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"The Pirates of Penzance," one of the most popular of the Gilbert and Sullivan operettas that have been world favorites since the early eighteen-eighties and is currently a smash Broadway hit, is being presented by the E.I.U. Departments of Music and Theatre beginning Friday, March 6.

This gleeful, tuneful piece of horseplay will feature Sal Viviano (Frederic) as the young man who as a little boy was supposed to be apprenticed to a pilot but instead was apprenticed by his hard-of-hearing nursemaid for training as a pirate. The frivolous story unfolds on the day when, turning 21, his apprenticeship is supposed to be finished -- until it is discovered that he was born on a 29th of February in a Leap Year and he still has a long time to go until he reaches his 21st birthday to mark his liberation.

Lisa Mammoser (Mabel) will be co-featured as the sweet maiden with whom he has fallen in love, and Dr. Richard Rogers (Major-General Stanley) will be in the role of her father, who proclaims himself in the famous patter song as "the very model of a modern Major-General." Dan Sullivan (the Pirate King) will appear as the leader of the zany pirates, Rick AmRhein as Samuel his lieutenant, Eric Duchinsky as the police officer who sings the beloved favorite, "A Policeman's Lot is Not a Happy One." Dr. June Johnson (Ruth) appears as the nursemaid who had started the hero in the wrong vocation. They are being supported by a large chorus who will swell the walls of the Doudna Fine Arts Center Theatre with harmony as pirates, policemen and other daughters of the general.

Barbara and Gerald Sullivan are co-directing the well-loved operetta, **Barbara** is also bringing a gay lilt to the famous songs as conductor of the orchestra and C.P. Blanchette is designing the traditional drop & wing scenery for the musical's two locales on the coast of Cornwall. Nancy Paule is designing the comical costumes.

The Fine Arts Ticket Office is open from 1-5p.m. daily and reservations and ticket information may be obtained by phoning 581-3110.