Soph Literary Festival termed success

A sneak preview of Oates’ latest

by Leanne Jacques
Staff Reporter

Friday night and a crowded auditorium. Joyce Carol Oates, The Fabulous Beast. What’s the common factor? The Sophomore Literary Festival. What is The Fabulous Beast? It’s Joyce Carol Oates’ newest collection of poems, but that’s not all. The Beast is a monster – a monster of experience whose membranes reach out and touch every part of life. The poems in The Fabulous Beast explore these experiences. Experiences of disintegration... psychological experiences. Oates comments, “I am fascinated with experiences that are at the very edge of what we know as human. These extraordinary experiences touch us, they are a great deal about humility.”

Joyce Carol Oates opened her reading with her theory of art. “I think of art as a way of opening up communication between people... a way of humanizing one another.” She is very conscious of people living their lives as actors or heroes of stories. She’s conscious, sometimes almost painfully, of people’s sufferings that are never told because they lack the language. Oates believes certain acts of violence are a desire for some sort of communication... an expression of a certain kind of importance. The people who create these acts are unable to communicate through language. The Fabulous Beast, Oates explains, “is about history and art. By "history", Oates means the cyclic nature of life. She explores ideas of eternity within the universe in this collection of poems. The "eternity" lies in man’s infinite capabilities for expression. Joyce Carol Oates says, "I am fascinated by the idea of how life is." She views life in terms of psychic energy. "All life is involved in one vast expression of energy." Joyce Carol Oates’ poetry is very concrete and current. It is high rises and gasoline stations. A young girl eating potato chips in the rain. A thirteen year old looking at records through the window of Levi’s. Her poetry is about the contemporary people and things that drift in and out of our lives. “There are so many people that we see, but never touch,” she says. “We can never do anything to them or for them.”

Oates talked a little of her home in Detroit where she is a Professor of English at Windsor. She says, “It is a sad situation. You hear now that one of every ten, or even one out of every two people in Detroit carry arms.” Recalling the Detroit riots of 1967 Oates says, “So much has changed and so much is the same.” When asked why she ended up in Detroit, she replied, “Well, it just happened that way. Why are you here... we here.”

Oates Singer

by Jack D’Aurora
Staff Reporter

The Literary Festival has been great.” According to Publicity Co-Chairman Bob Griffin. “I don’t think it’s ever been better.” The Festival was dedicated to the British poet W.H. Auden. Griffin explains that “We decided on the dedication after his death which occurred three days after he accepted the invitation to come to the Festival.”

We were very glad that he accepted our invitation and felt that he deserved thanks for all that he’s done for poetry and literature.”

The formal opening of the Festival began with a tribute to Auden by poets Stephen Spender and John Hollander. In addition, the first page of the Festival program began with a quote from Auden.

Outside of these tributes there were few others. Again Griffin explains: “The Festival was dedicated to Auden, but yet it’s still the Notre Dame Festival with nine other authors with their own viewpoint, and we wanted their individuality to come through.”

“We wanted the entire community to get into the Festival,” said Griffin.

“That’s why we had coffee after the performances with the authors; we wanted people involved.” Griffin added that a Chicago reporter, covering the Festival since Wednesday, said that it was one of the best he had ever seen, that “There was a beautiful spirit and willingness to participate.”

Griffin noted that every performance attracted a capacity crowd. “For example, at the last minute we had to switch from the Auden Auditorium to Washington Hall to accommodate the crowd seeing Jason Miller. For Joyce Carol Oates, the partition behind the stage in the Auden Auditorium had to be removed and the doors left open to make room for the large crowd.”

Some of the artists expressed their own satisfaction with the weekend. Griffin said that “Spender left us a note thanking us for a lovely time, saying he enjoyed it immensely, as did poet Michael McClure.”

Perhaps poet Robert Creeley explained: “When questioned on higher powers, Creeley moved into Singer’s belief in the spiritual world, he stated, “True fact doesn’t wrestle with social order but with God. No, he is not an atheist, because there should be no riddles in stories and the words of a story must lift a spirit and provide a sense of escape, whether through comedy or tragedy. "Writers," he said, "should not be teachers, but tellers of tales. They should stir the mind but not direct it, because authors are entertainers in the highest sense of the word. Truth which is boring is not truth.”

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Art, enjoyment same for Singer

by Chris O’Brian
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Isaac Bashevis Singer spoke Saturday night to a packed house in the Library Auditorium as the Sophomore Literary Festival came to a close. His lecture “Jewish Literature and Folklore” proved him to be a warm and humorous person. In his lecture, Singer stated, “The poetry of our time cannot live up to the poetry of Homer, and he echoed the words of Jason Miller when he said, "today, our theater is almost stagnant."

Singer noted that the three problems with literature today are, “First of all, literature today is always industry, the writers are semi-intellectuals who believe that writing can be taught in classes. Secondly, writers believe that literature must follow the trail of technology, while the third problem is the diminished influence of religion in literature. Writers today have abandoned storytelling.”

He felt that modern literature is becoming collective and abstract and nothing more than a branch of journalism.

Singer said that there is no reason for authors to bore their audiences for the sake of “a higher purpose.” He stated, “Art and sex are similar: the art is the enjoyment and the sex is the climax.”

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After the lecture, Singer read one of his short stories and then answered questions. In regards to a reader or listener to enjoy the book; he is entitled to put the book down if the book doesn’t enjoy it. If a man refuses to tell me a story, I refuse to read it.” When questioned on higher powers, Singer answered, “Yes, authors do struggle with higher powers, after all, everything in the universe struggles with higher powers.”

From his lecture and from the reception afterwards, Singer proved to be a man of wit and intelligence. He was truly a fitting coda to a successful Festival.

Observer names two editorships

Terry Keeney, a sophomore from Kensington, Maryland, has been named News Editor of The Observer. Keeney’s appointment is effective immediately. He has served as Day Editor and a reporter for the newspaper.

Keeney is replacing Tom Drape who was confirmed by The Observer Faculty Board Friday as the next Editor-in-Chief of The Observer. Drape will take over the newspaper following the Spring break.

Also appointed to a new position was Marlene Zloza, a junior from Lowell, Indiana. She has been appointed as Managing Editor of The Observer replacing senior Joseph Abeli. Abeli will remain with the paper as News Editor.

John Shumate introduces "Pretty Tony" Brokaw to the crowd at the reception on Saturday. As the Irish basketball team as they returned to the ACC (Staff photo by Ed Brower).
Patriotism ‘alive and well,’ says Gen. Post

Patriotism is alive and well at Notre Dame University, according to Brigadier General Gerald J. Post, Air Force Logistics Command deputy chief of staff for Materiel Management. He spoke Feb. 14 at an Air Force ROTC dinner on the Notre Dame campus.

General Post discussed what he considered to be the three fundamentals which form building blocks to a strong nation: attitude to serve, perspective and patriotism.

He told his audience of more than 100 Air Force ROTC cadets that “I don’t restrict your attitude to serve just military service.

There are many needs besides security — so many opportunities to serve your faith, your country and a fellow man.”

The second fundamental, he said, is the ability to place our lives in perspective.

Admitting that this is sometimes difficult, he said, "we face a threat to our security that in the past 25 years has substantially increased. The Soviet investment in their military has increased... .

We see the manifestations of that in their increased nuclear capability, both strategic and general purpose.

In outlining the third national building block, General Post described patriotism as perhaps the least understood. "But to understand it," he said, "is to remember that patriotism is a form of love—of family, of country and is for richer, for poorer, in good times and in bad." 

In summation General Post said, "I look out on those assembled here today, ‘tis my observation that on balance—our patriotism is alive and well, and although not news worthy, it abounds on campus across the nation.”

Cairo--Authorities in this capital city say that a series of last minute decisions by organizers prompted a stampede of thousands of soccer fans late Sunday afternoon. The stampede killed 48 persons, injuring 47 others.

Washington--An Army PFC stole a helicopter, evading combat-trained state police and flew directly to the White House 160 miles an hour Sunday. The laughing pilot was shot down by two Secret Service men and taken directly to a hospital for a psychiatric examination.

on campus today

12:15 PM--seminar, “The properties of cholera enterotoxin, a provocative protein which activates adenyl cyclase promiscuously,” rm 202 boblund lab

4:30 PM--lecture, “The mechanism of morphogenesis during polar lobe formation in fertilized eggs of Lymanaria obsoleta,” galvin life science blgd., aud.

7:30 PM--Mexican-American series, “The social sciences and Mexican-Americans,” lib. lounge

7:30 PM--drama, “Poor man’s Broadway,” a student production, little theatre, smc

8:00 PM--basketball, nd vs western michigan, acc

8 & 10 PM--cinema ’74 jean renais’ “French can can,” eng. aud., 1st

9-11 PM--isis gallery opening, drawings by john bowedt, old fieldhouse, 1st.

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Candidacies announced by Rahill, Wordal

by Susan Divita
Staff Reporter

"No longer do we want to be ignored by the administration. No longer do we want to be a minority interest in the University. No longer do we want to be the subject to the whims and fantasies of Dr. Burtchell and crew." This is the platform of Ed Rahill and Blake Wordal, juniors from Stanford Hall, running for student body president and vice-president, respectively.

Rahill and Wordal, who spoke in the Stanford-Korean chapel at 7 p.m. Sunday, claim "a thorough amount of centralization of authority into the Dean of Students Office has occurred within the last two years. Just three short years ago, it would have been unthinkable for an assistant Dean of Students to patrol random halls on Friday and Saturday nights." The hall rectors, according to Rahill, staff and judicial boards should deal with the students, not an impersonal voice from the Administration office. In his speech, Rahill says the inaction and silence of students and student government is responsible for the centralization. If elected, Rahill and Wordal propose a two-part plan to curtail the trend toward centralization.

Step one of the Rahill-Wordal campaign is incorporating a Student Government Coordinator into the Student Government cabinet. The Student Government Coordinator would be responsible for setting regular meetings for Student Government and making sure no duplication of effort or conflicts exist.

This way, the four factions of Student Government, Student Government, the Student Life Council, Hall President's Council, and academic council would be united. Unity of actions would present an effective bargaining weapon against the Administration and would reduce the dissonant attitude toward student affairs.

Step two of the campaign would be to change Student Government into a direct student service. Rahill said, "we offer students the possibility of a "We" oriented Student Government... with which all students may become involved." Rahill states all efforts will be made to make Student Government a "barring board of " of student feelings. He and Wordal purpose to send out periodic newsletters and make personal visits to the halls and off-campus.

The most important point is, "to be there to get things done when we are asked," Rahill concludes.

With this statement, Rahill and Wordal encourage the student body to do just that, ask, get involved. The students should begin to feel as if they were a vital part of the university. Rahill is running for Student Government office for the first time. He is presently serving the third district of the Student Life Council. He says he's been interested in the actions of the university since he was a freshman. Wordal worked on the George McGovern executive committee two years ago and last year. They stress their campaign will not be a personal one, and that they will do their best to get everyone, off-campus and on, involved in this election.

International group announces talk series on human rights

Beginning Tuesday, February 19, the International Students Organization will sponsor a lecture discussion series entitled "Human Rights in Society." The series will feature several members of the ND faculty in informal talk sessions.

Lincoln Mui, a grad student in government, is directing the series. He said the idea for the talk session evolved from a need for cross-cultural views of both foreign and American students.

"There is a feeling of alienation right now," commented Mui in reference to feelings between US and foreign students. He hopes that people from both groups will attend the discussions so that each may understand the other a little better.

Mui added that the series is for all minority students as well as "American" students. "A race is not a minority in its own country," noted Mui, "only in another country. An Asian in Russia would be in a minority."

Warren Yau, also a grad student and president of the I.S.O., offered more insight to the situation. "The philosophy of the admissions office is that having foreign students is good. A general apathy exists, thought, not only between cultures, but among the foreign students themselves."

One aim of the series, said Yau, is to help dispel the apathy by building a response from the campus community.

Mui explained that speakers were selected by their specialty. For instance, Dr. Liu, our first speaker, has a sociological background in family," he noted.

Yau added that during the last two years, there has been a lack of international speakers. The original intention was to bring in speakers from other schools, but the quality of the ND staff was as good as any other.

Tuesday's discussion, "The Chinese-American as a Minority," will be conducted by Dr. William Liu in the Library Lounge at 7:30 p.m. You also inquired that refreshments will be available.

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A Literary Triumph

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Lobby To Lower

Late last week, the Indiana Legislature adjourned one of their controversial short sessions and with the adjournment they brought a great deal of disappointment to the younger residents of this state...not to mention disappointment to the college-age people here.

For the Indiana Legislature passed another session without addressing itself to the issue of lowering the drinking age in the state. Since legislation was passed a few years ago and then vetoed by then-Governor Edgar Whitcomb, the idea has been effectively silenced in Indiana State government.

Whitcomb's claim that he didn't want to mention disappointment to the college-age people here.

Nothing has happened.

His daughter on a tavern has satisfied the senseless if no one proceeds to get the law planning for a bar in the basement of the Sophomore Literary Festival has demonstrated to be: (my emphases) "One can hardly over-emphasize the importance of love. From the; of my first moment of existence, love is INDISPENSIBLE FOR SURVIVAL. To an infant, for love, is THE WAY to the world. It is the first calms of the heart."

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The movie, The Exorcist is a collection of "sensationalist" taken from the book by the same name, which is a harrowing account of the demonic possession of a young girl. The book, written by William Peter Blatty, was a best-seller and even the film was a box office success. The success of the film has led to a number of sequels and spin-offs, but has also sparked a controversial debate about the reality of demonic possession.

However, despite its success, the film has also been criticized for its portrayal of demonic possession. Many have accused the film of exploiting and sensationalizing the experiences of those who have undergone similar experiences. Some have even gone so far as to claim that the film has caused harm to those who have experienced similar events.

The film's director, William Friedkin, has also been criticized for his use of violence and explicit content. The film's depiction of demonic possession has also been criticized for its portrayal of racial stereotypes.

Despite these criticisms, The Exorcist remains a landmark film in the horror genre and continues to be a source of fascination for audiences around the world.
Hearts to initiate limited SLA food plan

Assassination talk, film to be presented

HILLSBOROUGH, Calif. (UPI) - The father of kidnapped Miss Hearst said Sunday he would attempt to meet the ransom demands of the terrorists who held his daughter hostage with a food plan involving "substantial amounts of food".

Jay Bosworth, a family spokesman, said details of the plan for distributing food to California's needy as demanded by the Sym­bionese Liberation Army (SLA), would be announced Monday at about 3 p.m. PDT (6 p.m. EDT).

Bosworth said the Hearst family was working on "details and mechanics" of the giveaway since the demands weeks ago. Distribution of some $400 million in food to the poor, "but encountered some delays" due to the holiday weekend.

The family was obviously relieved by a tape recording delivered Saturday in which Miss Hearst, 19, assured them she was being well treated by the mysterious SLA.

Hearst, president-editor of the San Francisco Examiner and son of the late William Randolph Hearst, worked inside the family's 22-room suburban Hillsborough estate on his counterproposals to the SLA's original demand for distribution of $400 million in food to the needy.

Representative of three of the groups demanding large intermediaries in the food program by the SLA met in San Francisco Sunday to discuss a "five-point" plan proposed by Dennis Banks of the American Indian Movement.

Banks, who arrived from the Midwest Saturday night, said he wanted to discuss his plan for Miss Hearst's release with the other organizations before presenting it through the news media to the public.

Hearts and the kidnappers,

"We'll have something today that they can respond to," Banks said at a Sunday conference.

But Rev. Fred Williams of Glide Memorial Methodist Church, who first received the taped delivery, observed he was "not prepared for the tapes". "We have no plan, and even if we did, we couldn't reveal it to the press at this time."

Charles Bates, who is in charge of the FBI agents working on the kidnapping, said again Sunday that the agency would take no action that would endanger Miss Hearst.

Her parents took a short Sunday drive in their silver-gray Mercedes about midday, returning to a Hillsborough estate after a half­hour trip through the hills of the San Francisco peninsula.

"We're just working out the details and mechanics," family spokesman Jay Bosworth told reporters outside the mansion.

He said there was "no indication" when the proposal would be ready.

In the recording delivered Saturday with considerable in­termission, the minister of a counterculture church, Miss

Chem dept

Summer sessions set

NOTRE DAME, Ind. - Notre Dame's Department of Chemistry has announced plans to sponsor Summer Session courses in organic chemistry, environmental chemistry and basic biochemistry during the 1974 session.

The two-semester organic chemistry course of major interest to preprofessional students, is open to all students who have completed one year of college chemistry, including laboratory. Drs. James P. Dancy and James Duncan will conduct the nine-credit, five-hour weekly illustrated lectures, Monday through Friday, for two four-hour laboratory periods each week, and voluntary problem-solving sessions twice weekly.

An instruction period, equivalent to the first semester, will run from June 17 to July 19, while the second semester will be from July 22 to August 22. Credit hours are granted to students completing both semesters.

The three-week environmental chemistry course is open only to high school teachers, college teachers of general chemistry and chemical engineering, and Dr. R.S. Bottei, professor of chemistry at Notre Dame since 1955, will conduct daily one-hour lecture-demonstrations, Monday through Thursday, from June 24 to July 19. Three credit hours are granted to students completing the five-week basic biochemistry course is open to students who have completed organic chemistry and will be conducted by members of the chemistry staff from June 17 to July 19. It will include 90-minute lectures Monday through Friday, and provide three credit hours.

Interested persons may apply to the director of the Summer Session, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Ind. 46656.
Records fall in CCC

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records. Accompany, a member of the French Olympic team, set a CCC and Old Fieldhouse mark in the 33-pound weight throw. His throw of 70'10" was fifteen feet better than his nearest competitor, seven feet better than last year's winning attempt, and only five inches short of the new NCA record.

Porter, who already has a 178' vault this year, easily eclipsed the old world record mark with a 181'3" vault in the pole-vault competition. Kearns filled the field both on the CCC and ACC records in the 440-yard dash (4:40.2), while Chapman tied the Conference and Conocation Center's standard in the 60-yard dash with a 6.61 timing. Southern Illinois' one-mile-relay team also shattered CCC and ACC holdings with a 3:16.7 clocking.

Notre Dame's track team faces Western Michigan Thursday night in its next dual meet action. Field events begin at 6:30 p.m. and track events at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free for all students upon presentation of an ID.

Twin losses in Twin Cities

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Shelstad stopped the Irish on the second of two Geiger pensations and, after Minnesota put some pressure on the Irish in the final 1:20 of the game, the Gophers went on to win, 65-62, to the delight of the capacity crowd.

The Irish played well in the second, giving the Gophers only seven shots on goal, but Minnesota, rugged to the delight of the 6,437 in attendance, scored on three of them.

Pat Coruy was penalized at 10:47 and just five seconds remaining, Minnesota's Pippin tipped in John Hanson's point-shot. Sheridan scored on the first solo-dash at 10:46 when he batted the puck forward with his glove and skated in on Kronholm. The Irish netminder tried to fake Polish to the loose puck 64 seconds later, but Kronholm skated around him for the empty-net winner.

The Irish rode a determined comeback in the last period, scoring twice to cut the margin to 4-3. Ian Williams scored from the slot at 5:37, and Larry Israelson tipped home a Coruy pass at 7:49.

Minnesota drew a penalty, and the Irish, with momentum swinging their way, went to work trying to tie. However, when Bill Nyrop tried to fake Polish in the defensive zone, he lost the puck to the Gather, who skated in on Kronholm for the insurance tally at 11:47. Sheridan added another goal later for Minnesota.

Shelstad, again brilliant in goal, ruled the roost, his 27 saves outstripping 15 more than his nearest competitor.

There is no doubt that the Irish have indeed turned themselves a deep hole in this year's playoff picture. Two questions now remain with Michigan bringing its four-game winning streak into Thursday: Is there an exit from the tunnel, and if so, is there enough time and light for the Irish to find it?
Quickly gained new basketball news for themselves on Saturday fashion, when first and then Bruins, lost not have been as long as nation to have beaten played in the Carolina Coliseum.

Notre Dame basketball team lost squad string, or as impressive as assaults on both the Bruin and the Warrior records.

This past weekend, but just as "thing" 88-gamekein, as Eastern Michigan Salukis from Southern Illinois, pewear was from Central Michigan, Collegiate Conference, the ACC is, Ahead of the Irish were Eastern Raiders, from South the Hurons, from Northern Illinois the two-day competition. And the Huskies.

The coveted ACC. finished an impressive fourth out of collegiate cage notoriety by English, who finished as the game's high scorer with 30 points. Instead of playing a third-ranked team, now the Irish need to be mediocre as it was supposed to be a homecoming for the Minnesota players on the Irish squad, with help from the host Diggers, dug themselves even deeper in danger of not being in the playoff picture with two losses, 7-2 and 6-3, in the Twin Cities.

The setbacks left Notre Dame with a 9-14-1 mark in the WCHA (the eighth in the standings) and with 28 seconds remaining for the final goal.

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