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Melodrama Should Be Shelved

by D. Moulton

S.M.U. Dramatic Society presented "The Shadow of a Gunman" last week. Written by Sean O'Casey, the play is centered in Dublin and takes place in May 1920, before the Irish achieved home rule (1922).

The play concerned itself with a young poet, hiding behind an aura of criminality. Suspected by fellow residents within the local tenement of being connected with the I.R.A., he does not refute their suppositions. The reason, of course, is interest in a woman — uneducated but brave.

The story continues along these lines, basing its value on a theme so frequently used it has worn itself out. The ending is to be expected — the young lady dies for her poet — a man she barely knows but has come to love deeply. How dramatic! How hack!

Donal Darioren — played by Barrie Dunn — was the poet and one of the two youths represented in the play. His acting was very effective. Getting inside his character, he was able to relay to the audience an individual appeal which suited the life and likes of a young poet. One of the few enjoyable aspects of the play.

The other main character — Minnie Powell (pronounced Pole by the Irish) was played by Ellen McKay. Although not on stage more than twice, Ms. McKay performed better than well, adding some life to a play that is virtually



dead.

Two actors deserve credit — Jamesy Sweeney (Seamus Shields) and Deborah Allen (Mrs. Henderson). Injecting humor into the play through their lines somewhat but more so for their natural, true-to-life performance. Unfortunately the characters they portrayed were as stereotyped as the play in which

they grew.

To demean "The Shadow of a Gunman" by saying it was "a play without a plot" may be unnecessarily cruel, however not unnecessarily false. If this continually repeated theme had been given an original setting, a unique character — anything to differentiate it, it might have been successful. The acting was

superb, the set was effective, and the play was a dismal failure. Audiences want individuality, plot development, etc. — not grade school stories. Tear jerkers have been around for centuries and we're tired of them. It's time plays like "The Shadow of a Gunman" were put on the back shelves proving their worth as dust collectors.

Critical space shortage at University of Manitoba

WINNIPEG (CUP) -- Hundreds of students crowded into an open meeting of the Board of Governors Feb. 27 to hear if the provincial government had a solution for the critical space shortage at the University of Manitoba.

It did not.

W.J. Condo, chairman of the University Grants Commission (UGC) who presented the government allocations, said the government's freeze on building in the province meant no new building for the university for at least two years.

Condo announced the operating budget for next year at \$50,800,000, an increase of \$9 million over last year or 13 per cent. It was estimated that only an increase of some 32 per cent would relieve the U of M's predicted deficit of \$4 million.

The only bright picture for students is that tuition will not rise, since the UGC made no recommendations to this effect.

Earlier in the day, close to 1,000 students and faculty attended a forum on the space problem. Invited to speak were Premier Ed

ernment of reneging on its promises. "On the one hand, you talk about accessibility," he said. "But then you don't follow through."

Debicki said the tight money is causing problems for both staff and student. "It's a threat to the community as a whole."

After an hour of speeches from the students and faculty, some of the audience moved to the Board of Governors meeting, where the government's decision was to be handed down.

Administration president Dr. Ernest Sirluck said after the meeting the operating budget "can't come anywhere near to maintaining a decent level."

Sirluck declined to comment on the implications of the government's freeze on building, but said there could be restraints put on a number of faculties that are now crowded, such as architecture.

Ken Zaifman, a student representative on the Board of Governors, said the government was playing the game of "pass the deficit."

Schreyer and Education Minister Ben Hanuschak. Both refused to come. A spokesman for the minister's office said Hanuschak "had no answers for the questions the students were asking."

Student representatives then spoke in place of the government members.

Resident students' association president Rob Kenyon catalogued the run-down conditions of one residence on campus. "The rooms have no heat control, the furniture is as old as the heating system, and the lighting is medieval. The silverfish are nearly taking over the place."

Student representative Paul Graham told the audience the operating cost had not kept up with inflation.

"We've had increases in our operating budget of only 5 per cent compared with inflation rates of 12 per cent. So you can see we're not only not closer to wiping out our \$4 million deficit, we're getting farther and farther away from that," he said.

Faculty member Merek Debicki accused the gov-

Save the beagles

LONDON (ZNS-CUP) — The 74-year-old widow of Britain's former Lord Chief Justice has offered to undergo medical experiments in order to save the lives of beagle dogs.

Lady Parker has volunteered to chain smoke cigarettes for three years and then be killed so that researchers can determine the effects of tobacco on the human body. She is making the offer in order to save the lives of beagles now being killed in the experiments.

Lady Parker said her proposal was rejected by chemical company officials who told her that she was "too old."