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## "The Girl In The Moon" Tonight

### MEN'S UNION OPERA A PRONOUNCED SUCCESS

College Students and Minneapolis Society Delighted With Allen's Latest Production.

### "CAMPUS CANTER" MAKES HIT

Chorus Girls Strive to Conceal Masculinity—Strong Cast Approved By Critics.

That "The Girl in the Moon" exceeded all expectations was the consensus of opinion of all those who attended the first performance of the second Men's Union opera at the Shubert theater last night. The audience which expressed itself as being so pleased was composed, not only of a great number of college people, but also of a large gathering of Minneapolis society.

Among the players receiving especial approval were: Miles McNally, Harold Van Duzee, A. E. Payne, and Earle Balch in the leading roles, and Paul Thomas and John Crosby, whose comedy parts were pronounced just broad enough. The chorus of the "Campus Canter," with its eccentric song and dance, was worthy of the stress laid upon it. With the aid of an unusually good orchestral accompaniment, the soloists and choruses sang it with remarkable precision and strength. The ensemble in the finales made fitting conclusions for the individual work during the acts.

The girls' choruses, although well costumed, made evident their masculinity on several occasions during the performance. This, however, added to, rather than detracted from the spirit of the play.

While the opera was remarkably well performed, the actors were apparently under the strain of excitement, which should work off by this evening's performance, leaving the play in a much more finished condition.

A capacity audience witnessed last evening's production, and indications point to a record breaking attendance tonight.

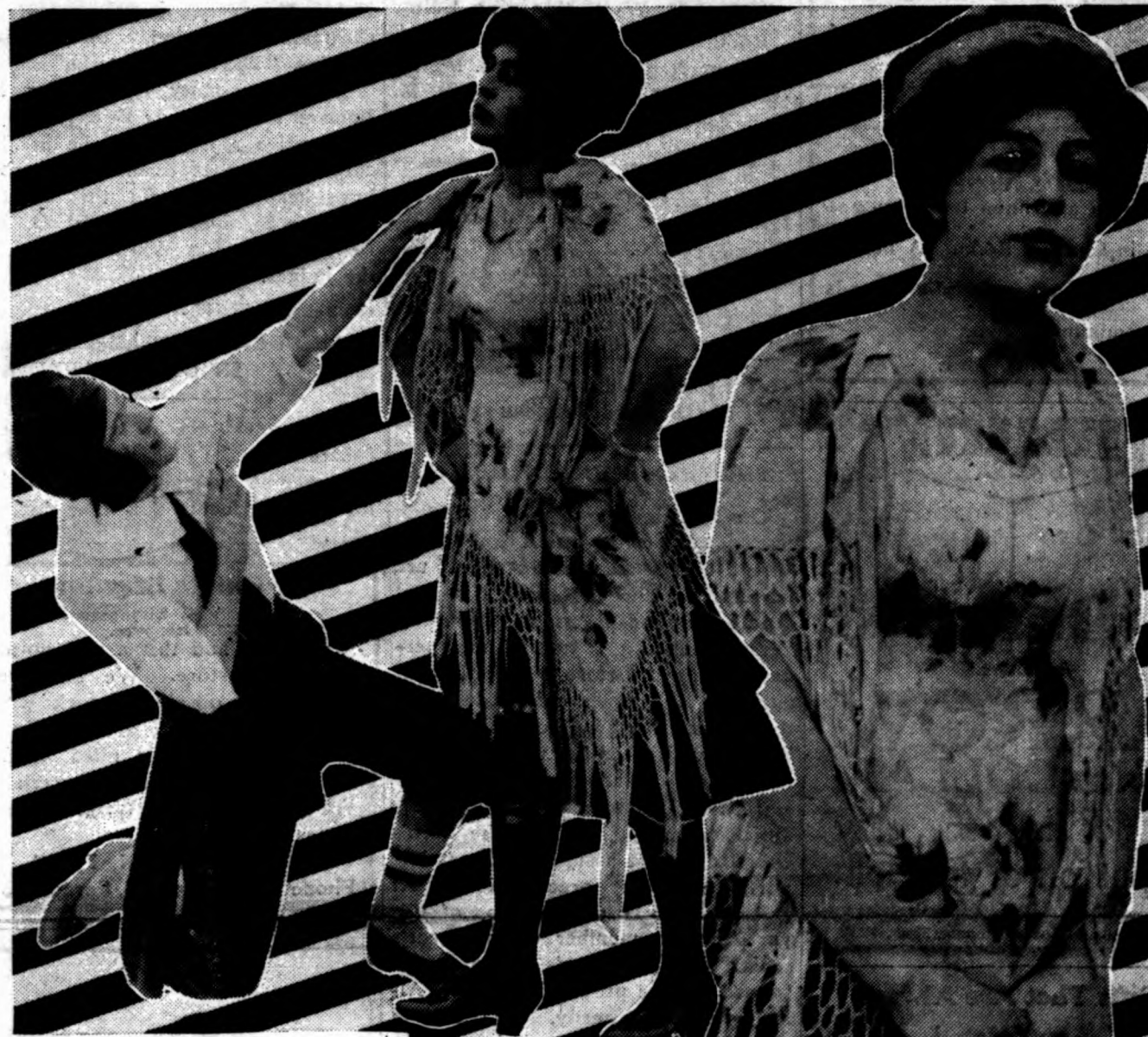
### CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR GIRLS

Women's League and Y. W. C. A. Will Entertain at Sanford Saturday Afternoon.

The annual Christmas party of the Women's League and Y. W. C. A. will be held Saturday afternoon, December 16th, in Sanford Hall. In previous years this party has been held in Shevlin, but in order that all the girls of the University may become better acquainted with the dormitory it will be held there this year.

There will be a big, bright Christmas tree and a real Santa Claus who will distribute candy and gifts to everyone. There will also be a program of music and stunts, in charge of Elizabeth Piatt.

Every girl who attends is asked to bring a gift not to exceed ten cents in value, which may, however, be just as ridiculous as the giver desires.



From photograph, in poster effect, of the Spanish chorus, in "The Girl in the Moon." The costumes and setting are a marked feature of the University production.

### DEAN VANCE DISCUSSES NIGHT COURSES IN LAW

Head of Department in Letter to Alumni Weekly Declares For a New System.

Dean Vance, of the College of Law, in a lengthy letter to the Alumni Weekly, published Monday, gives answer to the questions that have been asked as to the propriety of his proposed plan of discontinuing the night law courses for a degree in the college of law. His argument, in brief, is that no other law school in the United States that aspires to a high grade of efficiency and to render a real public service, except the University of Minnesota, attempts to give night courses; that night law courses are a discrimination against the other professional colleges; and because they do not provide the broadest, soundest, and most thorough technical instruction possible under the existing conditions in the law school.

"I do not wish to be misunderstood as intending in any manner to disparage the night law school or the night law student," said the dean. "It is true that many useful and distinguished members of the profession have won their way to the bar through the night schools, and that in the night classes are found many young men of a high order of abil-



ity, character and purpose, and of excellent preliminary education.

"But granting all this to be true," he continues, "we cannot possibly escape the conclusion that the average night student—and all insitutional rules must be framed for the average, and not for the exceptional man—cannot be expected so to use the few night hours available to him after a day of competitive employment as to accomplish work that is comparable either in quality or extent, with that

of the student, equally able, industrious and ambitious, who can and does devote all of his working hours, at night as well as during the day, to the study of the law.

"The law that a cheaper standard of value will drive out a dearer one is as true in the institution of learning as in the market place," he concludes. "Here we have the reason why all of the great standard law schools have persistently declined to conduct night classes."



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**THE MEN'S UNION OPERA.**

The agitation for a men's building has spasmodically raised much interest among the students of the university. The movement is not dead by any means, and the Northrop Tribute building is nearer now perhaps than ever before, but the lack of publicity and open agitation leaves the student body without the active interest which has been taken during the spasms of activity.

Until the attainment of their chief desire, a men's building, the Men's Union does not assume any vast importance as an organization. At present, through the kindness of Edgar Allen, a member of last year's senior class, the Men's Union stands sponsor to the production of Mr. Allen's musical comedy, "The Girl in the Moon." An appreciation of the full extent of the aims and ambitions of the Men's Union, a proper feeling of indebtedness and gratefulness to Mr. Allen, and a realization of the University of such a production as "The Girl in the Moon," should bring forth the hearty support of the students.

Critics who have seen the musical comedy, pronounce it a decided success. The music and orchestration are said to far surpass that of the "Prof. and the Princess. Mr. Allen's gift to the Union is a wonderfully good production.

**PAN-HELLENIC PARTY JAN. 19**

Triangle Club Sets Date For Second Annual Greek Informal—Sell Chapter Tickets.

Friday evening, January 19th, has been selected by the Triangle Club as the date for the second annual Pan-Hellenic party. All fraternity men are invited to attend and any fraternity paying ten dollars will be provided with tickets for its entire active chapter. Otherwise a straight charge of one dollar per man will be made. Tickets for alumni and high school pledge men will be one dollar.

The party will be held in the Masonic Temple and a ten-piece over-town orchestra will furnish the music. It is intended to make this strictly informal inter-fraternity party an annual college event to be given each year by the senior fraternity men.

A committee consisting of Waldorf Ganssle, Ralph Clifford and Phil Ray will have charge of the arrangements

**DECEMBER MAG. OUT FRIDAY**

Christmas Number Will Have Holiday Atmosphere—Short Story Contest Closes Dec. 15.

The December number of the Minnesota Magazine will be out Friday. The contents have a decided Christmas atmosphere. There is a story by Harrison Collins, "When Santa Claus Was a Drug on the Market," and one by Marjorie Mortland, "The Passing of Santa Claus." Addison Lewis has a vaudeville sketch, "The Happiest Moment of My Life," Helen Meyer a travel essay, "A Christmas Excursion," and Ernest Brosius, "The Fear Spectre."

The short story contest for the January number ends Friday, and all competitive stories must be in Box 2619 before that time. Two prizes have been offered for this contest, the first \$5, and the second \$2. Mr. Bellows and Miss Whitney are to be the judges.

**INTER-CLASS DEBATE IN CHAPEL FRIDAY.**

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**BOARD OF REGENTS MEET**

**Establish Agricultural Research Bureau—Financial Reports and Appointments Considered.**

Practicality, in attempting to procure the greatest good for the greatest number, the people of the state, featured the work of the University regents in yesterday's meeting. Further extension was made by establishing a research bureau in agricultural economics, and to furnish the farmer with the best market for his produce, and an experimental station for the school of mines, which will co-operate with the state geological survey, and free of charge test all minerals, clays, and similar substances submitted by the people of Minnesota.

Financial reports; the appointment of Professor H. R. Smith, of the University of Nebraska, as professor of animal husbandry here; the appointment of Dr. W. F. Holman as instructor in engineering mathematics, during the temporary absence of Prof. Haynes, and the consideration of students' petition to procure an extension of Major Butts' time in charge of the military department, occupied much of the board's attention. The University authorities some time ago urged our representatives in Congress to procure this extension of time, if possible.

Prof. C. W. Thompson, whose training peculiarly fits him for the work, will have charge of the bureau in agricultural economics.

The University is keeping well within the general appropriations and conforming strictly to the budget plan inaugurated by President Vincent last August, according to Comptroller Hayes' report on the finances, for one-third of the present fiscal year. Dean Ada L. Comstock was appointed representative to a meeting of deans of women of colleges and universities to be held December 15th and 16th in Chicago, and E. G. Cheney, acting director of the college of forestry, was authorized to attend a meeting of the forestry teachers at Washington, D. C., during the Christmas vacation.

Read your own Daily.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Postpone Senior Party.**

The Cap and Gown spread, which was to have been given Thursday evening, December 14th, has been indefinitely postponed. Arrangements will probably be made to have the party after the Christmas holidays.

**Platform Club Meets.**

Students interested in literary society work and debate are invited to attend the meeting of the Platform club, which will be held in Room 308 Folwell, Thursday evening, at 7:30.

**Bishop Vincent Praises Eliot's Harvard Classics**

In speaking of President Eliot's famous five-foot shelf of books, Bishop Vincent, father of the president, said:

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5:00—University of Minnesota Liberal Association Meeting. Address by Professor Hugh Willis, "The Law of Moses," 206 Library building.

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**Dr. Cooke Has Few Candidates, But Men Are Fast—Four Veterans Return.**

With all the old men out last night, the Varsity went through the fastest scrimmage of the year. Lawler and Frank, forwards, Robinson at guard, and Wiperman at center, were the last year's men in the lineup. With these four men as a nucleus, Coach Cooke expects to build up another machine that will carry off the championship honors again.

Although the material for subs and the other guard position is not very plentiful, the men who are out are all of Varsity calibre. Geib, a new man, is making a strong bid for a forward position, and is said to be exceptionally fast. Walker, a brother of "Bill," last year's center, is showing up in an encouraging manner.

**Swimming Meet in St. Paul**

**Manager Ives Arranges For Contest With Y. M. C. A.—Team May Go to Chicago.**

Manager Ives of the University swimming team has arranged for a meet with the St. Paul Y. M. C. A. representatives, which will be held in that city December 20th.

This contest is in the nature of a workout for the Gopher team in preparation for the Conference contests later in the season. If the team makes a good showing, it may go to Chicago during the Christmas holidays for a series of contests with the Windy City enthusiasts.

The regents of the University of Nebraska have forbidden political meetings on the campus for the discussion of public questions.

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Chicago has a chess club that plays inter-collegiate games.

**Dartmouth.**—A student having an average record of 85 per cent in a subject for the previous semester may cut a class whenever the spirit moves, without affecting his class record. This new regulation exempts students above that mark from giving excuses for necessary absence, and getting them formally excused by the dean.

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