

Comedy Opera Staged

The University of Nebraska Theatre and the music department will present two one-act operas, "Rita" and "Gianni Schicci" Thursday to Saturday starting at 8 p.m. each evening in Howell Memorial Theatre.

Both operas are comedies. The story of "Rita" by Gaetano Donizetti centers around the mistress of an inn who suddenly discovers she has two husbands when her former husband, whom she had thought dead, turns up at her inn.

The shrewish Rita will be played by Sally Jane Arenson, her henpecked second husband Beppo by Gary Lamb and Wilmar Wall, her reappearing first husband Gasparo by James Taylor, and the servant Barole by Paul Surface.

"Gianni Schicci" by Giacomo Puccini is the story of a wily peasant who, through clever manipulations, manages to name himself heir to a large sum of money.

When the relatives of the wealthy Florentine learned that his estate had been willed to a monastery, they summoned Schicci's help in recovering the inheritance for themselves, and were quite unsettled to learn what Schicci had actually done.

Gianni Schicci will be played by Dale McClellan, Lauretta by Lorraine Morris Gibb, Zita by Jean Lemmon, and Rinuccio by Wil-



REAPPEARING HUSBAND. . . Gasparo, played by James Taylor, poses problems for Rita, Sally Jane Arenson, who has taken another husband in the opera, "Rita."

mar Wall and Kendal Gunlicks.

Gherardo will be played by Roy Cram, Nella by Sandra Polheimus, Gherardino by Julie Norskov, Betto by Wayne Stoerber, and

Simone by Russel Thompson.

Others in the cast include Dean Tschetter, Kurtis Horn and Frank Schultz, Janet Payne, Paul Surface, and Steven Shanahan.

The operas are under the direction of John Zei and musical direction of Richard Grace. Both are music faculty members at the University.

The settings for "Rita" and "Gianni Schicci" were designed by Robert Hall, who last year won the University Theatre's award for the best scene design.

Reservations for "Rita" and "Gianni Schicci" may be made at the University Theatre box office, 12th & R Sts. or by phoning 477-8711, Extension 2072.

Agate Springs Display Expanded At Museum

The Agate Springs display featuring skeletons of animals that roamed Nebraska 15 million years ago is being expanded at the University of Nebraska State Museum.

Dr. C. Bertrand Schultz, Museum director, said two more skeletons have been added to the Agate Springs display, the largest of its kind devoted to this world-famous locality.

Plans also are being made to improve and expand the Agate Springs display at the University's Trailside Museum at Fort Robinson in line with growing interest in the national park.

"Agate Springs, located about 25 miles south and west of the Fort, is the only national park dedicated to fossil mammals," Dr. Schultz pointed out. "In recent months there has been considerable interest in Agate Springs in Nebraska and around the nation."

The new additions to the State Museum display include a rhinoceros, Diceratherium cooki. About the size of a Shetland pony, the animal was light-limbed and had two horns on the skull. It replaces a specimen shipped from the Museum in Lincoln to the University of Nebraska Trailside Museum at Fort Robinson.

The second animal on

display is Promerycochoerus, a pig-like creature about the size of a modern barnyard pig. It was not reconstructed, but left exactly as it was found in the original sand. The skeleton is next to the world's largest hog.

'Bridle Club' Contest Set

There will be a short meeting Friday at the Horse Barn for persons interested in the annual Showmanship Contest of the University Block and Bridle Club to be held on Feb. 11.

The contest competition is divided between beef, swine and sheep showmanship with contestants competing for honors in these divisions. An overall Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Showman will be chosen. In addition there will be many trophies and ribbons.

Contestants will draw for animals in the division that they wish to compete a week prior to the show. They will then groom and work with their animal prior to the contest.

Further information can be obtained from Steve England at Farm House.

Varied Tasks Performed By Student Faculty Senate

The student members of Faculty Senate committees, perform varied roles within their committees.

Jim Shreck is a student member of the subcommittee of student organizations which is a division of the committee on student affairs. He said that his main job, along with that of the committee's has been to go over the constitutions of student organizations that have been approved by the Student Senate.

Faculty members ask student members on the committee their opinions of various student organizations that come before the committee since the students are more likely to be familiar with the actions of the organization.

"We meet on a somewhat irregular basis, the frequency of the meetings being determined by the amount of work we have to do," Shreck explained.

"In addition, the entire committee on student affairs has been meeting to discuss the Student Bill of Rights and the student members have been asked to offer suggestions."

Dick Schulze, who is also on the committee on student affairs, serving on the subcommittee on stu-

dent social affairs and activities, said that his main duty on the committee has also been taking part in the discussions on the Bill of Rights with the student conduct committee of ASUN.

Both Shreck and Schulze agreed that the faculty was very willing and receptive on any student suggestions.

"Being a member on a faculty committee provides a good opportunity for the student to voice his opinion and for the faculty to listen, Schulze stated.

Ron Psota, who serves on the committee with Schulze, said that the faculty members are receptive to what the students have to say and are willing to work fairly closely with the students.

"Though they like to work with students," Psota stressed, "they also like to try to mold the student to their way of thinking. They are not willing to give in that much."

"Concerning the Student Bill of Rights, it is my opinion that they like to drag things out. I believe they will approve the Bill of Rights in some form, but probably in the Spring when it will be too late to do anything about it," Psota concluded.

Jensen serve on the calendar and examinations committee. Both stated that as far as they knew, the committee had not met. However, they expressed the belief that the committee would begin meeting in February.

Baxter said that he had been contacted in regard to the change in Christmas vacation. "Apparently they are interested in receiving the student's opinion," Baxter commented.

The committee on scholarships and financial aids is apparently similar to the previous one. The two student members, Dave Cummins and Robin Stickney, both stated that as of yet they "haven't done a thing."

Dianne Loennig is a student member of the honors convocation committee. She stated that the committee had only met once so far, but that she understood they would meet frequently nearer the time of convocations.

The student member on the commencement committee is Judi Brecka. She explained that the faculty members have consulted her as to what the seniors want in regard to arrangements for commencement.

AWS Schedules Last Senior Key Orientation

A senior key orientation meeting will be held Friday, according to a report submitted by Carol Bischoff to the AWS Board Tuesday.

This meeting will be the only orientation this semester so all students wishing to have key privileges must attend. In addition, Miss Bischoff reported that she had received parental permission letters from those attending the first orientation meeting.

She stated that the living units had been informed about the meeting. She suggested that members of the AWS board attend the orientation if possible.

Alpha Xi Delta has received permission to have senior keys bringing the total of organized living units with permission to 14, Alpha

Omega Pi, Zeta Tau Alpha and Alpha Xi Delta are the only living units with permission to use keys which have not received their keys.

Barb Beckmann, judicial vice president, said there had been no major problems with the AWS bonus night.

Steph Tinan said she had had some complaints from journalism majors who had been unable to take advantage of their bonus night because of journalism field trips. She suggested a more flexible system might be possible in the future.

Mrs. Jan Hazlett, residence director of Sandoz, said there had been no difficulties at Sandoz but spreading the bonuses out over a whole semester would probably create difficulties.

Red Cross Holds Interviews Feb. 4

Interviews for Red Cross committee chairmanships and assistants will be held in room 232 of the Nebraska Union Saturday at 8:00 a.m.

Applications can be picked up in the Union and must be turned in to the interviewing board by 5:00 p.m. Friday.

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