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SENIORS TO HEAR DR. PAUL J. BRAISTED

Dramatic Council's Spring Play, 'Arsenic and Old Lace' Is Success

Jerry Allen Directs Brilliant Production Of Kesselring's Celebrated Comedy

The director and entire cast gave a superb performance in the production of Joseph Kesselring's "Arsenic and Old Lace," presented by the Guilford College Dramatic Council on May 19 in Memorial Hall.

Jerry Allen, the director, not only gave an excellent interpretation in his direction of the play, but also gave a very creditable performance in portraying the creative writer and "temporary" police officer. Much work and effort on the part of the cast has taken the usual Guilford productions out of the mediocre class and placed them in the higher brackets of entertainment.

Singing out any one star would be near impossible, but there were several that proved their worth as dramatic aspirants. With a leading role in the part of Mortimer Brewster, Bill McCracken gave notice of an excellent prospect for the stage. With the exception of a couple of lines which were slightly over-acted, he combined stage appearance and well-spoken lines to rate a big hand of applause.

Laughter

Jerry Duckor was not only poised in the part of the daffy Teddy Brewster, but came through in fine style to keep the Kesselring play in a high pitch of laughter. His looks and voice were particularly well suited for the part. The two scheming aunts, Abby and Martha Brewster, were very ably portrayed by Eleanor Cornelson and Marjorie Benbow. They played the parts with apparent ease and remembered their lines beautifully. Eleanor is not a newcomer to the Guilford stage, and her merits are well known. Marjorie came through with flying colors in her first collegiate stage appearance.

Jack White (quite at home on the stage) and Al Cappelletto should be proud of the excellent job of acting in the part of Jonathan Brewster and Dr. Einstein, respectively. Sureness of their lines and action kept the audience tense during the entire play.

Charlotte Flanders, portraying Elaine Harper, was a definite contrast in size to her opposite lead, but made up for the lack of size with the reflection of charm in her every move.

Bill Kerr came on with a bang as Lieutenant Rooney and the bang was echoed (between puffs from a cigarette) by the consistent chewing which helps the novice over the hump.

Good Support

David Register, the latest addition to the cast, gave a good performance, considering the time in which he had to become familiar with his lines. The rest of the cast, which included Hank Harvey, Malcolm Campbell, Howard Coble, and William Danenburg, rate a "well done" for the fine support they gave to the leads.

The props, lighting and make-up were very good, with a few exceptions. The stage manager should be introduced to a new invention called the "spring" which closes doors quite nicely. Eleanor Cornelson and Marjorie Benbow were slightly over-made-up, looking more like gypsies than old, sedate ladies.

With this production the dramatic council showed much better judgment in selecting the type of play that will be appreciated and the excellent costumes were reminiscent of the Quaker productions of old. Possibly this marked the entrance into a new era of dramatics at Guilford, where good acting and fast moving dialogue is appreciated as shown by the full house Monday night.

Seniors Honored at Banquet by Juniors

Saturday, May 17, the junior class honored the seniors at the annual Junior-Senior Banquet. The theme of "gypsies" was carried out in the costumes of the waitresses and made in the entertainment which was supplied by the junior class. Bill Danenburg played several gypsy selections on his violin and Gerry Garris sang the "Habanera," from Carmen.

After dinner, the faculty was represented in an address by Dr. Purdom. He said a few words recalling the "good old days" to those of the seniors who were here "before," and then on behalf of the faculty, wished them success and luck in the days to come. The main event of the evening was then introduced. At great cost and difficulty, the juniors were able to secure the services of the well-known fortune teller and mystic, Omar.

Omar appeared, looking very much like Herb Schoellkopf would with a white turban wound around his head. He peered intently into his cloudy crystal, and after waiting several minutes, was rewarded by seeing the futures of the whole senior class float into view. To any one with an interest in records, and statistics, or whoever cares what becomes of promising Guilford grads, this was really a revelation. About 25% of the class will be seen spending most of their time in various bars over the country, recalling their happy days at Guilford. There will be a few ministers to counteract their influence. There are several doctors, a hypnotist, many housewives (all with enormous families) and some teachers. This is a versatile class, one to make its alma mater proud.

A Cappella Choir Gives Spring Concert

The annual May Festival Concert was given by the A Cappella Choir on Wednesday evening, May 21, in Memorial Hall, at 8 p.m. The choir, under the direction of Dr. E. H. F. Weis, sang an American program featuring a historic cantata by Charles Wakefield Cadman. The cantata, "The Father of Waters," sets forth a picture of the discovery of the Mississippi River and tells of Indian life at the time. The solos were aptly sung by Ethel Edwards, soprano; Jimmy Boyles, tenor; and Brantley Greeson, Howard Coble, and Richard Spencer, baritone.

A group of Negro spirituals was also presented which included "Oh Lawd, Hear My Prayer," by Davidson, with Richard Spencer as the soloist; "Old Ark's A Moverin'," and "The Creation," by Kiehter. The program was a picturesque one, both in performance and appearance, as the many-colored gowns and the inspired singing blended together to produce a delightful effect.

Graduate Study Centers in France and Switzerland

The establishment of Foreign Study Centers to serve the needs of American graduate students in Paris and Zurich has just been announced by the University of Maryland.

The new program, which will lead to a degree of Master of Foreign Study, will be inaugurated this September.

In each of the foreign capitals, the University of Maryland will keep a Resident Dean who will counsel students registered in this program and supervise their research work.

This Graduate Year Abroad is open to graduates from any accredited American college or university. The program provides for excellent offerings in the fields of linguistics, literature and history. Minors may be worked out in related fields.

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Miss Ricks Requests Return of Library Books

Miss Katherine Ricks, librarian, has announced that all books are to be returned to the library before leaving campus on vacation. Fines that have not been paid are to be taken care of in a like manner.

Guilford Students Attend NCCPA Meet

The North Carolina Collegiate Press Association was officially re-activated in its first convention of the post war era, held in Raleigh on May 9 and 10. Three delegates from Guilford were present, representing THE GUILFORDIAN.

Governor Cherry gave the welcoming address in behalf of N. C. State College and the citizens of Raleigh, after which the business of the organization was discussed. Luncheon was served in the Grill Room of the college dining hall at which time Noel Houston, Ed Kirk, and Warren Duffy told the convention of the possibilities in the professional field of writing and general news work.

In the afternoon the delegates attended forums conducted by many outstanding men in the fields of business and journalism. These forums were presented to give the editors, business manager and associates the opportunity of receiving professional advice and discussing the individual problems confronting them.

In the evening the delegates enjoyed a banquet at which Mr. Josephus Daniels, editor, publisher and statesman, was guest speaker. Mr. Daniels related many of his experiences in the journalistic field and encouraged the women as well as the men to consider the advantages of journalism as a profession. Immediately following the banquet a dance was given in the ballroom of the hotel.

The group gathered Saturday morning to hear the summaries of the forums and to elect officers for the coming year. Clay Pelker of Duke was elected president; Jim Gribben, of Davidson, vice-president; Peggy Davis of Salem, secretary; and Ken Coble of N. C. State was elected treasurer. Dr. E. E. Folk of Wake Forest was elected Permanent Secretary by unanimous vote.

Director of Hazen Foundation Speaks; Sermon by Stafford

By ADRIAN BRODEUR

Dr. Paul J. Braisted, director of the Edward W. Hazen Foundation in New Haven, Conn., will deliver the commencement address to 34 graduating students at Guilford College, Monday June 2, at 10 a.m.

Dr. Braisted's address will end the first decade of the second century for the Quaker College founded in 1837.

Russel Henry Stafford, president of the Hartford Theological Seminary, and former minister of the Old South Church in Boston, Mass., will give the baccalaureate sermon Sunday, June 1 at 11 a.m. in the New Garden Meeting House.

Stafford is author of several religious books which include "Finding God," "Christian Humanism," "Religion Meets the Modern Mind," and "A Religion for Democracy." Dr. Braisted is the author of a book entitled, "Cultural Co-operation, Keynote of the Coming Age."

The Guilford College Alumni Day is set for Saturday, May 31. The program will begin at noon with registration and will be followed with a luncheon at 1 p.m. in Founders Hall.

William Polk, associate editor of the Greensboro Daily News, will be the guest speaker at the meeting of the Scholarship Society at 3 p.m. in the college library. The annual alumni tea and the Choir Guild tea will be held at 4 p.m. At this

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I. R. C. Hears Talk on Communism by Belle

Tart Belle, Director of the Southern Peace Section of A.F.S.C., spoke on Soviet-American relations at the regular semi-monthly meeting of the I.R.C. held Sunday evening, May 11, in the hut. President Brad Snipes presided at the meeting.

Belle reminded his listeners that they must look at the Russian-American situation objectively. He posed as a problem: what can we do as Christians and as intelligent humans?

He said that the communist party consists of 6,000,000 people, the largest political party in the world. This party also controls the largest army in the world. Capitalism, he continued, is the natural and deadly enemy of Communism, or so the Communists are teaching their people.

At the meeting, sending books to the Philippines on Outlawing War. Members were reminded of the fellowship offered by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace of one year's work with the organization of, and in contact with U.N.

Interracial Group Elects Officers for New Year

On Thursday night, May 15, the Interracial Committee held its last meeting of the academic year 1946-1947. The group met at the Student Baptist House on the Woman's College campus. Attending this final session were representatives from A & T College, Bennett, Greensboro College, Guilford, and Woman's College.

After the customary introductions were made, the business of the committee was taken care of. The new officers elected were: President, Dorothy Pearson of Bennett; Vice-President, Nancy Osteen from Woman's College; and Secretary-Treasurer, another Bennett College student, Given Cann. In addition to the customary offices, Mr. J. W. R. Grandy, Professor of Botany at A & T College was chosen to head the Workshop Committee.

Mr. McNeal Smith of Greensboro was the guest speaker of the evening.

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Five Guilford College students shown above shared the leading roles in the presentation of Joseph Kesselring's comedy, "Arsenic and Old Lace," in Memorial Hall last Monday. Left to right, are pictured Alfred Cappelletto, of New York, N. Y.; Eleanor Cornelson, Albany, N. Y.; Marjorie Benbow, Winston-Salem; Charlotte Flanders, Philadelphia, Pa.; and J. Wm. McCracken, Felham. (Daily News Photo)