

Marionettes Delight Studio Theatre Audiences With Two Classic Plays



MARDI GRAS . . . AIN'T HE CUTE

Photo by Nishimura

Friday and Saturday Dr. Peter Arnott presented his marionette theatre, one of the most delightful experiences ever offered by Studio Theatre. The plays given were Marlowe's **Dr. Faustus** and **The Menaechu** by Plautus.

Of the two, the comedy was the better. Even in **Faustus**, the comic scenes were more effective; high tragdy seems for some reason to strain the resources of the marionette

theatre. Tragedy does not permit exaggeration of voice or gesture: that would make it ridiculous. Marionette theatre by its very nature exaggerates; and although Dr. Arnott's **Faustus** was never ridiculous, at times he was strained. Also, at various times it was felt the delivery was too fast for clear articulation. Despite these occasional flaws, the play was highly satisfactory.

Dr. Faustus is the story of a man

who sells his soul to the Devil in return for twenty-four years of complete control of nature. At first he denies the existence of soul, Heaven, and Hell, but almost at once doubts set in and by the end of the play he is convinced of his damnation. But he cannot summon the faith that could save him, he believes that God cannot and will not save him. This leaves the question whether his necromancy or his despair damns him. Whatever the answer, **Faustus'** character undergoes a change; dramatically, this is emphasized by the comic scenes, and the scenes showing him in his power. These last were cut, and I think the play suffered. At any rate, characterization was not as clear as in the comedy. Nevertheless, the tragedy was powerfully projected, especially toward the end.

In Plautus' play, the marionette theatre came into its own. In comedy, the inherent weakness of the technique become strength. In addition to the technical advantage the play itself is highly enjoyable. A confusion of twins gives the opportunity to satirize, display wit, and caricature types. Late Roman society was much like ours: the satire is recognizable, and could be contemporary.

Dr. Arnott is the only practitioner of serious marionette theatre in North America. His work on Friday and Saturday demonstrated the high potential of this form. —W.K.

Government Seeking 1200 Student Employees

Five hundred University graduates for continuing employment and 1,200 undergraduates and post-graduate students for summer work are being sought by the federal government.

Students at the graduate level are required from virtually all faculties but mainly from arts, commerce, the physical sciences, engineering and agricultural science.

Starting salaries vary from class to class depending on the academic specialization required.

For the most part, graduates in arts and commerce will be offered about \$380 a month, engineers about \$410. Some students with post graduate training in the sciences will receive up to \$565 a month.

Undergraduates hired for summer work will earn up to \$300 a month depending on the amount of University training they have had and related experience. Some students seeking post graduate degrees will receive more.

Short Shorts

Sports Board

Ross Hetherington, Ed 4, has been appointed men's diving coach and assistant swim coach for the coming competitive season. Men interested in this team should report to Mr. Hetherington on the pool deck any week day after Friday, Nov. 11, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Men interested in competitive swimming are asked to turn out any week day on the pool deck; 5:30-7:30 p.m. for a try-out. There are still a number of places open on the team.

Any arts and science students interested in playing intra-mural hockey please contact Percy Smith at GE 9-1804 after 6 p.m.

Official Notices

Applications will be received by Lionel Jones, secretary-treasurer, for the position of chairman of the promotions committee until 5 p.m., Thursday, November 24. Submit applications in writing, stating quali-

fications and other relevant information.

Applications for the position of ESS secretary will be received up until Friday, Nov. 19. Applicants must be in third or fourth year, and if interested, should contact their room reps.

Any students interested in working on the Varsity Guest Weekend Committee are requested to apply by letter, stating any special interests to Peter Hyndman, Director, Varsity Guest Weekend, Students' Union office.

Applications will be received by the Co-ordinator of Students' Activities until noon, Saturday, November 19, for the position of director of Homecoming Weekend, 1961. These applications should be sent to the Students' Union office.

Religious Notes

The Association of Mennonite University Students will hold a meeting in Wauneita lounge Wednesday, Nov. 23, at 8 p.m.

No Nuclear Committee Formed

Combined Universities Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, Alberta Branch, was founded at a meeting sponsored by the SCM November 3.

CUCND is a combined student faculty organization, encouraging nuclear disarmament and opposed to Canada's acceptance of nuclear weapons.

An organizational meeting will be held Friday, November 18 at 8:30 p.m. in the West lounge. Executive officers will be elected and program plans discussed. Persons interested in supporting CUCND are invited to attend.

Humanities Meet

Professor R. G. Baldwin will address the next meeting of the Edmonton Branch of the Humanities Association of Canada on "A Chaucer Puzzle — The Canon's Yeoman's Tale." The meeting will be held Thursday, Nov. 17, at 8:15 p.m. in Room 142 (new room number 2104) of the Med building.



THE SHEIK(?) OF ARABY

Photo by Nishimura

Model Assembly Assembling

Six committees have been set up by the United Nations club for their Model Assembly Dec. 7 and 8. President for the Assembly will be Barry Jones, a foreign student from Wales. Vice-President is Francis Saville. The post of secretary-general will be held by Prof. Grant Davy.

At a UN Club meeting on Nov. 8, Jim Foster, coordinator for the Assembly, announced the organization of the meeting.

The committees and their faculty advisors will be: political security, Dr. Farnham; economic and financial, Dr. Hansen; social, humanitarian and cultural, Dr. Mardiros; trusteeship,

Dr. Dawson; administrative and budgetary, Prof. Davy; and legal, Dr. Malone.

The committee will meet on Wednesday from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Each committee will form a resolution and present it to the steering committee. The resolution will then be put on the agenda for the Thursday evening debate.

On Wednesday starting at 8:15 p.m. a general committee will discuss some facet of disarmament. The speaking agenda will be outlined but speakers will be recognized for countering points raised by the delegates.

Jim Foster stated that he hoped there would be 80 persons for delegates. He urged those not interested in speaking to form power blocs to support other delegates.

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