Poor Reception For Steinbeck Performance

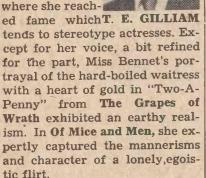
By THEODORE E. GILLIAM

The best in lyceum programs turned out to be "The Best of wife and his death at his buddy's Steinbeck," a scintillating speci- hand—one of the most heart- lege Lyceum Committee which men of theatre, presented here rending and pitiably sacrificing selects such topflight entertain-Thursday night, November 29, acts in any literature or in actual ment for the student body. Let 1956. A host of Steinbeck's char- life—was laughed at by some of acters were lifted straight from the pages of his books in all their their mental status. One might years to come. stark realism — because of the brilliant acting of Constance Bennett, Robert Strauss, Frank McHugh and Todd Andrews.

From the eight selections presented, Of Mice and Men and the "Molly Morgan" scene from The Pastures of Heaven remain most vividly in my mind.

Constance Bennett as Molly, a young woman who refused to

face reality, was superb, doing s o m e atmospheric acting that was extraordinary. She gave evidence of a talent that is seldom seen in the movies where she reach-



There was nothing mediocre about any of the group, but Robert Strauss was simply "par excellence" in roles running the gamut from the sensual Preacher Casey from Grapes of Wrath, Al, the cafe owner—a one-man Greek chorus-in "Two-A-Pen- priately played throughout the ny," the dog-loving Pirate from performances. One very notable Tortilla Flat, the farmhand in feature of the music was that it

pognant enough to draw tears.

Why his killing of Curley's the audience raises a question of to select equally as well in the well think that the mentality of those to whom the scenes were funny is not a whit above that of Lennie.

Frank McHugh and Tod Andrews gave meaningful and good interpretation to each of their roles. The parts for which they are particularly and respectively remembered are Pilon and Danny in "Danny and the Pirate" from Tortilla Flat, a satirical comedy about the "paisanos" in Monterey. Frank McHugh also did a lively monologue of "The Mackerel" from Tortilla Flat.

All the groups are stars of stage, screen, television and les Holland expresses hope that radio, Robert Strauss having it will serve some useful purbeen nominated for an academy award for supporting actor in "Stalag 17." Their theatrical accomplishments and experience made them quite competent to bring to life some of Steinbeck's memorable characters, which literally cry from the pages to be heard.

Another outstanding feature of the program was its sparse use of scenery, consisting of merepertly captured the mannerisms ly a few stools, chairs, a table and two border stands. Practically everything but the conversation was left to the imagination. This demanded a far greater creative effort on the part of the performers as well as imaginative participation from the audi-

Incidental music was appro-

distracting the attention.

Once more praises must be given to the North Carolina Colus hope that they will continue

From The —

By BENJAMIN S. PAGE

The Student Government Association is now preparing a code by which all student functions will be governed. The code will set forth rules and regulations in regard to decorum, etc. This undertaking has long been needed at NCC, and President Charpose. It is not aimed to destroy student privileges; rather, it is designed to protect the individual student at all times.

SGA is also working on a string of honors, which it hopes

to bestow upon speedy Lee Calhoun, NCC Olympic Champion. Since Lee is bringing home the bacon from Melbourne, the N C C Student Government and student body at

large feel that B. S. PAGE the general population here owes Lee some sort of honor. It would honor that Lee has brought to us, but it would at least be a token of yur gratitude.

Men. His portrayal of Lennie was hancing the acting rather than through the downtown area, undying support.

Senior Of The Month —

hemistry Major Likes Busy Life

By GWEN McCALLUM

"I like to be busy. Too much ter Club. leisure bores me". These are the words of the December choice for Senior of the Month. These are the words that describe perfectly the author of the wordsconstantly busy. These are the words of Valeria Marcelette Powe, (known around campus) colloquially as "Val"

Valeria, a Chemistry major, is a native of Cleveland, North Carolina and a graduate of Allen High School in Asheville, North Carolina. She first began her busy life as a student at Allen High where she was an active member of the school's basketball team, debating team, Student Government, and Choir

and some sort of banquet and dance. The plans are as yet still tentative, but December 16 is under consideration as a date for the honors. We hope that the plans will materialize.

The athletes' banquet is still in the planning stage, but President Holland assures us that things are progressing satisfactorily. We hope this year to honor our atheletes in a manner befitting their gridiron performances. After all, the CIAA Championship is not quite a small honor, and we would certainly have our footballers know how much we appreciate their unrestrained efforts during the past football season.

The Student Government, I am sure, wishes to take this opportunity to wish you an exceptionally Merry Christmas and a naturally never approach the wonderfully Happy New Year. And when we see you again in January, please do not forget that the NCC Student Govern-The tentative schedules in- ment Association is your organi-"Molly Morgan," to the mentally perfectly matched each mood or cludes a reception at the terminal zation and functions for your deficient Lennie in Of Mice and idea being conveyed, thus en when Lee arrives, a parade good. It needs, therefore, your

as well as the Crown and Scep-



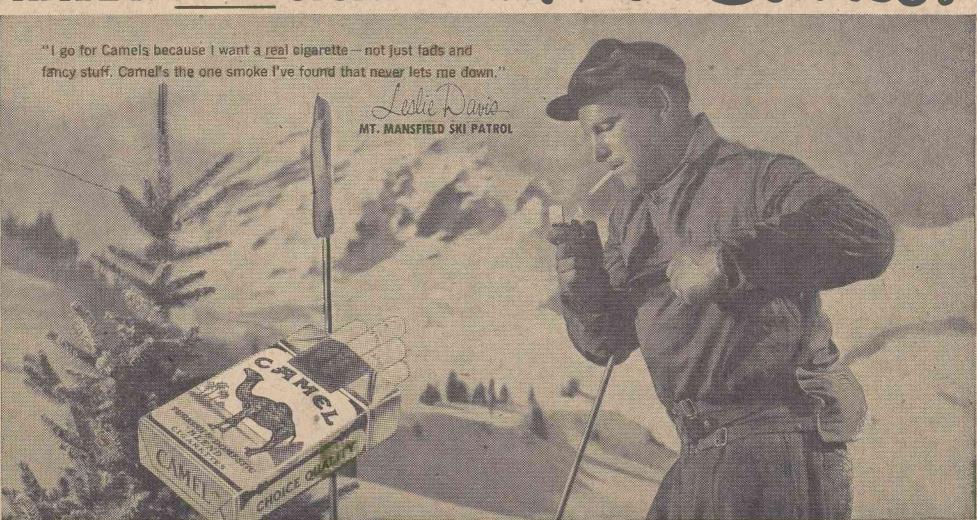
VALERIA POWE

"Val" plunged, immediately into NCC's host of extra-curricular activities once she became a part of NCC's family. Her activities have included the Dramatics Club, which she served as treasurer, the Choir, of which she was also treasurer, the Student Congress, the Student Welfare Committee, the Women's Assembly Steering Committee, the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, the Pan-Hellenic Council, and Grand Marshall. She has also been President of the Pyramid Club, Secretary of the Junior Class, and Vice President of the Sophomore Class. This year she is President of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, President of the Women's Assembly, Secretary of the Pan Hellenic Council and a Senior Counselor.

Even with all ker was activities, Val still finds time to engage in her favorite pastimes

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