Electra Stylized But Realistic

by Esther Whitmores

After the postponement of the fall production of "Much Ado About Nothing," the Lawrence College Theatre's 1967-68 season finally got underway Tuesday night with the first reading of Francis Ferguson's translation of Sophocles' "Electra," under the very able direction of Mrs. Warren Caryl. The inspiration of the stylized drama-reading in the repertoire of our campus theatre resulted in an interesting performance which was well received. The talent which was displayed in all aspects of the production shows promise of another fine season here.

The theme of justice was dynamically communicated to the audience, who were made to feel the full impact of all its implications, especially in the scenes between Electra and her mother, where the question of Clytemnestra's integrity in killing Agamemnon to avenge his death was disputed.

The chorus and its leader were portrayed so as to suggest the intrigue noticeably, without distracting from it. Particularly notable was Carol Voll and Jan Davenport who were consistently involved in their character traits throughout.

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The lighting was very effective in focus on those characters who were central at the time. The costumes, especially the color of those of the women, were very well-done, since they emphasized the individuals' personalities. Although the spastic music served to emphasize the mood, it was somewhat distracting in its abruptness. The make-up was skillfully and effectively executed, however it lacked the mask-like quality which they tried to achieve. The setting, stylized yet suggestive, and all the characters modified themselves with grace, ease, and finesse when using the stools.

The production, though stylized, was convincingly realistic and impressive. In ten performances a great deal was accomplished, and the entire cast and crew deserves to be congratulated, not only for a note-worthily theatrical achievement, but also for the initiation of something new in the field of Drama here at Lawrence.

"A proposal to install a rig for reading in the student union was unanimously rejected by the college trustees last Tuesday.

Mossman College

Biannual Meeting Produces Important Legislation on Drama Center: Curriculum

by Patricia Daniels

"We are planning for the next ten years, not only with our own thoughts and aspirations, but also for the initiation of something new in the field of Drama here at Lawrence College," said President Douglas, in the Lawrence college board of trustees at its semi-annual meeting Tuesday, November 26, in Milwaukee.

Under this broad introduction, he listed the three main topics of this report to the board: the possibility of a raise in tuition, the much-maligned drama-center problem, and the changing and intensifying of evening classes of study.

Dr. Knight went on to say that education of college women are the scarcest commodity in the country, yet colleges are expected to produce this commodity in least of cost. He discussed the need for accelerating the campus' physical development as rapidly as possible. His effort is to put our physical plant to a new level of adequacy.... and the voice.

The most tangible evidence of the physical expansion at present, if the long-planned-for musical center, which was built at the meeting. The ground will be broken very shortly for this $700,000-project, slated for completion in March of 1969. Construction cost will run to about $1,617,500.

Oscar barber, Bold construction company, Appler, received the general contract for $656,080. This company is now building the Phi Gamma house at Lawrence, two dormitories in the men's quadrangle at Ripon, and recently completed a pilot plant and laboratory addition at the Institute of Paper Chemistry.

Dr. Knight announced that the drama center will be given a major sign of confidence in the college's future.

The next few years will see a change in Lawrence's curriculum, stated the president. Expanded and intensified work in the sciences, studies of non-European societies (which started this year with India), and the ways in which decision-making will take on new importance.

Concerning the new culture center, which is the first planned for year-round use, Dr. Knight told the board. "In every aspect of the college's growth, we have committed ourselves to an ideal of excellence. We do not plan to settle for anything less. Our decision to proceed with the building of the drama center is a major sign of confidence in the college's future."

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"I hope to see Lawrence plo- ener among small colleges in giving serious attention to a few of those critical areas which are now the domain of the large state universities," he said. "We cannot do what the great graduta- e centers can, but we can do something equally valid and ap-
The SEC Looks At Plans For Spring Prom Band

Because of the Thanksgiving holidays the SEC meeting Monday evening was short but definitely not lacking in enthusiasm. As it has been true of the last two or three meetings, the main topic of business was the problem of securing a big name band for the spring prom.

At a SEC meeting one week ago the promising plan was mentioned as a possible means of securing a big name band. This plan has the following provision with both boys and girls contributing to the fund.

All girls would be asked to buy one ticket which the SEC would receive for this meal a total of $15. The boys, for their part, would buy tickets in advance of the dance for $5. Out of the 409 boys on campus a high 70 percent must be in favor of this in order to carry the plan through.

The purchasing of tickets would be done by a person assuming the position of a legionnaire getting in free, which would be occurring if money was raised on a voluntary basis. Tickets would be collected from colleges and assessed at the door.

If this plan is successful we would have a big name band such as Brokaw mentioned as a possible means for less money than any other band. Since it will probably go through with a majority vote on donating one day's meals, the expense of a dinner is cut down on.

Another way to cut down on the cost of the ticket would be to have the SEC pay out of the fund any money that is raised.

Tickets would be sold in each college and independent probabilities between Christmas and New Year's Day. The SEC will have to have a good percentage of both boys and females to vote in favor of this plan in order to make this plan possible.

If the actual tickets would be handed out in May to all boys and independent males, they would go out of sales before May is half over because they purchased a ticket in January and the actual tickets would be re-sold.

Tickets are now available at the office of the Lawrence Choral society, and they are only $7 each.
Cagers Drop Opener To Lake Forest

The Viking Cagers opened the season Tuesday night in a double-opposing contest as they dropped a 72-43 defeat at the hands of Lake Forest College. It was a typical opening game featuring jumpy play by both sides.

Coach Bernie Heseltine opened the scoring for the Vikes and for the first ten minutes the Blue and Gold were in the lead. Lake Forest, in good basketball, as they enjoyed a five-point lead before the half as the way. As the ball was on the line, the advantage of the visitors enabled them to control both last quarters and they led the score at 20-22 with 7:07 left in the half. The Foresters fast break carried into high gear and they scored 20 points in the last seven minutes to gain a 40-22 advantage at half-time.

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Lawrence opens its conference slate this weekend when the Vikes travel to Grinnell tonight to face Off The Conference. Next weekend Lawrence will play host to Coe and St. Olaf.

Few Out For Wrestling

This week the first practices at the Lawrence wrestling team have been held, with small turnout for each practice as far.

According to Coach Bernie Heseltine, there will probably be several vacancies in the nine weight classes this year, as there were last year.

The Viking chances this year will rest upon a number of prominent freshmen from last year's George Thomas, Bob Blust, and Dave Rasmussen, and upon another returning returnee from last year's four man squad. This season will be Carter Benson, a transfer from the Big Ten, and Fred Swan in the 172 pound class.

The grapplers will open their season at home by playing the always tough Wisconsin Jayvees Dec. 18th.

Freshman Team Looks Impressive

The Lawrence freshman basketball team played their first interconference game Tuesday night against the Varsity's game with Lake Forest. The Whites man netted the Blues 64-41, a good ball game.

Tom Edison was the high point man in this game with Jim Allen and Jim Scanlon had 18 and 13 points respectively.

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**Lawrentian Poll Results - II**

Here is the second in a series of articles evaluating the results of the Lawrentian's Greek Poll as they come to bear on the fraternity sorority, and independent problems at Lawrence. (ED.)

**Independents Blast Their Organization**

Debating their own purpose," claims Indie

Although the independents' response to the Lawrentian poll was predictably loaded, the lowering of any group (67 Pet.), the opinion was not a by-product of the value of the existing independent organization or the Lawrentian campus were of interest.

Check the most significant facts to come out of this phase of the poll:

- One-quarter of the independents polled knew nothing whatsoever about the organizations.
- Whether the independents polled were composed mainly of freshmen, or whether it represents a number of upperclassmen as well, it indicates a definite flaw in the organization's internal means of communication.
- The rest of the independents polled, fully two-thirds were opposed to the organizations, in varying degrees. Barely under half of those polled were completely opposed to the existence of the independent organizations, while the remaining one-sixth approved them in principle, but felt they were definitely lacking in appeal as presently constituted.

**OVERWHELMING INDIGNATION**

On a basis of projecting the poll, 75 percent of the independents at Lawrence as of the end of this term, it will be seen that 134 of 199 independents are opposed to their organizations. This is about as sweeping an opinion as one could imagine.

This is the breakdown by area of the opinions expressed:

Boys
- For Organizations: 65 Pet.
- Against Organizations: 35 Pet.
- set up as now: 115 Pet.
- Against Organizations: 85 Pet.
- per se: 50 Pet.
- Girls
- For Organization: 18 Pet.
- as set up so: 25 Pet.
- Against Organization: 75 Pet.
- per se: 41 Pet.

The opinions themselves were of such a nature that they cannot be placed in categories. It will have to suffice here to cite a few representative opinions from each of them let them speak for themselves.

**FOR**

"It is a wonderful idea to have this organization. It gives the independents something to belong to also."

"I would like to be organized in independents who take part in interfraternity activities and have the same activities the fraternities have. The worst would be... but with advantages. There is a good nucleus of freshmen who... have the basis to make a fairly strong independent group this year."

"Their value... is primarily governmental.

"If I, if someone would really get it started."

Contrast these views with those expressed by the opponents of independent organizations:

- "The independent organization shouldn't be a group for frustrated students who did not pledge."
- "They (the independents) put forward their own interests only. They are defending their own purpose."
- "The point of remaining independent is to be independent. The less organization the better. As an independent, you should have a football team or a float! I don't think so."
- "Only the most often expressed view of this opposition is: 'If we stay independent we don't want to organize, we have an independent organization.'"
- "Finally, it is advised that Lawrence's independents, whether they be for or against the existen - quote for the week - 8

"And one sees, on the other hand, that when princes think more of luxury than of arms, they lose their state. The chief cause of the loss of states is the contempt of this art, and the way to acquire them is to be wise, not mastered in the same, Niccolia Machiavelli, The Prince, Italy, circa 1512

**political patter**

by John Harris

Politics, together with Wyatt Karp, Lawrence Walk, American Sandwich and Mickey Mouse, is one of the great modes of entertainment on the American scene. The city charmer, the farmer, and the man on the street all have an opinion on the course of the state, and each stands ready to offer his infallible advice to those in the doomed ivory tower.

Political activity should hold special interest for the student on the college level for it is he who is supposed to be able to render a much more intelligent evaluation of political events.

A person of this sect implies a conception of the scope of politics on the part of the student. Some idea of how far reaching are the fingers of matters political was given by Mr. Robbins when he spoke on the state of Anglo-American relations.

The actions of Dulles, (a political apostate) the effect of Eisenhower's election upon the disposition of the British people, and the extension of Marshall plan are manifestations of the maneuvers of officials chosen in elections by the American people.

Above these actions is a great bearing on the welfare of the nation, it is imperative that the public take more than a joking interest in political affairs. To prevent the formation of a lasting idiosyncracy, the voting public must form intelligent opinions on political matters and then execute the independent organization, take stock of the arguments presented, and either make the organizations into functioning groups, or abolish them formally. As they stand at present they serve no important function.

At the first basketball game, Tuesday night, the winning L. V. A pep song from Ormory was performed as a cheer. We think it is a valuable addition to our repertoire of cheers. The words are printed so that everyone can join in the performance.

Go, go you Vikings, we're the team that can win. Show off your colors, watch that score climb high. Come on you Blue-White, men, we're gonna give our all for Victory, do or die. So send our Vikings out with cheers from the crowd. Keep up that spirit, conquer every foe. Victory complete, we can't be beat. Meet and match 'em blow for blow Vikings. Marty Melstrom and Dede Andrews Melstrom wrote the original melody. A committee from Ormory wrote the words.

They kept warning me this would happen if I didn't think of some super way to describe that absolutely unique group of folks. It's soooooo

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