

## Theatre Guild Experiments With Drama

The Little Theatre Guild engaged in an experiment in non-realistic drama on November 22 and 23. This type of drama is presentational in as much as the actors are always aware that the audience is there to be entertained. Although differing from each other, the three plays included in this performance, "Aria Da Capo", "The Sandbox," and "Once Upon A Mattress," are nevertheless alike in their variance from reality.

"Aria Da Capo" by Edna St. Vincent Millay is a poetic fantasy whose characters tell the story of man's inability to overcome his preoccupation with self. Under the direction of Cothurnus, the nurse of tragedy, two shepherds interrupt a harlequinade, innocently kill each other and are again superseded by the harlequinade. The players included Darlene Green as Columbine, Elizabeth Carter and Patricia Greene as Pierrot, Lillie Coley-Green as Cothurnus, William Walker and Gayle Cotton as Thyrsis, John Troxler and Wilma Mann as Croydon.

"The Sandbox" by Edward Albee, author of the Broadway hit, "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf" is an expressionistic satire dealing with an aspect of life which is generally given serious thought. The scene is a beach where a cryptic athlete is doing his daily dozen. A couple appears and dump an 86 year old grandmother in a sandbox. Grandmother proceeds to weave her own rather dismayed history between the cool, indifferent pattern of the people and the notes of the musician.

She buries herself in the sand in order to die and a relationship between her and the other characters including the athlete comes to light. Mommy was played by Priscilla Brunson, Daddy by George McCain, Grandma by Patricia Greene, the athlete by John Troxler and the musician was Margaret Traylor.

"Once Upon A Mattress" by Jay Thompson et. al. is a popular musical comedy based on the familiar fairy tale, "The Princess and the Pea." Selections included in the presentation were "Many Moons Ago", "Shy", "Sensitivity", and "Happily Ever After". The cast

included Carole Turner as Princess Winifred, Sandra Jenkins as The Queen and George McCain as the minstrel prince and Wizard. A special added attraction was a dance done by Marsha Bullock, Patricia Boggs and Bernadine Harris.

Congratulations to Miss Claudia D. Finger, director; Elizabeth Hansberry, stage manager and members of the theatre guild for an enjoyable performance. The campus is looking forward to the next production of this group.

## RECORD REVIEW

Bought any good records lately? Maybe you'll be inspired by some of these. By the way, cats, I hope that you are digging the Jazz Hour every Sunday night at 10:30 p.m. Now here's the latest.

All Bach followers will enjoy hearing his "The St. Matthews Passion." It is in English and enunciated, flawlessly, brilliantly led by Leonard Bernstein. The choruses, orchestra and soloists join so infuse this noble work with a warmth that reaches its apotheosis in the chrale: in depest grief, here sit we weeping. It is on the Columbia label.

On the jazz scene, Erroll Garner has a new side out, called One World Concert, Recorded "live" during an engagement last year at the World's Fair in Seattle, it includes his great "Misty", and other showstoppers such as "Mack The Knife." He really makes the scene with vitality, humor and rhythmic individuality.

The inimitable Brubeck, the self styled high priest of jazz, has done it again. With the soaring sax of Paul Desmond, Brubeck follows such hits as "Take Five", and "Blue Rondo A-la Turk", he has now come up with "Take Ten". He is a student of rapidly changing time signatures, and thinks nothing of changing from 5/4 to 3/4 in the same bar lines.

For you rock and roll fans, there is a danceable album out by Bill Ramal and his Teen Swingers. They bop through such current movie themes as "The V.I.P.s", "Longest Day", and "More" from "Mondo Cane". It is called "Reel Favorites," and is on the 20th Century-Fox label.

That's it for this time cats. I will be back with more.



Nine of the ten Bennett seniors elected to the 1963-64 edition of "Who's Who In American Colleges and Universities". They are (from left to right) Misses Barbara Whitfield, Eleanor Davis, Brenda Green, Lilla Alphonse, Julianah Ajani, Emma Watson, Verna Venson, Linda Powell and Sheila Brinkley.

## Group Holds Intormal Discussion on Best Seller

Heading the best-seller lists for a number of weeks on the American scene, James Baldwin's *Another Country*, has become an interesting conversation piece at social gatherings. In view of this the Senior Women's Honor Society had an idea that our students would enjoy an open discussion of this novel and they scheduled an evening of parlance on November 14 in the parlor of Cone Hall.

The group planned for a large number of guests because of the controversial nature of Baldwin and his writings. However only about twenty people attended the discussion. Among these were Mrs. Kenneth I. Brown, and Mrs. Minnie B. Smith. Those present talked of Baldwin's motives, his use of characters, his lack of euphemisms and the general tone of *Another Country*. At times the discussion would have been interesting to anyone even if she had not read the book.

As the evening wore on, Baldwin was criticized from every angle including good and not so good points. At the end of the discussion the participants were still tossing stimulating questions and comments to each other.

## Seniors Elected To Who's Who At Bennett College

Ten Bennett College seniors have been elected to "Who's Who In American Universities and Colleges" 1963-64.

Miss Linda Powell of Goldsboro, N. C. is a history major with social science as a minor. Linda is president of the Senior Women's Honor Society and of Alpha Kappa Mu. She also is a member of Pi Gamma Mu.

Miss Barbara Whitfield, a native of New Haven, Conn., is president of the Student Senate for the school year 1963-64. Barbara is an English major and French minor. She is a member of the Neophytes.

A native of Charlotte, N. C., Miss Eleanor Davis is president of the Pre-Alumnae Association and vice-president of Pi Gamma Mu. Eleanor is a social science major.

Miss Verna Venson of St. Louis, Mo., a pre-med major, is president of Beta Kappa Chi and vice-president of the Senior Women's Honor Society. She is also a member of the Science Seminar.

A psychology major, Miss Brenda Green is a native of Philadelphia, Penn. Brenda is president of Pi Gamma Mu, secretary of the Senior Women's Honor Society and vice-president of the Student Senate.

Miss Emma Watson, president of the Student Union is a native of Birmingham, Ala. Emma is an English major with a minor in dramatics. She is also a very active member of the Theatre Guild.

A native of Richmond, Va., Miss Sheila Brinkley is a history major with sociology as a minor. Sheila is editor of the Bennett Banner, secretary of TOMU, and a member of Pi Gamma Mu.

Miss Lilla Alphonse of Bocas del Toro, Republic of Panama is a modern language major. Lilla is president of the Modern Language Club. Her other activities include the International Relations Club, Alpha Kappa Mu and the Bennett Banner staff.

A native of Eruwa, W. Nigeria, Miss Julianah Ajani is president of the International Relations Club. She is a member of the Science Seminar and Alpha Kappa Mu. Julianah is a biology major and a chemistry minor.

Miss Brenda White of Baltimore, Md., is a social science major and a religion minor. Brenda is a

member of the Mid-Week Vespers Committee and SNEA.

## THANKS

The Courier, Clarke College, Dubuque, Iowa addressed this open letter to parents of students:

Dear Mom and Dad,  
Tonight I saw two children. They were alone downtown, standing in front of a tavern.

Five of us were walking to Karigan's after an evening movie when we saw them—little blond children. The girl looked about 6. The boy couldn't have been more than 4 years old.

One of the girls I was with said softly, "Go home, kids." The blare of a jukebox from the tavern muffled the little girl's reply. It sounded like "Please".

As I turned to ask them where they lived, they ran away. The little boy had a shoe shine kit in his hand.

We started to follow them, but they were masters of elusion. The little girl cut between two cars, turned the corner and was gone. The little boy disappeared down an alley.

We looked up and down the street, expecting a nearby home, a mother watching. Apparently there was no one.

Parent's Weekend seems to be a good time to thank you, Mom and Dad, for many things. For an education, warm clothes, spaghetti on Saturday nights.

But not right now. Tonight I would like to thank you for the big things. Thank you for a few spankings and a million hugs. Thank you for waiting up all those evenings. Thank you for still watching while I run to mail a letter after dark.



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Dr. Player presents certificate to Miss Sandra Satterwhite at the Annual Fall Honors Convocation as Drs. C. G. Winston and Kenneth I. Brown look on.