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PLAYS NOT APPRECIATED

LAST EVENING the dramatics department presented its first three-act play of the season, "Fourteen". In contrast to the all-around excellence of the production, was the size of the audience that was kept in an uproar of merriment from beginning to end of the play. "A small but appreciative audience" is a worn out phrase, but seldom have facts justified as well that hackneyed description. Perhaps students do not realize what they miss when they choose to spend an evening at the movies or at a dance when they could attend a worth while play. They are uninterested, and their lethargy to ASUI dramatics is so ill-deserved. Certainly the play itself is not the reason, and neither the acting nor the staging deserve adverse comment. Professor Cushman's productions compare favorably with the road shows that occasionally come to Moscow. They are unquestionably better than the majority of stock company shows that students often patronize when they are in Spokane or other cities. No one can assign the admission price as a valid cause. An ordinary movie charges as much or more than the special student admission price. Why then is there not more interest in campus dramatics? Familiarity is one reason. "Oh yes, she is in my philosophy class," or "I met him at the dance last week" are spoken in an off-hand manner that does not build up the glamour usually associated with theatrical people. The person who takes notes on Plato's metaphysics may be the best amateur actor on the campus. The dramatics department never has used an aggressive policy in soliciting student support. Its policy has been "we have something worth while, you are welcome to come and enjoy it". The dramatics managers were to assign several hundred tickets to some of the "go-getting" campus organizations and say, "now get busy and sell them", there probably would be an immediate increase in the size of the audiences. If the students don't attend the plays, it is their misfortune and theirs only. Those who have thus far been disinterested will receive the surprise of their lives if they attend the final performance of "Fourteen" tonight. The surprise will be a delightful one, and moreover it will have added something to their cultural education.

DEAR CITY EDITOR

JUST AS THE RADIO announces at New York was advised by Stanford students Sunday to study his geography and find out where Stanford University is located, we advise the Idaho Statesman at Boise to increase its knowledge of the University of Idaho. Readers of the Statesman were informed Wednesday morning that "Dr. C. W. Chenoweth, dean of the school of philosophy of the University of Idaho" was scheduled to speak at a chamber of commerce meeting in Boise. We are pleased to note that a new school has been added to the University of Idaho in the "school of philosophy." Philosophy has been taught at Idaho for several years, but until now it has never been a "school". Knowledge of the state university should be absorbed by the boosters in the south. Mistakes such as this show the ignorance of newspaper staffs. Professor Chenoweth was undoubtedly pleased with the compliment paid him by the Statesman in announcing him as a doctor. Yours very truly, THE CUB REPORTER on The Argonaut. -B. L. M.

D. T. G's ELECT ROSS

Josephine Ross was elected vice-president of Daletth Teth Gimec, town women's social organization at the regular meeting Wednesday. This election was in accord with the new constitution which was adopted a short time ago. The group voted to give Tau Mem Aleph a mixer Saturday the 15.

Student Opinion

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE STUDENT BODY

Has our campus life gone entirely bankrupt of its cosmopolitan spirit? I do not imagine so, but, if not actually the same, something approaching to this was the impression of C. M. Drury, a well experienced and an international-spirited gentleman, who attended the last meeting of Cosmopolitan club, when there were about 10 members present. This was by no means an exception to the usual situation. "Is this the membership of Cosmopolitan club at a university of this size," he remarked with an exclamation. "It is, indeed, a pity," he continued, "that our students are so neglectful in performing their requisite duty," and he proposed several plans to increase the membership of the club to make the club a real beneficial organ of our institution. The opinion of a stranger matters a little, but no one can refute the fact that the student-body does not take a keen interest in this club and I believe that there are many who think that this club is merely for foreign students. I know that you have many other things to attend, yet your sense of responsibility as being college-students and students of world problems should induce you to find time to make this organization worth while. It is beyond the scope of this letter to enter upon a detailed discussion of benefits and advantages which may accrue by running this club successfully. Suffice, therefore, to say that it is a key to mutual understanding which the present day world lacks so outrageously. I should like to invite the opinion of the faculty members to shed some light on the point whether our university should have an international organization of this kind. Or is it simply a waste of time and energy to have one. If this call is summarily disposed, it inevitably will be taken to mean that no one sees any good in this organization and consequently I will be the first to move for its dissolution, because I do not deem it appropriate to linger on for the mere sake of its existence. H. S. DHILLON

PHI CHI THETA WILL AWARD HONOR KEY Women's Business Fraternity To Give Prize to Business Student Having Best Grades and Most Activities. Idaho Phi chapter of Phi Chi Theta, women's national business fraternity, will offer annually a national key award, it was announced yesterday. This key will be awarded on the basis of scholarship, activities, and leadership by a committee of faculty and sorority members to the woman student in the school of business who fulfills those requirements at the completion of her junior year. It is further provided that the winner shall have completed at least one year in the school of business and that her average grade shall not be less than the minimum requirement for admission into Phi Chi Theta. Phi Chi Theta has never offered a national key until this year. From now on every chapter of the sorority will award one key each year. S. A. I. PLANS FIRESIDE Sigma Alpha Iota, national honorary music fraternity, will give a fireside for the new music students next Tuesday evening at the Alpha Phi house from 9 to 11 o'clock. A musical program will be presented by members of Sigma Alpha Iota, after which a short talk will be given by the president, Goldie Smith.

INTEREST GROWING IN CHORAL SOCIETY

Definite progress is being made in organizing a Moscow Choral society, said Professor Kratt of the music department, yesterday. Townspeople, students, and members of the faculty, have been invited to join. The purpose of the organization is to practice music in preparation for a performance to be given in connection with the music festival in May. The chorus will be under the direction of Professor Kratt with Miss Lucille Lamstedt as accompanist. It is planned to begin rehearsals soon after Christmas holidays at the auditorium. The Chamber of Commerce voted to give the society its support and appointed the Rev. I. W. Drury, Fred Fulton, and Dr. C. W. Hungerford of the College of agriculture on the committee to get the organization started. Representatives from the various churches of the town, the faculty women's club, Kiwanis club, Rotary club, Elks, Grange, Business and Professional Women's club, Women's music club, American Legion, Parent-Teachers, Historical club, university faculty, student body, men and women's glee club, Chamber of Commerce, and the press have been asked to serve on a committee to get the society under way. A covered dish supper will be held at the Presbyterian church December 13, at which plans will be outlined for the organization. "If you can carry a tune—come", said Professor Kratt.

KELLY ON L. D. S. PROGRAM President Kelly will be the principal speaker at the regular Sunday evening student service at the L. D. S. institute chapel. Prof. Carl Claus, director of the university orchestra and instructor in stringed instruments will play several violin solos. Doctor Kelly's subject has not been announced.

Theta Sigma, local journalism fraternity for women, will be the guest of Theta Sigma Phi, national group, at Washington State college, December 15, at the second joint meeting of the two fraternities this fall.

VARSITY DEBATERS BEGIN TOUR SUNDAY

Huber and Slaughter Slated For Trip Through Middle West

George Huber and Walter Slaughter, varsity debaters, will leave Moscow Sunday afternoon on a 3000-mile debating tour that will include eight colleges and universities in the middle west. They will be accompanied by Coach Jasper V. Garland. Their first debate will be with the University of Montana team at Missoula Monday. Montana's team lost to Idaho here last night, and the return engagement was included in the itinerary of the tour. Tuesday the Idaho team will debate at Montana State college at Bozeman. Other institutions included on the itinerary are North Dakota Agricultural college, Loyola university, Marquette university, University of Chicago, University of Dubuque and Indiana university. Both Mr. Huber and Mr. Slaughter have had three years experience in varsity debating. They plan to return to their homes, Hubert to Kellogg and Slaughter to Twin Falls, by Christmas. Mr. Garland will remain in Chicago during the holidays to attend a convention of the National Speech Teachers association.

Energy Wasted Daily Has Possibilities, Says Observant Co-ed

By Elsie Warm "If only that energy could be harnessed," a student remarked at the library, his eye fixed on the rotating jaws of a gum-chewing co-ed across the table from him, "there would be enough to light the whole university". This young man has the nucleus of an idea which should make him famous. Edison himself could do no better. If he will furnish the machine, he will not lack material to keep it going. If we could attach a generator to the legs of the students who struggle frantically to make their way over the icy walk to 8 o'clock in the A building, he could generate enough electricity to operate a power house. The surplus steam which the students exhaust after Friday and Saturday night dates would supply power enough to run the Christmas special to the southern end of the state and back, giving everyone a chance to hang up his sock at the family hearth. The heat which circulates from the faculty when the quizzers are graded would keep all the radiators on the campus pounding with ice both night and day, and would strike the fuel bill from the expense list of the university. If the energy which the professors squander in the lecture rooms every

day, could be transferred to the students, there would be enough to animate them all and keep them from falling asleep. If the energy which the students consume in dodging the professors whose classes they have cut could be transformed, there would be enough to charge the battery of every campus lounge at the University of Idaho. Conservation of human energy is without a doubt a field which offers opportunities for development on every hand. If any freshman is having a hard time deciding what vocation to follow, what is the matter with this one? A Japanese freshman at the University of Toronto, Canada, is said to have knocked out five sophomores when they attempted to take his tie.

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