

'Electra' Said Too Intense

Play, Acting Lack Subtlety

By ELLIE GULLIATT
Special Writer

The opening night performance of the University Theatre's production "Mourning Becomes Electra" left me with the feeling of having been through a technicolor performance of a condensation of a soap opera.

I think the most basic criticism I have is the lack of subtlety both in the cutting of O'Neill's play and in the acting. Every point was brought out with such constant intensity that the audience was left a little dismayed by the chaos.

None of the characters, with the exception of Seth, had a chance to build or even establish a believable person. For example, Ezra (Morrel Clute) came home in one scene and died in the following one, yet Ezra was one of the pillars upon which the structure of this play was built.

I felt, however, that Morrel Clute created a more varied character in his short span on the stage than did any of the other three leads.

Lavinia, played by Joyce Fangman, had two salient moods—one of the proud Mannon aspect, the other the defiant, and rather arrogant woman.

Christine, played by Barbara Leigh, was never quite cold enough nor warm and tender enough to be really effective; we never got to the crux of Christine's personality.

Orin (Eugene Peyroux) who had the best opportunity to build a depth into his portrayal—since he lived through most of the play—seemed to be more a case of split personality than a sane, tortured human being.

As for the other characters, I felt that Peter (John Forsyth) and Hazel (Doris Growcock) created adequate characters, although I felt that Hazel was a little too coquettish for the mood of the production.

Considering the technical aspects, I felt the settings were entirely too overbearing. The interior setting was ornate to the highest degree, and the actors seemed to fade into it, not act within and before it.

Independent Coeds To File For Tassels

Filing for city and Ag campus Independent women for next year's Tassels will begin April 11, Courtney Campbell, Tassels publicity chairman, announced.

Applications may be secured in the Union Activities Office.

Tassels will hold their annual banquet in Union Parlors B and C Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Dean Named Judge

Officials To Open Block, Bridle Show

Governor Victor Anderson, Chancellor Clifford Hardin, Mayor Clark Jeary and Dean of Ag College W. V. Lambert will participate in the opening ceremony and the flag presentation of the 21st annual block and Bridle Show in the State Fair Grounds Coliseum the evening of April 30.

John Dean of Glenwood, Ia., has been named judge. A new feature of this year's show will be a pot-race contest between representa-

Farmers' Fair Board To Hold Mass Meeting

A mass meeting will be Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Agronomy Building for any students interested in helping with Farmers' Fair.

Each committee necessary for the functioning of the Fair will be explained and each student will have a chance to sign up on the committee of his choice.

Joyce Taylor, co-chairman in charge of publicity, said all Ag College students are invited to attend who are interested in helping with the annual Ag College event put on by the Ag student body.

Fair Board committees and their chairmen are: Parade, Shirley Slagle; Midway, Jan Lindquist and Larry Connor; Rodeo, Boyd Stuhr, Charles Watson and Jim Peters; Publicity, Joyce Taylor and Al Schmid; Cotton and Denim Dance, Nancy Hemphill and Rogene Rippe, and Barbecue, Ken Pinkerton and Madeline Watson.

Society To Show 'Louisiana Story'

"The Louisiana Story," movie of the Film Society Series, will be shown at the Capitol Theater Wednesday at 8:30 p.m.

The film shows how the drilling of an oil well in the Louisiana Bayou affected the life of a Cajun Indian boy who lived there.

Starring in the movie are Joseph Boudreaux, Lionel Le Blanc and Frank Hardy.

The lighting was bright, in fact, inconsistently bright to be in keeping with the tone of the play. It seems to me that technical effects cease to be effective when they are blatantly noticeable. The sound crew needed a few more rehearsals.

As a whole, "Mourning Becomes Electra" was melodramatic. To be quite honest, at times I felt that the whole performance was closer to the feeling of Charles Addams than to Eugene O'Neill.

From an aesthetic point of view, I felt that time and time again the production did not maintain any "aesthetic distance"—every punch, every message, every gilt-edged symbol was thrown directly at the audience. In particular, I found the off-stage sound of the gun-shot in Christine's and Orin's suicides very disconcerting. One wishes they might have used a gas-jet!

The intensity of the play cutting itself was only heightened by the constant, loud, and rather tiresome, ceaseless battle between characters. I realize that this was an emotional piece of theater but I think the actors forgot that the expression of that emotion is a matter of intensity, not of sheer noise.

Perhaps the most general criticism I can make which will apply to every aspect of this production is that too much effort was made to pack a great deal of fine theatrical writing into too short a space.

There was an overabundance of melodramatic acting, too powerful a setting, and too much intensity. Add these excesses to a lack of variation, incoherence in realism and symbolism in the set and in the script and you come up with a hodge-podge that gave the audience very little to enjoy.

Two Divisions

Students To Register For Dairy Royal Show

Registration has begun for students interested in participating in the annual Dairy Royal to be held May 13 in conjunction with Farmers' Fair.

Students may submit their names to Don Beck, chairman of the Dairy Royal, or R. G. Fosland, faculty adviser of the Ag dairy departmental club.

Turner said the deadline for applications is April 12. On that day a drawing will be held to pick the animals to be shown.

There will be two divisions of the showmanship contest this year as there was last year. The senior division is open to students who have previously shown in the State Fair or previous Dairy Royals. The junior division is open to any

student who has had no showing experience.

Other attractions of the dairy show will be a coed milking contest, faculty promenade and a showmanship demonstration by Don Beck and Richard Nelson.

Fort Bliss

ROTC Trip Scheduled For Cadets

Eleven of the University's Distinguished Military Students will make a three-day flying visit to Fort Bliss, Texas, home of the Army's Anti-aircraft Artillery and Guided Missile Center.

While at Fort Bliss, the cadets will be given the chance to see how they will live and what they might be doing when they enter active duty, Capt. Robert Law, Army Public Information Officer, said.

ROTC cadets who will make the trip are Dave Chapman, Lyle Denniston, Don Keerans, Patrick Madden, Carl Mammel, George Medley, Don Peters, Paul Scheele, Marvin Stromer, Rolla Swanson and Orval Weyers. Col. Chester J. Diestel, professor of military science and tactics, will accompany the cadets on the three-day trip.

High points of the visit to the 100-year-old Army post will include demonstrations of artillery, guided missiles and radar devices.

The cadets will tour Juarez, Mexico and attend a regular officers Saturday night dance at the Officer's Club. The University cadets will take dates from Texas Western College. While at Fort Bliss, the group will be the guests of Major General Paul Rutledge.

Growing Membership

NU Alumni Association Keeps Grads In Touch

By ROGER WAIT
Staff Writer

One of those white cards filled out at registration time is used during the semester by the Student Affairs office and then discarded. But it does not go into the waste basket and the oblivion of the incinerator. Instead it goes to the office of the Alumni Association in the Union.

In this way the Association gets its first record of the student. The record is kept up to date by subsequent cards from Students Affairs. Upon graduation each former student gets a stamped postcard addressed to the Association. This card, if mailed back, will give the Association its first record of the student.

As a result of the graduate sending back the card, each grad-



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New House Proposed

Zeta Tau Alpha Named As Likely 15th Sorority

Although unconfirmed by Panhelnic Director Madeline Girard, a fifteenth sorority on campus came a step nearer to being reality at a meeting held Monday night, according to women present at the meeting.

At this meeting, Mrs. Audrey Renfro, province president of Zeta Tau Alpha, told the girls that if

40 or 50 coeds were interested in starting a new sorority, Zeta Tau Alpha would be willing to come on campus. She stressed the fact that if the Zetas came to the campus, they would build a new house rather than buy one.

According to women attending the meeting, a show of hands was asked for preference of the pro-

posed sorority. Zeta Tau Alpha was preferred almost unanimously. Approximately 25 more women are needed to make the fifteenth sorority a reality.

Mrs. Renfro said that three building sites were discussed with John Selleck, chairman of the building commission. She added that if the additional girls were found, it

would be possible to begin building the house in May and that there was a chance that it could be finished by the beginning of second semester of next year.

Zeta Tau Alpha has a strong chapter at Omaha University, she said. Mrs. Renfro added that activities from Omaha U would come to the University next year and initiate the girls.

Although Zeta Tau Alpha is not definitely decided upon as the sorority, the chances appear very good that the Zetas will be the next sorority. Phi Mu has been more or less eliminated, according to the women, because of the strong chapter at Wesleyan.

Mrs. Renfro stressed the point that the major factor blocking the new sorority is the lack of 40 to 50 women. Three women present at the meeting were appointed to interest other independent women in the new sorority.

Miss Girard has stressed the fact that membership in this new sorority would cost no more than

membership in a present sorority. The women would not have any additional money because of the new house. The money for building the house would be donated by the national treasurer of the group and would be paid back through a building fund as is done by the other houses on campus. It was pointed out at the meeting that membership in the sorority would actually cost no more than living at the Dorm after the new raise in Dorm rates.

If the sorority were started in the near future, it would be possible for the Zetas to take pledges during Open Rush of next year. The girls who accept the responsibility of forming the sorority now, would be charter members of the group.

On Campus Previously

Zeta Tau Alpha was on the University campus previously but went off during the depression due to a lack of women coming to the University. The original chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha in the United States originated on October 15, 1898 at the State Female Normal School at Farmville, now known as Longwood College, in Virginia. Zeta Tau Alpha was the first women's fraternity to be chartered in Virginia and was also the only one chartered by a special act of the Legislature. Its membership now totals over 23,000. The Zetas are strongest in the South. The central office of Zeta Tau Alpha is located in Evanston, Ill.

Fantasy By Dekker

Marrs, O'Donnell Head Cast Of 'Shoemaker's Holiday' Play

Cast members of "Shoemaker's Holiday," final University Theater production for the year, were announced Tuesday by Dallas Williams, director of the Theater.

The play is a sixteenth century fantasy centering around Simon Eyre, a shoemaker who rises to the office of Lord Mayor of London, and Margery, his wife.

Dick Marrs will play the role of Simon Eyre. Kathy O'Donnell will play the female lead as Dame Margery.

Eleanor Erskin will take the part of Rose, daughter of Sir Roger Oatley, who will be played by Charles Weatherford. Loyal Lierman will appear as Ralph, and Joey Margolin will play Ralph's wife Jane. The Dutch skipper will be played by Bill Boleman.

Tom Keene will play Sir Hugh Lacy, Earl of Lincoln, and Jack Parris will appear in the dual role of Lacy's son, Rowland and Hans. Edward Dekker, author of the play, captured the merry spirit of Elizabethan London, according to Thomas Parrott, expert on Elizabethan drama and faculty member of Princeton University.

Eyre is a symbol of the period by such actions as ordaining Shrove Tuesday as a holiday for all London apprentices, Parrott said in an essay on Dekker.

Dame Margery is a would-be shrew who is rejoicing in her husband's rise to prominence as Lord Mayor.

Other members of the cast include Larry Carstensen as Askew; Dona Auld, Lovell, a courtier; Jim Copp, Hodge; Jack Chester, Firk; Lou Sanchez, Sicely Bumtrinker, Dame Margery's maid.

Ted Nittler, Dodger, The Earl of Lincoln's servant; Luanne Raun, Sybil, Rose's maid; Don Montgomery, Master Scott; Eugene Peyroux, Master Hammon; Bill Wagner, servant of Hammon.

Len Schropfer, a boy in the service of Simon; Wayne Hunkus, serving man to the Lord Mayor; David Rice, King Henry V; Katy Kelley, first page, and Doris Ann Growcock, second page.

Rehearsals began Monday.

Foreign Student Program

Applications To Start For CC 'Big Sisters'

Filings for the Coed Counselor "big sisters" will open April 11. Freshman, sophomore and junior coeds may file until April 15.

Applications for filing may be obtained at Ellen Smith Hall and

at the Ag Union Building.

Carol Thompson, president of Coed Counselors, said "We are initiating a new foreign student program this year in conjunction with the student council. We will meet them on their arrival here, have special orientation sessions, and "big sisters" for the foreign women students. We plan to choose a select group in hopes of a successful year.

Coed Counselors must have a 5 average. They are required to attend weekly meetings with their board members, assist in Penny Carnival and Friendship Dinner, be present at New Student Week, write letters during the summer to their "little sisters," and attend all the Campus Know-how sessions and mass meetings.

The purpose of Coed Counselors is to establish a basis of friendship among the women students of the University.

The main duty of Coed Counselors during New Student Week is to assist in the orientation of new students.

Ginny Wilcox is the chairman of the "big sister" initiation. Other officers are Mary James, secretary; Barbara Rystrom, treasurer; Barbara Selck, publicity chairman; Lou Selk, historian; Marilyn Heck, printing chairman; Margie Copley, mass meetings chairman.

The awards will be presented by the English department Wednesday in Union Parlor 2 at 4 p.m. Those invited include the donors, contestants and last year's winner, Ronald Dobry and Valters Nollendorfs.

Builders Requests Workers From Ag

Students interested in working in Ag Builders may sign up in Ag Union Room 1.

Charlie Trumble, chairman of the sales and membership committee, said sign-up sheets are available.

Committees, their chairmen and their meeting times are publicity, Arley Waldo, 4 p.m. Tuesday; public relations, Larry Connor, 5 p.m. Tuesday; tours, Dick Johnson, 5 p.m. Wednesday, and sales and membership, Trumble, 4 p.m. Wednesday.

English Professor Ferguson To Speak On Foreign Policy

John Ferguson, senior lecturer in classics at Queen Mary College, London University, will speak on "Is Religion Practical in U. S. Foreign Policy" April 11 at 4 p.m. in the Union Faculty Lounge.

His wife, Elnora, a noted economist, will answer questions following the speech, which is being sponsored by the City Campus Religious Council.

Ferguson was educated at Cambridge University, England, where he received his M. A. with first

class honors in classes and double distinction. He received his D.D. from London University with first class honors.

At present Ferguson is chairman of the British Fellowship of Reconciliation, a member of the United Nations Association executive committee and chairman of the Association's committee of refugees.

In 1951 Ferguson was awarded the Key Prize for a theological dissertation.

During World War II he served as a C.O. in the Rescue Service of London Civil Defense.

He has preached widely in churches of all denominations and has authored numerous articles and reviews on literature, international affairs and Christianity.

Mrs. Ferguson, who was a mathematics scholar at Cambridge University, has preached and conducted services at Congregational and Methodist churches. In 1953 he was the principle speaker at the British North East Congregational Women's Conference.

Council Meeting

Wednesday's Student Council meeting will be held in the Union Ballroom, Jack Rogers, Council president, said Tuesday.

"We have changed the room because we already know many students want to hear the debate on the proposal to limit student activities," Rogers said.

Duane Lake, union director, reported that 150 seats are being set up for interested students.

The Outside World Big 4 Talks Seen

By DICK RALSTON
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Two developments have led to new hopes for a top-level Big Four conference on ways to relieve world tension.

The first was France's ratification of the agreements to rearm Western Germany as part of the European defense union. American officials have claimed that a Big Four meeting was out of the question until the question of rearming the Germans was settled. France has been the chief obstacle on the quest.

The other development was the statement by Russian Premier Nikolai Bulganin that his government takes a "positive attitude" toward President Eisenhower's stand on the meeting. Eisenhower's stand has been that after ratification of the Paris agreements, consultations on a big power meeting might be held. Any meeting of the Big Four could not take place, according to the State Department, until after this spring's meeting of the council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Inmates Ask For Anderson

Nine rebelling inmates of the Nebraska Penitentiary have asked a chance to talk to Governor Anderson and clarify the nine demands they made earlier. The inmates isolated themselves and two guards held as hostages in the prison security building (jail) Sunday, and earlier made nine demands for "reform" in prison administration.

The demands were made in a note to Governor Anderson nearly 24 hours after the inmates revolted. They included such things as three hot meals a day, no favoritism, dismissal of guards proven to be sadistic, etc. Gov. Anderson said he considered the requests "reasonable" and that he would give them "careful consideration." He said, however, there would be no compromise until the two guards were released.

Stiffer Policy Urged

A stiffer attitude toward Red China is being urged on President Eisenhower by top American diplomatic and military leaders. Administration officials report many diplomatic and military leaders predict a major Red strike against Quemoy and Matsu, and that such a strike would only be a prelude to an attack on Formosa.

The leaders are thus urging stiff American retaliation in the event of an assault on Quemoy and Matsu. The question is scheduled for top priority at President Eisenhower's conference with congressional leaders Wednesday and Thursday.

Administration Wins, Loses

The Administration scored a defeat and a victory at the hands of Congress over the weekend. The defeat was the Senate's approval of a 10 per cent pay raise for some two million government employees. The action came despite a threatened veto from the President. The two-thirds vote of both houses necessary to override such a veto is believed unlikely.

The victory came with the quiet demise of the Democratic-sponsored \$20-per-person income tax cut. House-Senate conferees eliminated the provision from the tax bill, and the Senate almost immediately passed the remaining provisions, extending corporation and excise taxes one year. The House is expected to act before the end of the week.

Alumnus Tells Of KK, AUF

The April issue of the Nebraska Alumnus, magazine of the Alumni Association, will carry articles on Kosmet Klub and the All University Fund, written by Roger Henkle and Sam Jensen, Nebraskan copy editors.

an endowment fund to operate the Association office and pay its officers and employees.

There are about 40 alumni clubs across the country. Outside Nebraska, Pittenger said, "they stress mainly the social angles." They perform a service to the University, he said, by helping to maintain interest in it and its activities. Many times the clubs will meet with University officials and faculty members when they are in the vicinity at professional gatherings or speaking engagements.

Pittenger said that the Association through its members serves the University mainly through public relations and student recruitment "not only of good football players, but also good chemists, good musicians, good dentists, etc."

Within Nebraska, the Association,