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PLAYERS STAGE COHAN'S COMEDY

University Dramatists Present Entertaining Play Before Large Audience—Set Is on Broadway.

COOMBS PLAYS THE LEAD

"The Meanest Man in the World" Successfully Produced as Fourth Number of Season.

The most entertaining and other- wise generally excellent comedy seen in Lincoln this season was presented by the University Players in the Temple theatre last evening. This comedy has been spun by the capable team Augustin MacHugh and George Cohan and brings a fresh breath of life with the clever lines and situations.

The University Players are trying an experiment by offering a popular Broadway comedy to their patrons after they have seen a tragedy, deep in thought and of a more or less depressing nature. It is the wish of the Players apparently to offer variety, and we are sure they have achieved their wish for all who saw "The Meanest Man in the World" last evening declare it to be a comedy full of life and enthusiasm. Perhaps they might have chosen a much better comedy but, to "The Meanest Man," they bring a bright colorful presentation and the play may be classed as one of the best offered by them this season.

This production has been under the direction of Mr. Cyril Coombs, who also carried the burden of the lines. Mr. Coombs offers a very good "George Cohan" interpretation of Richard Clark, the young man who set about to become "The Meanest Man." Mr. Coombs' technical skill is splendid—which added to a personality that includes both charm and humor, produces a very creditable young actor. This vehicle of the Players does not give Mr. Coombs the opportunity of showing his real ability as an actor. The long telephone speeches in the second act were most enjoyable and reflect credit upon Mr. Coombs.

Jane Hudson, whom we see in only two acts of the play is pleasingly taken by Irma Wolfe Coombs. Her lines are beautifully read and the real personality of the struggling business woman in a small town is strongly felt.

One of the cleverest character bits we have seen by the Players this season is the part of Hiram, played splendidly by Rudolph Sandstedt. The "Terror" of the country town, who is greedily foreclosing the mortgage over the head of the young business woman, is a part that might easily be overdone, but Sandstedt brings a character that will be remembered by the patrons of the Players. We should like to see Sandstedt again.

One of the high spots in the play was the bright and breezy character presented by Mr. Harold Felton. As Bert Nash the assistant in the lawyers office, Mr. Felton does very well. He has snap to his lines that adds a great deal to the play as a whole. This is the best thing Felton has done with the Playes.

Miss Dorothy Sprague, a new comer to the ranks does Miss Kitty Crockett in a most pleasing manner. One feels that Miss Sprague has a great deal of ability and we should like to see her in a play that will offer ample opportunity.

Another new comer is Mr. Dwight Merriam, who plays Frederick Leggett. His part was carried with dignity. Mr. Jess Randall handled Michael O'Brien's part in real professional style. As the cobbler he offered many touches that lent themselves toward making the play human. Miss Mary Bost as Mrs. Clark the mother of the young lawyer was good. Miss Mariam Richardson is always pleasing and the other parts were handled very nicely by John Dawson, Armin West and Foster Matchett.

"The Meanest Man in the World" is a well mounted production. The settings are good and the direction of the piece very commendable. The Players will offer this production Friday and Saturday evenings with a matinee Saturday.

At one of the biggest meetings of the year, students of the University of Oklahoma were informed in detail of the new building, the Student's Union to be built on the campus.

Juniors Choose Class Leaders for Semester

At the meeting of the junior class Thursday morning at 11 in the Social Science auditorium, the following officers were elected:

Vice president, Herman Klaus. Secretary, Dietrich Dirks. Treasurer, Herbert Brownell, jr. Sergeant-at-arms, Verne Lewellen. Ways of paying off the class debt, accrued in the last two years, were discussed, and a finance committee will be appointed by the president, Carl J. Peterson.

UNIVERSITY CHORUS PRESENTS OPERETTA

Story Based on Romance of Young American in Japan Sung at Armory.

"A tale of Old Japan," was presented by the University chorus at the Armory Thursday. Although classes were not dismissed, the Armory held a large crowd. The chorus contains three hundred voices.

Coleridge Taylor is the author of the operetta. The story is based on the romance of a young American who goes to Japan to study. He becomes infatuated with a native girl. Complications lead to an unexpected outcome. The operetta is built on lines resembling "Madam Butterfly."

CARR MAY COACH HUSKER BASEBALL

Former Nebraska Player Offered Position as Mentor for National Pastimers.

Earl Carr, who held down the "hot corner" on Nebraska's baseball team last year, has been offered the position of baseball coach for the Husker diamond candidates this spring. During the past summer Carr played third base for the state leaguers.

Carr hesitates to undertake the job for it would delay his graduation from the dental college where he will be graduated with the June class. Because of the drain on his time, the third-baseman did not feel he could play with the Huskers this spring even though he had another year of college baseball coming. He signed up in the State league last summer thus making him ineligible for the Nebraska squad.

Carr has been in the national pastime for some years in high school, college and amateur work in addition to his professional experience, so he will be well qualified to handle the coaching position if he decides to take the time from his dental course.

Carr will advise Head Coach Daw the assignment.

Coach Frank, who put the pill toasters through their paces last year, will have his time occupied with spring football practise. Frank came to Nebraska primarily as a backfield coach for the gridiron squad and last year he handled the baseball squad in addition to regular work thus being crowded for sufficient time with the football men.

PRIZES OFFERED FOR ESSAYS ON ALCOHOL

Contest for Treatises Sponsored by Intercollegiate Prohibition Association.

Thirty-four prizes are being offered by the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association for the best essays submitted in a contest which it is sponsoring, the subject to be "The World Movement Against Alcoholism." The contest closes June 1, 1923. Students not already enrolled in I. P. A. are expected to sign the membership application card, and pay dues not later than the day of submitting the essay.

The prizes are as follows: First, \$300.00. Second, \$200.00. Third, \$100.00. Five prizes at \$25.00 each. Twenty-five at \$10.00 each.

Broad interpretation is to be given the subject so as to permit the student to choose any phase which he may care to study—scientific, moral, social, economic, industrial; general or more detailed.

University Men Have Difficulty in Making Eight O'clock Classes

Complaints from professors teaching eight o'clock classes have been heard regarding the many cases of tardiness. The thing for all young men who are guilty of tardiness to do is to change the method of being awakened.

Getting a man up in the morning can hardly be classed under the head of pastimes, especially if the man did much exercise the day before. And it is singular that the next hardest thing to getting a young college student out of bed is getting him into it.

It is rare that one finds a mother who is a success at awakening a boy, yet she seems to go at it in the right way. She opens the stair-door and insinuatingly observed "Johnny." There is, of course, no response. "Johnny,"—still no response. Then there is a short sharp "John" followed a moment later by an em-

phatic "John Henry." A grunt from the upper regions signifies that an impression has been made and mother is encouraged to add, "you'd better be getting down here to breakfast young man, or you'll miss that 8 o'clock class." This so startles the young man, that he goes to sleep, and the operation has to be repeated several times.

Now a father doesn't have this trouble at all. He merely opens his mouth and the "John Henry" that goes forth into the atmosphere goes into the boy like electricity, and pierces the deepest recesses of his nature. He hops out of bed and into his clothes with a promptness that is commendable. It is seldom that a boy allows himself to disregard the parental summons. It might be advisable for frat houses to advertise for "house fathers" to get the men out of bed.

HONORARY BAND FRAT INITIALES FOURTEEN

Gamma Lambda Takes New Members—National Convention May Be Held Here.

Gamma Lambda, national honorary band fraternity, initiated fourteen members of the University band into the society Wednesday afternoon. The initiation was held in the band rooms on the second floor of the Temple building.

The new members of the fraternity include: Mark Werner, E. H. Pieper, Raymond Lawis, H. Tanson, Rex Reese, L. F. Folda, W. P. Moon, A. R. Lieurance, D. L. Meier, Don E. Frush, Theodore Ed. Husted, Rich. Harshman, John R. Moritz and Russell W. Davidson.

Following the initiation, the fraternity held a banquet at the Grand hotel in honor of the newly initiated men. Each of the new members responded by toasts, expressing the opinion that Gamma Lambda was a vital element in University life.

Brief speeches were made to the fraternity by Professor William T. Quick, conductor of the University band, and Luther Andrews, of Lincoln, one of the founders of the fraternity.

The present university band is one of the best, if not the best, ever organized in the school, Professor Quick declared, adding that Gamma Lambda was an important factor in promoting a spirit of good fellowship among the band members, thus enabling the band to work in closer harmony and co-ordination than would be possible otherwise. Freshmen entering the band, who are initiated into Gamma Lambda, are given an added impetus to return to the organization in the years following, he stated.

Petitions for chapters in Gamma Lambda have been received from Leland Stanford university, California, the University of Oklahoma, and a number of other institutions, according to Luther Andrews.

Members of the fraternity are discussing the possibility of a national convention of the fraternity, to be held sometime in the coming year in Lincoln. Anyone having any suggestions concerning the convention should give them to Wendell Brown, who is president of the local chapter. In case the convention is not held in Lincoln it is thought that the meeting will take place in Florida.

Smith College Offers Women's Scholarships

Women graduates of colleges and universities are offered two fellowships of \$500 each and three scholarships covering tuition by Smith College of Northampton, Massachusetts. The promotion of the professional preparation of college women who wish to engage in the education of exceptional children is the aim of the college in offering these fellowships, says a bulletin mailed by Prof. H. G. Townsend, 307 Prospect Heights, Northampton, Mass.

After winning every place in the ski-jumping contest, the McGill University skiers left the jumps the undisputed champions of the McGill Winter Carnival. This is the first time in three years that the athletes have captured a victory from Dartmouth.

Gaston Is President of Sigma Delta Chi

Orvin B. Gaston, editor of the 1923 Awgwan and editor of last year's Daily Nebraskan was elected president of Sigma Delta Chi, men's professional journalistic fraternity at a meeting held in the Cornhusker offices last evening to succeed Harlan Boyer. Mr. Gaston is also president of the Ambassador's club. He is a member of Pi Kappa Phi and was captain of their track team in the inter-fraternity meet held last week. Mr. Gaston distinguished himself in the high and low hurdles, which he ran in a fast nine, drawing with Mitchell and barely defeating Hartley. Reece S. Reynolds was elected to the vice-president's chair in place of James Fiddock, retiring executive. Mr. Reynolds is junior managing editor for the 1923 Cornhusker and is on the Awgwan staff and connected with the Lincoln Daily Star.

Charles A. Mitchell was re-elected secretary-treasurer of the organization. He is night editor of the Daily Nebraskan. He is a member of Alpha Sigma Phi and was their representative in the high hurdles in the inter-fraternity meet. He tied with Gaston in the high hurdles in the remarkable time of fast nine.

Gregg McBride was re-elected sergeant-at-arms. He is a member of Silver Lynx and is prominent in University tennis circles. He is assistant sports editor of the Lincoln Daily Star and has been prominent in journalistic circles in the University.

BUCK TO RETURN TO AMERICA BY MAY 15

Dean of Arts and Science College Will Be Back in Time for Summer Session.

Dean Philo M. Buck of the College of Arts and Sciences who is in India on an exchange professorship with Prof. S. L. Joshi of Baroda, India, will return to America before May 15, and will teach in the summer session, he states in a letter received by Chancellor Avery yesterday morning. The Hon. L. F. Rashbrook Williams of the Home Department wrote Chancellor Avery in the same mail thanking him for extending permission to Dean Buck to remain longer in India than was originally intended.

"Many thanks to you personally for the additional leave you granted me," runs the text of Dean Buck's letter. "But I am not going to be selfish and take it. The work here will be finished by April 1 and the rest would be repetition. I shall return by May 15 at latest. You may line me up for summer session, of which I shall write later. Best regards, Buck."

PHI CHIS WIN CAGE TOURNAMENT AT OMAHA

Medics Fraternity Challenges Sig Alphas to Championship Game.

The Phi Chi basketball team duplicated its feat of last year when it won the inter-fraternity basketball tournament at the Medical College at Omaha. Although hard-pushed, they trounced Phi Beta Pi 22 to 11 in the final game at the Y. M. C. A.

This quintet, composed largely of ex-college stars, has challenged the Sig Alphas for a championship game as a preliminary to the Nebraska-Creighton game Saturday night.

The almost impenetrable defense, and efficient floorwork of the Phi Chi was responsible for the eleven-point lead. Tony Smith, former Nebraska captain refereed.

In the preliminaries a week ago, Phi Rho defeated the non-frat team 29-9. Tony Smith's proteges were never in danger. Phi Chi defeated Alpha Kappa Kappa 42 to 4 in a loose game. Phi Beta Pi showed Nu Sigma Nu the short end of a 69 to 9 count. Stemmmons, Nebraska two-miler starred.

In the semi-finals, Phi trampled Phi Rho Sigma 14-13 in one of the closest games ever staged on the Omaha Athletic floor. Phi Beta drew a bye and the honor of meeting the Phi Chi's in the finals. The score at the end of the first half was 6 to 3 with Phi Chi holding the big end. An unexpected rally at the beginning of the second half made the score 9-6 for Phi Beta. In the last eighteen minutes of play, the Phi Chi hoopsters garnished 16 points to 2 for the Phi Betas, and won easily.

SPACHT ELECTED Y. W. PRESIDENT

Polls Close Thursday Night—President Has Been Active as Committee Chairman.

MANY VOTES ARE CAST

All Candidates Run Close—New Cabinet to Be Installed After Vacation.

The results of the Y. W. C. A. elections held yesterday follow:

President, Grace Spacht. Vice president, Ruth Small. Secretary, Helen Guthrie. Treasurer, Marian Madigan. Undergraduate field representative, Mary Crickpaum.

Grace Spacht is a member of Sigma Kappa, is chairman of the Church Relationship Committee on the Y. M. C. A. Cabinet, is a Silver Serpent member of Commercial club, and of the Freshman Commission.

Ruth Small is a member of Alpha Phi, is vice president of W. S. G. A., president of Girls Commercial club under-graduate field representative the past year. She attended the Y. W. C. A. conference at Estes last year.

Helen Guthrie is a member of Sigma Kappa and is serving on the Y. W. C. A. staff.

Marian Madigan is a member of Silver Serpent, and Y. W. C. A. office staff.

Mary Crickpaum is a member of Alpha Xi Delta, serves on the Y. W. C. A. staff and is on the All-University Party Committee.

Voting at the polls was heavy says the chairman of the committee on election. The voting for the opposing candidates was very close and in one case almost a tie.

According to an unwritten law of the Y. W. C. A. all the candidates for office are to be elected to membership on the Y. W. C. A. cabinet. Several vacancies are to be filled and selections will be made. The new cabinet members will be installed immediately after spring vacation.

HUSKERS ENTER MEN IN ILLINOIS RELAYS

Nebraska Tracksters Leave Today for Meet Saturday—Eleven Make Trip.

The Nebraska track team leaves at 1:50 today on the Burlington for Urbana, Illinois, where it will compete in the Illinois relays Saturday afternoon against the leading track teams in the "Big Ten" and the Missouri Valley. Eleven or twelve Husker tracksters will make the trip, according to an announcement by Coach "Indian" Schulte late yesterday. He did not announce which track men would make the trip.

In the individual events at the relays, Dave Noble and Keith Lloyd will probably compete for Nebraska in the fifty-yard dash. These two sprinters won the first two places in the sprint at the K. C. A. C. indoor meet two weeks ago, and are expected to score points at the Illinois meet. Lloyd was at Beatrice yesterday because of the sickness of his mother, and may not make the trip. "Ike" Lukens will compete in the Furdle events. Hobb Turner will take part in the high jump.

Nebraska will compete a team in the mile relay. Ted Smith, Trexler, Layton, and another quarter-miler to be selected, will go to the Illinois carnival.

R. G. Campbell, 21, principal of Plattsmouth high school; Sheldon Tefit, '22, Law '24, and Prof. J. L. Eason of Peru Normal College were judges of the Auburn-Wymora debate, which took place at Auburn, February 24. Auburn won by unanimous decision. H. L. Caswell, '22, alternate on Nebraska's negative team against Iowa in 1922, is principal of Auburn high school and coach of the debate team.

All students who desire to work as scorers, clerks, time-keepers, etc., during the high school basketball tournament are requested to hand in their names to H. D. Gish at the athletic office immediately, stating their phone number, address, and time available for duty.

"HEROES" NUMBER OF AWGWAN IS OUT

Nebraska's Comic Appears with Cover Design by Oz Black.

"In this 'Heroes Number,' Awgwan is attempting to blend a little of the sublime with a quantity of the ridiculous," says Old Man Awgwan in an editorial statement. The "Heroes Number" is out today.

A young man in the throes of death (but not his own death) is depicted on the cover in two colors. "Oz" Black is the artist, and he shows the hero, Diamond Dick, Jr., fleeing from the pesky redskins on his trusty steed. Mr. Black, however, fails to state the name of the horse. Diamond Dick is aiming over his shoulder in the accepted Tom Mix manner. From the set of his eye, we would hate to be the Indian at whom he is pointing his "wep-ping."

An announcement of the "Sweet Mamma" number is made in this issue. The "Sweet Mamma" issue will be written by the co-eds of the school, fair and unfair. The men must be good unless they want to have their hair mused, figuratively, of course.

TWO-THIRDS OF FUND TO BE RAISED TODAY

Grace Coppock Fund Drive Ends Today—Captains Make Final Reports.

Today is the last day of the Grace Coppock Campaign. Although but one-third of the pledges are in and not half of the personal solicitations have been made, the amount raised is not as high as it should be, says the committee. The teams have been working hard and it is certain that the amount will have been reached by this noon.

There will be a meeting at noon today of the teams and leaders to give their final report, if possible. A short talk pertinent to affairs in China will be given by a personal friend of Grace Coppock.

It is very essential that Nebraska University Y. W. C. A. put this drive across, urge the captains. The project which it will sponsor, the Vera Barger Recreational project is largely dependent on Nebraska for support. Girls are urged to respond to this call with as much as possible.

Workmen excavating for the stadium of the University of California unearthed an old coin and fragments of human bones. The coin is believed to be an old Mexican piece from the state of Sonora.

A Lenten Thought for Every Day

FOR RENEWAL OF JOY. We are evil, O God, and help us to see it and amend. We are good, and help us to be better. Look down upon thy servants with a patient eye, even as Thou sendest sun and rain; look down, call upon the dry bones, quicken, enliven; re-create in us the soul of service, the spirit of peace; renew in us the sense of joy. —Robert Louis Stevenson.