

Reporters Decide Director, Play Cast Are 'Enthusiastic'

The Play ...

By Mary Kierstead.

Enthusiasm is rather null on the Nebraska campus. So when there is some enthusiasm, it is time to start cheering. We then wish to start cheering for Mr. Joe Zimmerman, director of the University theater's summer show, "Outward Bound," by Sutton Vane and for the nine members of the cast—incidental to the other sundry persons who spend their time screwing up walls, lugging scenery from one building to another, prompting, etc. (The etc's. are too numerous to mention. For further information we refer you to any of the cast members.)

And When They're Good...

The play, itself, is comedy-drama—some of it is even heavy drama. The actors and actresses are sometimes very bad... but sometimes they are very good. The director knows what he is doing and the cast is ready to follow him.

But it was not the play, cast, or director individually which impressed us especially. It was, rather, the feeling of the cast under the director—because they—the cast—played their hearts out for the man.

It took them a long time to get going when they first started. One of the cast was late. The sound effects apparently could not be adjusted right. And then when they finally did start, the cast mumbled their words. They forgot to stand when they were supposed to stand, the whistle wasn't blown at the right time—in fact the rehearsal was mildly awful. So awful in fact that we left.

They Give Their All.

We went back again, fortunately, about half an hour later. The ball room was dark, and a spotlight from the floor above shone on stage. Footsteps of the director walking back and forth made muffled sounds in the quiet—and the cast was giving the play everything they had.

Their faces looked a little drawn—it was 10 o'clock then. They rehearsed until 12—and their shoulders drooped. But the play had ceased to be an inanimate thing and had come alive. Enthusiasm is a great thing isn't it?

The rank of "flight officer" in the army air force, with the rank, pay and allowances of a warrant officer, junior grade, was created when President Roosevelt signed a recently passed bill.

The Director...

By Carol Garver.

Hailing from the University of Iowa, where he has been working on his doctor's degree, new instructor of dramatics Joe Zimmerman claims himself to be a native of South Dakota. He was born and raised in Scotland, S. D., and graduated with a B.A. degree from the university of that state.

Altho he was once in law school, once fitting himself to be a chemist, and at one time a journalism enthusiast, he always wandered back to the theatre, where he has at last settled to stay.

Teaches The "Art."

Says Mr. Zimmerman, "I have no desire to do anything but teach people the art of the theatre. Right now I'm having more fun than I've ever had in my life."

He then added that it gave him a great thrill to watch a budding young actor or actress, after attempting the right expression for some time, suddenly come to life, exclaiming, "Now I see what you mean Mr. Zimmerman," with accompanying results.

In regard to the students he works with, he is quite enthusiastic. He remarks, "I like the fact that the people who are working in my cast and in my classes are enthusiastic and have not let themselves be limited in their thinking. Not only are they learning all they can thru the university but they are reaching outward and aiming at knowledge and ideas beyond that."

Studies Acting.

That the young director's heart is truly wrapped up in his work is brought out by the fact that in his spare time he reads plays and books on acting and new methods of directing. When he isn't doing this, he designs sets and attends movies which he likes next to plays.

Hoping to find him a little more eccentric, the question concerning his pet likes and dislikes, was asked. He replied, "I just like the conventional things like steak, chicken, corn on the cob, and things like that."

"My aim," he concluded, "is to have all students who are interested in theatre be able to work on any phase they want to, and I am trying to urge them to do this."

U of N Graduate, Miss Helen Sagl Is Officer of WAAC

... First from Lincoln

First Lincoln woman to become a member of the newly organized women's auxiliary army corps as an officer material candidate was Miss Helen Sagl, who received both her B. S. degree in education and an M. A. degree from the University of Nebraska.

Filing her initial application early in June, Miss Sagl has been looking forward to becoming a member of the WAAC, but she has felt that something would wrong and her dream would fall apart. Now that induction into the unit

is a reality, she has begun to worry about the stiffness of officers' training school, to open July 20.

But she, as one of the first two Nebraskans to be inducted into the corps, intends to "keep an open mind, to adjust myself to the things at hand, and to be my very best self at all times."

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