

Man's place in universe

Play explores Sartre's philosophy



Sue Gruett stars as Electra in "The Flies", staged at Sheldon Art Gallery at 8:30 p.m. March 18, 19 and 21. Reservations can be made at 318 Burnett, 472-2430.

Curtis strikes blow for equality, justice

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U.S. Senator Carl Curtis (Rep.-Neb.) said over the weekend that he voted against lowering the voting age to 18 because "the Senate should not take such action without submitting a constitutional amendment to the states for ratification."

The Senate voted Thursday (64-17) in favor of lowering the voting age in action taken on an amendment by Democratic leader Mike Mansfield of Montana. The amendment was made to a bill to extend the 1965 Voting Rights Act for five years.

Curtis said he favored the principle of lowering the voting age, but "I objected to the manner in which it was proposed."

Regent candidate

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"The Regents are wasting money on things that are not needed," she said. "They keep tripping over themselves. One thing is done poorly and then has to be done again very soon."

She said the Regents need more adequate planning in University programs as well as a comprehensive plan of priorities. "Now the Regents have a long-range plan that seems to change every two years," she said.

She emphasized that the changes she proposes would not cost the taxpayers more money. They only involve better allocation of money the University already has.

"A student on the Board would know what the students are thinking and if they have

"The original Constitution provided for the qualifications for electors," Curtis said, noting that suffrage was extended to Negroes by the 15th amendment and to women by the 19th amendment.

"I believe that this is the way voting ages should be changed," he said.

Curtis was uncertain whether the amendment to lower the voting age to 18 would be passed by the House of Representatives, but he said, "I understand Emanuel Celler, chairman of the Judiciary Committee has said that it is unconstitutional and won't pass — or if it does pass, the courts won't hold it up," Curtis said.

U.S. Sen. Roman Hruska (Rep.-Neb.) also voted against the 18-year-old vote amendment on Thursday. He could not be reached for comment.

legitimate problems," Miss Lauridsen said. "I also think there should be a woman on the Board to represent women students and the women of the state."

If elected the 23-year-old law student said she would work to conduct all Board meetings in public as is called for by state law.

She added that if students are really interested in getting a student Regent, her candidacy is their chance to show they are serious.

Miss Lauridsen called for student support and said she would need a good deal of help to win the primary election.

She said there would be a meeting of students interested in helping Thursday evening. The time and place are to be announced early this week.

Exactly what is Man's proper place in the Universe? Is he a nondescript insect crawling under a wet piece of cardboard? Is he a Zarathustra, raising his arms to the Sun and ascending the firmament?

Exactly what is the place of the University in relation to the Universe? Should it spew out graduates well-versed in the Eighteenth-Century picaresque tradition or students crammed with the knowledge of a microscopic world, yet out of touch with life?

Have the creators become the servants to a system too large and inflexible for their feeble minds to grasp?

On March 18, 19, and 21, a play will be presented in the form of an answer or, perhaps, an alternative. **The Flies**, by Jean-Paul Sartre, is to be produced in the main hall of Sheldon Art Gallery on these dates, under the direction of M. Jean-Paul Racodon, a visiting instructor from France.

The Flies was written shortly before the German occupation of France and the establishment of the Vichy Government. Sartre and his colleagues would present the play above ground, with the knowledge and permission of the Nazi-controlled government. Little did the Germans realize that they were allowing a play that was very detrimental to their beliefs and that cemented the hatred that the French Underground felt for the Nazis.

"**The Flies** will be in both French and English translation, attempting to seek a compromise between the power of the original language and communication. The parts that

are in French will be supplemented with music, dance, and technical innovations that will make the speaking more communicable. It is assured that the non-French speaking audience will understand the action and meaning of the play.

Sartre chose a mythological situation known to almost everyone as a vehicle for his action. The myth was a subject for three plays by the Greek tragedian Aeschylus, often called the Orestian Trilogy.

Agamemnon returns from the Trojan War and is killed by his wife, the Queen Clytemnestra and her lover, Aegisthus. The city of Argos is punished by the Gods, until Orestes and Electra, the children of Agamemnon return to avenge his murder. The Furies then leave Argos to chase Orestes until his death.

Sartre's version of the myth stays very close to the original, but is set with a more modern flavor and adapted to the Existentialist philosophy.

More filings in primary

Last minute filings for the 1970 Nebraska primary elections included several surprises.

At one minute before the deadline, former three-term Gov. Frank B. Morrison, 64, joined the race for the Democratic nomination to the U.S. Senate.

Morrison will oppose candidates Wallace C. Peterson, University of Nebraska Professor of Economics, and David J. Thomas in the Democratic race.

Stanley A. Matzke Jr., Assistant Director of Resident Instruction on the University of Nebraska staff, filed for the Democratic nomination for secretary of state, apparently unopposed.

Matzke had been discussed as a possible candidate for Congress from the first district.

The last person filing in the 38th district for the Unicameral was Cloyd E. Clark Jr., University of Nebraska law student.

Also among the last minute filers was Ernest Chambers, well-known black activist who announced himself in the race for the eleventh legislative district seat.

Chambers is the third man to file for the remainder of the term of the late Sen. Edward R. Danner.



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