

Strauss, Puccini Called Failures as Composers

By AMY ROSENTHAL

Hugo Weisgall said in his first of a series of four lectures that Richard Strauss and Puccini in trying to follow the operatic tradition of Richard Wagner and Guiseppi Verdi were failures.

Weisgall said Strauss' failure was due to lack of talent and that Puccini was responsible for the debasement of the Italian opera tradition.

Both Wagner and Verdi developed and climaxed the development of their separate traditions, Weisgall said. No composer could follow after them.

Wagner set out in the 19th century to set a new tradition in opera. His most successful and most dangerous experiment was to shift the emphasis in opera from the voice to the orchestra. The orchestra articulated most of the drama in Wagner's works.

"He summed up romantic ideals in music and created the epic national drama," Weisgall said.

Verdi, on the other hand, wanted to improve on the Italian opera tradition. He never forgot that the central point of opera was not the orchestra but the human voice and he tried above all to have naturalness and simplicity in his dramas.

Weisgall said, when you compare composers you see the decisive gulf between 19th century art and 20th century sensationalism.

Strauss, Weisgall said, understood Wagner too well and put all his drama in the orchestra. He said the acting or singing did not compare with the orchestra. "Everything is in the orchestra and when it's not we wish it were."

Puccini tried to graft Wagnerian ideas to the Italian opera tradition and he chose poor stories. Weisgall described Puccini's "Tosca" as a shabby little shocker.

Weisgall said Gian Carol Menotti's drama was banal. "He has dying babies in every opera, and I'm sick of dying babies on the stage."

Weisgall also mentioned his distaste for televising of Menotti's opera "Amahl and the Night Visitors" during the Christmas season.

However, Weisgall said, there were a group of 20th century composers who wished to break from the 19th century tradition. Weisgall will discuss this group in his next lecture, "Tradition and Revolution."

—Andrew Johnson was the first U.S. President to be formally interviewed by the press.

Froth Makes Another Try For Success

Froth tries again! After last month's feeble attempt to analyze the college coed, Froth magazine tries for success once more—this time by analyzing academic life.

College teaching is self-taught says Froth. (Wonder what the profs would have to say to this.)

You can give your fraternity and sorority bluebook files a rest this month and look instead at Froth's shining examples of psychology, history, and sociology bluebooks.

Froth goes so far as to deal with the teaching and legalizing of crime in the article "Crime as a Career."

The magazine attempts to give us a lesson in Shakespeare by presenting a parody drama "Much Ado about Frothingale."

Diane Derrickson, freshman in art education from Pittsburgh, graces the pages as Froth's Girl of the Month.

Froth will go on sale today at the Hetzel Union desk, the Corner Room, and on the Mall.



ROTC Plan Is Approved By Cabinet

SGA Cabinet approved Monday night the recommendations concerning ROTC as set forth by the now defunct All-University Cabinet last year.

The recommendations will be presented before Assembly tomorrow night for debate.

Endorsed by SGA President Leonard Julius with the unanimous support of his cabinet, the recommendations were:

- Limiting the compulsory two-year ROTC program to one year; expanding the advanced program to the sophomore year; establishing scholarships by all three services. The Naval program already has this in effect; expanding the ROTC program to such fields as survival, civil defense, and related phases.

- Grouping all ROTC departments into a civilian administered School of Military Affairs; consideration be given to the possibility of voluntary ROTC in the University's long-range development plans; and encouraging the military to promote its programs to schools throughout the country.

Walter Darran (C.-Jr.), who introduced the report to Cabinet, said the recommendations had not been discussed by the University or the Board of Trustees, to the best of his knowledge, and that SGA's approval would carry added weight in their eyes.

Julius also endorsed a report given by Norman Kahn, chairman of the SGA Committee on Commonwealth Campus Integration.

Julius accepted the resignation of Hart Langer as chairman of the 1960 Spring Week festivities, Langer resigned because of "personal reasons."

Special Holiday Dinner Will Be Held in HUB

A special Thanksgiving candlelight dinner will be held from 5 to 6:45 p.m., tomorrow in the Hetzel Union Terrace Room.

A choice of roast lamb, roast turkey with dressing, baked ham or chopped beef steak will be served. Desserts will include apple, mince, pumpkin pie and coconut cake.

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