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BURLESQUES MODERN SPEECH

Dramatic Art Club Portrays How English is Murdered

(Left over from last week)

"Almost Everyman" was put on trial at assembly yesterday morning for repeatedly murdering "Miss English Language." The defendant, whose ordinary name is Marion Craft, was dismissed with a severe reprimand by Judge J. E. Harrington after his victim, a role played by Evelyn Skelton, came to life in the courtroom.

The little burlesque was presented by the Dramatic Art Club, under the direction of Prof. John R. Pelsma, as a reminder of "Good English Week," that comes next week. The place was designated as "almost anywhere" and the time as "almost any time."

"Almost Everyman" confessed that bad company had led him to commit the crime. This company was in court as witnesses. "Sling A. Slang" said Everyman shot the young woman. "I. C. Nit," (Birdie Ziehlke) swore he choke her. "O. U. Kidd" (Mildred Matsler) directed her attention chiefly to vamping the judge. "Bee Careless" (Hazel Cavenee) was not at all sure what had happened. "Miss Mall Appropriate" (Lena Townsend) indulged in such big words the jury could not follow her testimony.

"Attorney Bluster" (E. J. Meehan) had charge of the prosecution, while "Attorney Shrewd" (Doris Starliper) looked after the interests of the accused. Lucy Clinkenbeard was foreman of the jury and W. L. Beck was bailiff. Judge, witnesses, and jurors wept bitterly when the prosecuting attorney described the murder of the fair young woman.

The student body thoroughly enjoyed the little play, which was marked by several bits of good acting, especially on the part of the judge. The entire cast spoke loudly and distinctly, as is necessary in Carney auditorium.