

Theatre Guild Presents "Gigi" In Style That Delights Crowd

Review by Katie Gailles

From February 27 to March 1 the Bennett College Little Theatre Guild presented its first production of the second semester. "Gigi" by Anita Loos, was an overwhelming success. The audience responded to the humorous script with spontaneous outbursts of laughter. Everyone became involved with what was going on under the spotlights and even issued words of advice to the players.

The play was about a young girl, Gigi, who is being maneuvered into a very compromising situation by her grandmother, Madame Alvarez, and her aunt, Alicia. Gigi, however, does not find the prospect at all appealing. She does not want to be Monsieur Gaston's mistress, she wants to be his wife because she loves him. So she quietly out-maneuvers everyone, even Monsieur Gaston, and procures a marriage proposal. Gigi's satisfaction with her future is not matched by her mother, Andree's, approval. She bursts into tears at the news and could be consoled only by the request for a song. Y'see, Andree was pretending to be an opera singer.

Gigi was played by Genevieve

McCormick, a junior from Raeford, N. C. Madame Alvarez was portrayed by Cassandra Jones, a freshman from Montgomery, Alabama, who entertained us last semester in "Old Times." Norma Jeffries, a sophomore from Athens, Georgia, played the part of Madame Alvarez's maid, Sidone.

Renee Carrington, a senior from Washington, D. C. played the part of cranky, sophisticated Aunt Alicia. Her butler, Victor, was portrayed by Keith Miller from Greensboro.

Eric Miller from Grimsley High School in Greensboro portrayed the debonair Monsieur Gaston. Linda Crawford, a senior from Whiteville, N. C. thoroughly enjoyed her role as Andree. She was very expressive and hid nothing from the audience.

"Gigi" was truly delightful. I hope the entire Bennett community took advantage of this opportunity to see the Theatre Guild in action.

Look out for the next Little Theatre productions. They are: three one act plays:

"The Owl Killer," "Happy Ending," "Save a Place for Me at Forest Lawn."

Seniors Plan Their Own Day

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The Senior Day program was prepared by the Senior Class officers. A quotation of poetess Gwendolyn Brooks', "Conduct your blooming in the noise and the whip of the wind," was chosen as the theme. The convocation was directed by Ms. Gwendolyn Sneed. Mrs. Mary Scarlett conducted the Ceremony of the Flaming Light for Leadership and Responsibility.

The audience was filled with many relatives and special friends of the seniors. There was a feeling of accomplishment as the seniors were robed by their sophomore sisters; of definition as Gwendolyn McLean expressed appreciation "to those who have played a part in our growth and development here;" and of finality as President Miller, in the address, charged the seniors to face the world with ambition and with goals in mind.

A special vocal presentation was prepared by the Senior Ensemble. The original rendition was very moving and left the audience in ecstasy. The young ladies were: Linda Brown, Bonita Chavis, Diane Lively, Deborah Herbin, Gwendolyn Johnson, Carol Long, Yardley Nelson, LaRita Sprott,

Dyora Thomas, Yvonne Watkins and Jacqueline Hemphill at the piano.

Recognition was also given to those seniors who will graduate with honors and with high honors. Those seniors with an average of 3.65 or above, thus graduating with high honors are: Christine Ofoma, Glenda Sprueil Simmons, Linda Sprueil, and Reba Turner. Seniors with a cumulative average of 3.40 or above will graduate with honors. They are Deborah Herbin, Gwendolyn Johnson, Bobbetta Jones, Clorinda Lee, and Yardley Nelson.

Senior Day '75 will be remembered for the delicious dinner given by the sophomore sisters, the beautiful yellow carnation table centerpieces, the chilly winds, and robing bluffs.

And as Bennett sister McLean stated of the Class of 1975, "We are a firm and confident group. Therefore, despite despondency and uncertainty, we never cease to blossom, to grow, to fulfill. We are able indeed in the words of our sister poetess to "conduct your blooming in the noise and the whip of the wind."

Bennett Involved In Environmental Science

by Bobbetta Jones

The field of environmental science is an increasingly popular study. It relates technological advances to the natural, physical, and biological sciences.

Several members of the science faculty are currently engaged in environmental research projects. They are assisted by student investigators who are obtaining research experiences as a part of their college education. The research projects, funded by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), are largely concerned with the ecological problem of waste.

Dr. Allison Maggiolo and Dr. Benjamin T. Duhart, assisted by Nanetta Lowe, are investigating the development of transportable absorption columns for determining hydrochloric acid in air from rocket exhaust. This investigation involves the application of chromatography to an environmental hazard. Dr. Benjamin Duhart, assisted by Bertie Mitchell, Jacqueline Pace, and Judy Smith, is investigating the usefulness of Fluorobate Anion Selective Electrodes in determining fluorobate. Using some of the most modern analytical techniques, this study

may prove to have very interesting applications.

During the next eighteen months, Dr. Allison Maggiolo and Dr. J. Henry Sayles, assisted by Frances Davis, Nanetta Lowe, and Gloria Phillips, will investigate the feasibility of an Automatic Exchange Resin Bench Pilot Demonstration Plant to determine cost and design for a full scale plant for removal of textile dye wastes. This practical approach to a universal ecological problem is derived from results of a previous study, the Application of Exchange Resin for Removal of Textile Dye Wastes, investigated by Dr. Sayles and Dr. Maggiolo, assisted by Rita Nzeribe, Janice McLean, and Nanetta Lowe.

Dr. Sayles, Director of the Division of Sciences, expressed the view that "research training components of the Bennett College program in science education is designed to provide equality of opportunity for a limited number of students to become well trained in scientific research." The basic training plan in this connection consists of (a) providing experi-

ence in the identification of unsolved problems in environmental research bearing on the health of the nation, (b) providing training in searching the scientific literature to determine discoveries related to a specific research area, (c) training the student to formulate hypotheses and to design experiments to test them, (d) providing training in assembling and operating sophisticated scientific equipment, and apparatus, including learning the limitations of specific types of scientific equipment, (e) training the student to make and record accurate observations and to interpret experimental data, and (f) training the student to write research reports and to communicate research findings by acceptable methods.

Most of the research assistants feel that undergraduate research experiences are worthwhile in view of the technological changes and their effects upon the environment. Other areas of investigation, such as biomedical research, are also being pursued by members of the science faculty. Bennett's scientific investigations may prove to have significant results as well as providing Bennett Belles with research experiences needed for a career in the world of scientific investigation.

Internship Offer From AEJ NYU

The sixth annual AEJ/NYU Summer Journalism Internship Program for minorities will be run on the New York University campus in Greenwich Village, New York City.

As in past years, the program provides a full-time, 10 week summer job in the New York area for selected students and an opportunity to meet with minority working newsmen and public relations representatives during an evening course offered once a week at NYU.

Last year, 10 such internships were obtained (none of which were in broadcasting). A similar number is expected this year.

To be eligible, a person must be a college student, a member of a minority group who has successfully completed at least one college course in journalism. April 5 is the deadline for applying for the program.

Applications may be obtained by writing: Sandra Bowles, University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, Department of Mass Communication, Mitchell 214, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

British Jobs

Hundreds of U. S. students will be able to work in Great Britain this summer with the help of the Council on International Educational Exchange's Summer Jobs in Britain program. Students who thought that they couldn't possibly afford a trip to Europe this summer should reconsider: with a job in Great Britain they can earn enough to pay their day to day expenses and what may have seemed like an impossible trip can become a reality. Because of the common language, Britain has always been the most popular country for American students who wish to work abroad.

Students may choose from two different plans for their summer in Britain: they may have a job pre-arranged for them (for a fee of \$75) or they can obtain the necessary working papers through CIEE and then find their own job (for a fee of \$25.) One student who found his own job last year spent the summer working as a grouch flusher on the estate of a Scottish marquis!

Applications and details of the Summer Jobs in Britain program are available from CIEE, Hotel McAlpin, Suite 2200, Broadway and 34th Street, New York, New York 10001. CIEE will also help students find jobs in Germany and France this summer; information on opportunities in these two countries is available at the above address.

CIEE has been actively involved in student travel for over 25 years and has been operating the summer jobs in Britain program for six years.

Freshman Class Completes Project

The members of the Freshman Class have just completed their second semester class project.

The class sold chocolate candy and made a profit of \$100. With this money they purchased fruit and Valentine Cards which were taken to the 73 patients of the Carolina Nursery, on Friday, February 14th. Freshman Class members, Olivia Penn and Swanda McCormick, accompanied by Dr. Perry Mack, Ms. Myra Davis and Ms. Jimmie Gravely delivered these gifts.

The project for first semester was a \$35 donation to the Christmas Stocking Fund in the area.

Now the class will concentrate on its Freshman Weekend, scheduled for April 11-13, 1975.

BLM Leader Talks To Philosophy Class

A young leader of the Black Liberation Movement, A&T student Abiola, discussed the Black Liberation Movement with Dr. Signe Goldstein's Mass Media class March 5.

The Black Liberation Movement is a student movement which includes the Pan African, Black Nationalist Activist, and Feb. 1st movement. "The movement has not died," he said. The problem they are fighting now is the system of monopoly capitalism and imperialism.

The history of the February 1st in Greensboro started in 1950. On Feb. 1st, four A&T students went downtown to the Woolworths and sat down in protest. After that it turned into a big movement.

Abiola saw the movement in three stages: 1) 1960-1964 was the civil rights section, 2) 1964-1970 was the Black Power movement, and 3) 1970- was the anti-imperialist stage.

Math Dept. Gets "Involved"

The dominating theme for the Mathematics Department of Bennett College is "involvement." Students and faculty members are serving as consultants for local mathematics programs.

One of the most recent achievements of the department was accomplished by a team of students and faculty who submitted solutions to three mathematical problems. The problem solutions were printed in the January issue of "American Mathematical Monthly." The problems originally appeared in the magazine in late 1973 and early 1974.

Gloria Phillips, a sophomore from Kinston, N. C. and Nannette Lowe, a sophomore from Kernersville, N. C., worked under the guidance of Dr. James Alonso to solve the problem dealing with polynomial quotients. Reba Turner, a senior from Atlanta, Georgia and Cynthia Hardy, a 1974 graduate from Suitland, Md. solved two problems, one involving cube roots modulon (a form of positive integer). This particular problem received special recognition because the result was more general than expected to solve such a problem.

Other involvements on the part of the faculty included the participation of Dr. Alonso in the joint sessions of the Mathematical Association of America and the American Mathematical Society

which met in Washington, D. C. recently.

Ray Treadway, another member of the Mathematics Department, is serving as mathematics consultant for New Garden Friends School in the Guilford area. His responsibilities include assisting the faculty at the school to prepare an over-all plan for mathematics instruction in the junior-high grades. He also helps in planning teaching methods in specialized mathematics courses and also provides direct assistance to special students.


U of Nairobi Accepting Copy

"Busara," a semi-annual journal published by the Department of Literature, University of Nairobi, Kenya, has expressed interest in receiving material on the Black experience in the United States.

The editor, W. Osotsi, invites contributions of short stories, poems, plays, parts of novels, criticisms, etc. The journal, which is in its fifth year of publication, does not pay for contributions.

Interested persons should send manuscripts to: Editor, "Busara," Department of Literature, University of Nairobi, P. O. Box 30197, Nairobi, Kenya. Subscriptions are \$2.50 per year.

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