increase Dispute

Orem, Utah — (U.P.) — National steel wage negotiations Wednesday threatened to leave this small, central Utah community without its five-man police force.

The five resigned Wednesday over repeated refusals by the city council to grant them higher pay.

Steel Wages Higher

Police Chief Ralph Peters, one of the men who resigned effective April 30, said Orem is practically under the shadow of the Geneva plant of the U.S. Steel Corp., where wages are "much higher than our salaries, and will be even higher."

The present pay scale is \$250 per month for Peters and \$220 per month for each of his four patrolmen, Lloyd Anderberg, Rullon Cook, Vernon Partridge and Joe Gardner.

The resignations followed a closed conference between the officers, the city council and Mayor J. W. Gillman.

'Very Good' Verdict Given on Vining Play

"Very good" was the repeated comment by a chattering half-filled house at the Vining repertory's first spring season production of "Claudia" in Ashland's Lithia theater last night.

The play, which involves a lovable but dense creature named Claudia, concerns itself with the struggle of creating a woman out of a child encircled by a "mother image." Claudia's refreshing approach to life when it concerns some of the baser drives of the human race provides the effective comedy element to which the audience heartily responded.

"Correct Nonsense" Miss Elmarie Wendel, in the leading role, was well-equipped via voice and mannerisms to convey the part in its fullest. Her husky, well-modulated voice was embellished with provocative stage movements and head gestures which gave the correct amount of nonsense to her interpretation. She, indeed, was Claudia as Rose Franken intended her.

H. Paul Kliss gave his well-known smooth, urbane and delightfully bored interpretation of Claudia's understanding husband.

Miss Clara Margaret Daniels again displayed her competency in a matronly role and lent a professional sureness to the unique acting company.

Striking Figures

Mrs. Barbara Curtis was a striking figure as Julia who brought the weird creation of Madame Daruschka, a broken-down Russian version of a Wagnerian soprano, into the household of Claudia and David. Mrs. Suzanne LaMarre Hanson gave the latter part the works, complete with an accent, with gestures, and blocked-up heels straight from Carmen Miranda's shoe closet.

Eddy Barron was an Englishman without much of an accent.

This one improvement would complete an otherwise good portrayal.

Mrs. Kitty Ingle and Brad Curtis play two rather plain characters that take care of Claudia's home. Both slow down their parts to a turtle's pace and give effective studies in hired help.

The tempo of the production is never rowdy, as it surely could be in several actions. Director Philip Hanson interpreted the production in a mild manner and evidently stressed a light comedy vein which is never destined to get bogged down in the more serious tones of the production. By emphasizing this tempo in each of the scenes, Hanson achieved a continuity that provided an excellent evening of good light comedy on an adult level.—H. N.

Probers Unable To Explain Cause Of Bomber Crash

Spokane — (U.P.) — Air Force investigators Wednesday dug through the smoldering rubble of a B-36 intercontinental bomber that crashed and exploded near here Tuesday, killing 15 of 17 men aboard.

Flames from the plane scorched a five-acre circle around the twisted wreckage a mile east of the Fairchild AFB runway and eight miles west of here in a wheat field.

It was the eighth B-36 crash since the globe-girdling bomber began rolling off the Convair assembly line.

Capt. Cecil Alldredge, pilot of the ill-fated bomber, also was in command of another B-36 that crashed while landing at Fairchild January 29 and burned. All of the crew escaped from that plane, however.

Boy Scout News

Phoenix Cub Scout Pack 15 met last week at the Presbyterian church with Scout Executive Cliff Hanson talking on the coming Scout circus. He showed a movie of a Pack circus to help develop ideas.

Cubmaster Jack Hoffburgh presented awards to David McClurg, lion badge and webelos; Bobby Caudill, webelos badge; Donald MacKintosh, lion badge; Billie Steele, silver arrow; Bobby Steele, lion badge and Jeffrey Knope, gold arrow.

Peters said that the police force was resigning because the five found it "impossible to continue working at the present wage scale in view of the rising costs of living."

He said that if the steel workers are granted a pay hike, the cost of living here will become "even higher."

Oak Grove School Sets Beginners Day

Oak Grove school will hold its annual Beginner's day on Friday, April 18, at 1 p.m. All children of School District 69 who will enter school for the first time next year are urged to attend this day in their honor. Parents of the children will also be welcome.

Students of the first grade will be host to the beginners and take them on a tour of the building and join them in group activities planned for the afternoon. The program is designed to acquaint prospective students with the school's physical plant and instructional staff.

4-H CLUB

The Roxy Ann 4-H Swine club met at the home of Ron Nelson recently. The meeting was called to order by President Larry Sheperd. The discussion was about the kinds and amount of pigs and when we were going to get our pigs. Two of the members decided to raise fat hogs for the Pacific International fair. The club also decided to buy a sign for the swine club, and a wheelbarrow for the swine and dairy clubs. The next meeting will be at the home of Calvin Dalton on April 28. The meeting adjourned and refreshments were served. Carl Ellis, Reporter.

Teitelbaum Home Loses Valuables

Miami Beach, Fla. — (U.P.) — Three armed robbers stripped the swank winter home of Chicago lawyer Abraham Teitelbaum Tuesday night of "thousands of dollars" worth of furs, jewelry and other valuables.

The attorney, who figured in recent Washington hearings into government corruption, was at a movie with his wife when the robbery occurred.

Police said the bandits forced their way into the home when a Negro maid, Thelma Thomas, opened the door.

They took the maid and the Teitelbaum's six-year-old daughter, Elizabeth, upstairs, locked the child in the bathroom and ripped bed sheets to tie and gag the maid.

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