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To Mark Milestone In Little Theatre Productions With The Silver Cord

by Gene Peuland

With the production of "The Silver Cord" on Jan. 24, 25, and 26, in Shryock Auditorium, the Little Theatre will mark a milestone in its achievements on campus. The play to be performed is a modern and simple example of modern realistic drama.

First produced by the Theatre Guild in 1926, "The Silver Cord" is the story of a mother's striving to bind her sons irrevocably to herself.

In a review in "The Nation" for January 5, 1927, a critic gives this analysis of the play: "The theme of this play is the abnormal devotion of a mother to her two sons. It is chiefly a drama of psychological, total and general origins, from the comedy of the opening scenes to the theatrically grand denouement of its closing scene."

"The Silver Cord" is to be the regular winter play presented by the Little Theatre; however the cast will not be made up of undergraduate students as is the usual practice.

In selecting the cast for "The Silver Cord," Dr. Archbold McLeod, the director, found that he had to bypass his undergraduate talent. "This was necessary," Dr. McLeod explained, "since the play demands maturity and great skill and would have been extremely difficult for the Little Theatre to present."

CAST MEMBERS are as follows: Richard B. Tobin and Thomas Sloan, West Frankfort, graduate students; Dr. Georgia Witt, associate professor of English; Joan Harlan, and Charlotte McLeod, members of the University Women's club reading group; and Kate Alley, an alumna of the Little Theatre.

Dutchess' 3.95 is Top House Average

The Dutchess, women's organized house, had the highest grade point average of all organized houses for the fall term, according to a report from the Office of Student Affairs. Their average was 3.95.

La Casa De Siesa, women's house took second place with a grade point average of 3.84. Highest men's house was Normandy, with a 3.64 average, La Cotere being second with a 3.50. Southern and Chautaqua housing project, veteran groups, had averages of 3.68 and 3.57 respectively.

Sigma Sigma Sigma led the sororities with a 3.64 average, while Pi Kappa Sigma, with a 3.40, came in second.

Tau Kappa Epsilon headed the list of fraternities, with a 3.51. Chi Delta Chi was second with a 3.14. Greek averages include all actives and pledges.

The combined house average was 3.34, while Independent men had a 3.24 and Independent women had 3.55.

The all-fraternity average was 3.05, while the combined sorority average was 3.45.

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Degree Applicants To Register With Placement Service

Roye R. Bryant, director of the Placement Service, has announced the following schedule for the registration of senior and graduate students with the Placement Service:

Monday, Jan. 21—graduating seniors of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Tuesday, Jan. 22—graduating seniors of the College of Education.

Wednesday, Jan. 23—graduating seniors of the College of Vocations and Professions.

Thursday, Jan. 24—graduate students who plan to complete the requirements for the master's degree this year.

All meetings will be held at 4 p.m. in the auditorium of the Alumni building. UNLESS THEY have already completed registration with the Placement Service, seniors are asked to register according to the above schedule. All students of whether their requirements for graduation were met in March, December, or will be met in March, June, or August of this year.

In order that the Placement Service may be of greater help to the candidates for the master's degree, these students are urged (continued on page 2)
A Call for Blood
American servicemen have been giving their blood in Korea for over a year and a half. Yes, for over eighteen months American blood has been staving Korean soil in a struggle for freedom. These men don't have a chance to say "yes" or "no" before a bullet or a bomb does the deciding for them. And they become "blood donors" without a choice.

AS THE WAR in Korea continues and the casualties mount, more and more American blood is spilled and lost on foreign soil. It's up to us, the donors who have a choice, to make up this deficit. This is done by voluntary contributions to the Red Cross blood drives.

One of these drives, sponsored in co-operation with the Carbondale Elks, is now getting underway. The goal for Carbondale is 400 pints. It is up to Southern to supplement what Carbondale doesn't meet.

Registration for the drive which will be held Jan. 28-29 begins tomorrow at the Student Center. Persons between the ages of 21-59 may sign up at this time. Persons wishing to donate under the age of 21 must have these blanks signed before they can register the 16th, 17th and 18th.

Southern will have a drive of its own in approximately a month; however, this should not prevent students from helping Carbondale meet its goal.

ANY PERSON of either sex or race is eligible to donate, for blood knows no colors or creeds. The only requirement is that the donor must weigh over 110 pounds. A thorough medical check-up is given before anyone is allowed to donate, and complete instructions on diet are given prior to the appointment. All blood donated will be used exclusively for military purposes.

These would be donors who hesitate, wondering if "it hurts." Remember: We donate because we choose to, and give only a pint under thoroughly safe and sanitary conditions. The

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The Girl Continued...

One would think that the meeting would be in the dark room of the World Building, as the two-day program on fruit production and marketing problems and questions in the horticultural group, is arranged for. Perhaps one of the results of this demobilization will be a decrease in the number of pinners, for who wants to ride all the way to Crab Orchard just to be thrown in the lake? Besides, what will the Obeckin do now that there will be no more Lake Ridgeboy pictures to use as filters?

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This Week in FLOWERS

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Lake Ridgeboy, the customary fraternity dunking grounds where many a romance has turned out all wet, has been drained not only of water, but of tradition as well.

One of the famous landmarks, of Southern is now being filled with dirt which covers up an old Greek custom, (as far as fraternities go). which is the pinning of the fraternity man's woman of the hour. Following the pinning, the lucky guy is serenaded by the man's fraternit, and he is petitioned for his heroic deed by being thrown into Lake Ridgeboy.

WHAT FUN it must have been during the course of the week for one brother to tell another "go jump in the lake," and know that is just exactly what he is going to do. But now the cliche is lost, for one must now say "go jump in the mud."

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Book Review

Novel by Taylor Gives Witty View of College

by Bill Young

Writing in his characteristic trenchant style, Robert Lewis Tay-
lor, author of the popular Best Seller "Witty View of College,"
has written a new novel, "The Running Pianist." This book con-
tains a romantic and humorous story of life at a Southern Baptist
university where the main character, William Taylor, is a
professor of mathematics. The story is set in the days of the
Civil War and centers around the lives of students and faculty.

At the same time he introduces "one of the most charming and
engaging characters to appear in recent fiction"--the character
from Wilmington, Professor Fodoriski.

Professor Stanislaus Fodoriski depicted himself in the New
York Times as "The Running Pianist," who is known for his
great skill at the piano and his ability to play in any situation.

Fodoriski's exposure to basketball and his eventual rise to the
position of basketball coach is one of the funniest stories of the
year. Tilting his black homburg to a rakish angle, the gentle
Wilmingtonian sets out to revolutionize that fine old institution
of higher learning in the South. He finds a new lease on life
when he is appointed professor of mathematics at the university.

At the same time he presents a model of his own system-he
creates a new system of basketball that is unique and
original. The system is based on the principles of the game as
played during the Civil War. The new system is designed to
make the game more exciting and challenging for players and
spectators alike.

The novel is a humorous and insightful look at life at a college
in the South, and it is sure to be enjoyed by readers of all ages.
Salukis Score Easy Win Over Wesleyan 82-53

by Don Duffy

Southern Illinois University's basketball team won its fifth straight home game of the season last Thursday night when they easily downed the unseeded Illinois Wesleyan Titans 82-53. After ten minutes of play in the first quarter, the Salukis held a 10-1 lead, and were never headed for the remainder of the game.

The Titans, who on their shots and erratic in their passing, did not sink their first field goal until six minutes had elapsed in the first period. It was then, on their seventh shot attempt, that forward Billy Meyer’s dunk, the first basket from Wesleyan team, made good on 20 out of 49 attempts in the first half to take a commanding 47-25 half-time lead. The Titans were good on 84 percent of their shots and erratic and seemingly befuddled, hit only on six of their 29 attempts.

The second half was merely a formality of playing out the designated sixty minutes. A Southern victory seemed a certainty. The Titans’ caliber of play improved little. The Salukis continued to add to their lead, the interest of the near capacity crowd began to focus on captain Tom Millikin and the possibility that he may break his scoring record of 35 points.

Millikin had 24 points going into the third quarter. But the big forward seemed to up his game and scored off his shots before he was sent after he nearly scored the 30 point mark. Millikin scored seven of his 30 points in the third quarter, to total 31 in all. Millikin said after the game, “If I hadn’t known how to call my record, I might have done it. But in the last quarter I was trying to get my shots before I hit.

Malikin Leads Southern Scorers

Scoring statistics including last Saturday’s game against Illinois Wesleyan show that Tom Millikin is leading the team with a total of 229 points. This gives the senior captain from Pinckneyville an average of almost 17 points per game.

Harvey Welch, Centralia freshman, who has been working at both the guard and forward spots, is second with 142 points. Chuck Thate, big junior center from Hirsch high school in Chicago, is third with 128. Ray Ripplener

SIU Cagers Fall Prey to Western in 58-50 Defeat

Southern Illinois University’s basketball squad suffered its first conference loss of the season last Thursday night when the Western Leathernecks of Macomb downed them 58-50.

Both teams got off to a slow start. The score stood Western 8 Southern 6 at the end of the first quarter. This lack of scoring was because of poor shooting rather than tight defensive play. Western held a 24-22 lead at half-time, and outscored the Salukis in both the remaining periods to keep their record clean in conference play.

Western, as a team, shot 33% on field goal attempts, a percentage which is little better than average. The Salukis, however, suffered an off night, managing to hit only 25 percent of their shots.

Jack Persinger led the Leathernecks in scoring with 19 points. Ray Ripplener, freshman forward, was high for the Salukis from keeping an earlier offensive output. In 10 tries 374 tepped the efforts.

**You Name It!**

The photograph on page two is of a section of an ordinary Coca Cola bottle cap. This is the second in the series of “You Name It” pictures of common, everyday objects.

**VARSIETY THEATRE**

Tues., Jan. 16.

“SUNNY SIDE OF THE STREET”

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