

GRUMMANN TELLS STORY OF OPERA AT CONVOCATION

Director of School of Fine Arts Interprets Work, 'Faust' by Gounod

THEME SHOWS CHANGES

Speaker Characterizes Piece As One of Most Popular of Compositions

Characterizing it as one of the world's most popular operas, Prof. Paul H. Grumann, director of the school of fine arts, interpreted "Faust," which will be presented in Lincoln next week by the Chicago Municipal company, before a convocation in the Temple theater, at 11 o'clock, Thursday morning.

"Originally conceived by Goethe, the theme of Faust has been adapted by many later composers," declared Prof. Grumann. "One of these works is the opera which we are studying today, the product of Gounod. It is sometimes, and might well be called 'Marguerite,' for in the character of Faust is embodied the love story which is the theme of the composition."

Romanticism, according to the speaker, is fundamentally intertwined with the opera "Faust." It is the philosophy upon which Gounod built his work, a philosophy to perfect keeping with the times in which the composer lived, but somewhat discredited by present day thinking.

"You may find the opera morally flawed," declared Grumann, "but that should not detract from your judgment. Remember that in Gounod's time, love excused all misdeeds. He has, in this composition, beautifully portrayed the fallacies of his own time. One thing that you may be certain of next Thursday evening is that you will not have a single dull moment and you will leave the Coliseum certain that you have made a most profitable cultural investment."

The theme of Faust has under-

Social Calendar

Friday, March 15
Kappa Psi house party.
Union Literary Society party honoring Palladians.
Tau Kappa Ipsilon, spring party, Cornhusker.
Saturday, March 16
Big Sister Board initiation dinner, Ellen Smith hall.
Phi Beta Phi, freshmen house party.
Delsian Literary Society dinner, Lincoln.
Delta Sigma Phi, spring party, at Cornhusker.
Delta Sigma Delta, house party.
Sigma Kappa initiatory banquet, Lincoln.
Kappa Sigma, house dance.

gone many changes, in the opinion of Professor Grumann. The original spirit with Faust contemplating suicide because he has been unable to unearth all the secrets of the universe. His action is arrested when he hears the sound of joyous Easter bells. In Gounod's work, Faust reflects upon suicide because he is without youth and love, and rescue from the dead comes in the form of a chorus of pretty girls, rather than the peeling Easter bells.

Fair Scene Next
In the second act, Faust and Marguerite come to the fair, which from a simple scene of proper fun in the original has been transformed by Gounod to a revel of drinking and gaiety. Here, Faust meets Marguerite, in an atmosphere much more trivial and cheap than Goethe had first conceived their meeting place should be. The song, "The Call of God" is powerfully moving, but according to Professor Grumann, is a dramatic error in that it bears no connection to the characters of the story. The act culminates with the famous Faust waltz.

"In the third act," Professor Grumann declared, "Gounod again committed a dramatic sin in connection with the Jewel song in giving undue stress to an unimportant element. The fall of Marguerite is presented in a way most damaging to both her and Faust. Though Faust's conduct hardly proves that his love is of a deep abiding nature, the composer makes it seem so by having him declare his love in song."

Again, according to the Fine Arts director, while no one will quarrel with the wonderful soldiers' chorus it is a dramatic absurdity from the standpoint that it overshadows main issues of the opera. Closing scenes show Marguerite ascending to heaven, in accordance with the romantic philosophy of the author that sufficient love is an excuse for all moral irregularities.

Walter Wheatley of the Wheatley vocal studios sang two selections from "Faust" at the convocation preceding Professor Grumann's address.

GRADUATE CHEMIST VISITS UNIVERSITY

Kenneth Swartwood, who graduated from the University last June, is visiting in the city with his mother, who has been ill for several months. He received a B.Sc. degree from the department of chemistry of the college of engineering, and was affiliated with the Alpha Chi Sigma fraternity.

Mr. Swartwood was formerly employed by the White Eagle Oil company and is now with the Universal Oil company of Chicago, in the technical department. After leaving Lincoln, he will go to Newark, N. J., then to St. Louis, and later to California on business.

HONOR SOCIETIES MAKE READY FOR LECTURE

effort will be made to induce fraternities and sororities to have their members attend in groups. Because widely famous scholars are infrequent visitors on the campus, it is expected by members of the committee that the proposed lecture will arouse great interest among faculty and students.

In connection with the lecture, an alumni dinner for members of Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi will be held on the same day. It is believed that such a reunion for members of the two societies in joint session will be an innovation.

Dean J. E. LeRossignol, president of the Nebraska Alpha chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, and Prof. Clifford Hicks, secretary of the chapter, are in charge of all arrangements.

SCHULTE ENTERS MEN FOR ILLINI RELAYS

prove a thriller and competition promises to be keen.

Men Are Veterans
Three of the Nebraska quartette, Argunbright, Fleming, and Thompson, are letter men, all having earned their spots last season as hurdlers. Lamson, the only sophomore of the four, has been moving along quite rapidly this season, having earned a place in every meet to date.

The Cornhusker entries will leave Friday at 1:30 o'clock over the Rock Island for Chicago, from where they will move on to the Illinois campus. The preliminaries of the meet are scheduled for Saturday afternoon with the finals on card for that evening. Illinois high schools and academies will run off their events Saturday afternoon.

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Candidates may receive application blanks at the registrar's office, Miss Podge's office and at Dean Heppner's office in Ellen Smith hall. The applicant must present three recommendations, two of which should be from members of the faculty staff. Applications should be sent before April 15 to Mrs. F. W. Upson, 2735 Bradford Drive, Lincoln. Mrs. Upson is chairman of the scholarship committee of the Faculty Women's club.

DeMolays Prepare for Celebration of Founding

Lincoln Demolays will celebrate the tenth anniversary of the founding of their organization Saturday evening, March 22, with a dance at the Scottish Rite temple. All University Demolays are invited to attend.

Each Demolay will be permitted to bring one non-Demolay friend. Passes for guests may be secured from any one of the chapter officers.

HIGH NUMBER OF VOTES FEATURE ELECTION

Fleetwood, Mildred Olson, Helen McCleskey, and Harriett Horton. Sarah Pickard, Omaha, won the place of secretary. She is a sophomore in the College of Arts and Sciences, a member of Tassel, and at present chairman of the social committee in A. W. S. She is a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

Junior members elected are Betty Walquist, Esther Gaylord, and Betty Steinberg. Gwendolyn Hager, Lincoln, who has worked on the personnel and Coed Follies staff of the A. W. S. was elected treasurer. Other sophomore members chosen are Gretchen Fee, Adelaide Barr, and Evelyn Simpson.

POLICE ARREST MAN PROWLING ON CAMPUS

Regier, all of them going wild. He was also active on Tuesday and Wednesday nights on the campus. Regier stated last night that he was not certain whether Rocha was the man who created the Monday night disturbance.

Police officials are of the opinion that there have been two prowlers active on the campus, and that Rocha may be one of them, although they have no positive evidence pointing to his guilt.

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News Editing Staff Is Asked to Meet Today

Members of the news editing staff of The Daily Nebraskan are asked to meet in the editorial rooms this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

MUSEUM CURATOR ADDRESSES CLUB

F. G. Collins Describes Old English Home in Talk Before Optimists

F. G. Collins, assistant curator of the Museum, was the principal speaker at the meeting of the Optimist club, held Thursday noon, March 14, in the Cornhusker hotel.

In his talk, Mr. Collins told the members of the club of his old home in Exeter, England, speaking particularly of the government of the city. This form of municipal government is 1,000 years old, consisting of the mayor, councilmen, and the aldermen or eldersmen as the word was originally used, referring to those who occupied these positions because of their age and greater wisdom.

Mr. Collins also spoke of the patriotism of the youth of England, which develops because of old traditions and history in which the young people are steeped as they grow up. Dr. H. H. Stiles gave several vocal solos with Bertha Ayde-lotto at the piano.

WORK FOR OPERA BEGINS SATURDAY

False Floor Is Required for Elevating of Seats on Coliseum Floor

Carpenters will work in night and day shifts this week preparing the University of Nebraska Coliseum for the Chicago Civic Opera company, according to an announcement made by John K. Selleck, in charge of local arrangements for the production.

At the close of the Greater Lincoln exhibition Saturday night, work will be immediately started toward tearing down the exhibits and preparing for the opera. The improved main floor elevation this year calls for the raising of all seats back of the fifteenth row, which requires a "false floor" over three-quarters of the main Coliseum.

LEGAL FRATERNITY INITIATES THIRTEEN

Anon Raymond, prominent Omaha attorney, was the principal speaker at the initiation of Phi Delta Phi, national honorary legal fraternity held yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock in Dean H. H. Foster, Perry Morton, and Gifford E. Bass, president of the Lincoln Inn of Phi Delta Phi, also gave talks. Lloyd Marti presided as toastmaster.

The initiation ceremony was held in the Supreme court chamber, under the direction of prominent alumni of the organization, and was followed by the banquet at the Lincoln hotel.

The following men were admitted to membership: Charles W. Abbott, Hugo V. Carroll, Gayle E.

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Preparations already are being made by the club for the entertainment of the annual amateur radio operators' convention which will be held at Iowa State May 10 and 11. By this time it is expected the new station will be in operation.

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