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AT LEFT: Ray Freeman, Judy Tartasky, and Charlie Kemp prepare for Luau given for freshmen on September.

AT RIGHT: Freshmen enjoy refreshments prepared by the Orientation Committee of the Student Government Association.

The Luau featured entertainment by The Wit's End, Bryan Flynn, and Karie Naylor, who did the hula. This event was only one of a series of highlights of the Freshman Orientation Week, planned by Charlie Kemp, which included a party at the Municipal Pool, a bus tour of Rocky Mount, and a Beanie Dance Saturday night.



Edgecombe Residence Hall Converted To Coed Dorm

This year, Edgecombe Dorm has become the tolerant victim of an experiment, the first of its kind to be staged on the Wesleyan campus. A previously all freshmen male dorm, Edgecombe has been transformed into a co-ed dorm. First and second floors still house most of the freshman male population, while the third floor is occupied by some 40 sophomore and junior co-eds.

The need for this change became evident when more girls than boys applied for admission to the college. When an 80 to 60 ratio of freshman women over the first year men applicants, the overall percentage of girls on campus rose to some 60%. As a result, the decision between the rejection of some 35 girls and the operation of a co-ed dorm had to be made. The latter choice was selected by Dean of Students Sim Wilde and his staff.

The twenty boys previously assigned to third floor of the dorm were reassigned to the infirmary.

A group of girls possessing the ability to get along well together and displaying evidence of being trustworthy were selected to share the venture.

The conversion of two bedrooms to make rooms for lounging and watching

television on the third floor and the remodeling of two first-floor bedrooms into lobbies in which girls can meet their dates were among the plans executed to secure the attraction and acceptance of these living accommodations by the women involved. The first floor lobbies are located at each end of the hall. Buffer doors on all three floors conceal movement of girls on the stairways and provide security from outside intruders.

Of course, third floor is off-limits for the men in the dorm. With this one exception, all other regulations are to be followed. The Dorm Council is co-ed with two representatives from each floor comprising the 6-member board.

Since Edgecombe Dorm cannot express its opinion corporately of its predicament, several of the freshmen ventured their comments concerning the situation. "Wonder, interest, surprise, and disbelief" are just a few of the mild expressions of feeling contributed by some of the more co-operative of the young men.

The goal of some of the ambitious ones seems to be to "reach the girls." A campaign to collect all available wire clothes hangers on the campus has been started. Plans include the construction of

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'Upward Bound' Program Successful At Wesleyan

Dr. Ralph James, Dr. John Davis, Mrs. Jean Edge, and Dean Wilde were there, as were Dell Cartwright, Darlene Con-

drey, Jackie Fritts, Jo Gurganue, Norman Knecht, Jim Price, Ann Townsend, and I. We were just some of the concerned people working at Wesleyan during June and July to make Project Upward Bound go.

Upward Bound is OEO's most successful education project; I consider Wesleyan's program, although it is the newest, to be the most perfectly functioning in North Carolina. For just two months we worked, played, traveled, and lived with fifty talented high school juniors from the Rocky Mount area. Negroes and whites lived together; young and old worked together, and we actually enjoyed the total experience.

A typical day was packed with classes from 8:15 were they ordinary classes. How would you feel about walking into one of your classes some day and having the prof actually talk with you and you with him? How would you react if he asked you what YOU wanted to study and discuss? Well, that was precisely the atmosphere we thrived in. Within a subject area, students studied what they wanted to as much as they wanted. We studied great artists' works, tried to do your own; studied about theories in government, then saw the actualities in state and federal congressional sessions; read works by famous authors, and composed our own literary magazine, saw award-winning films and studied theatre techniques, then produced two original one-acts with slightly anti-war themes.

1968 DISSENTER DISTRIBUTION SOON

According to Editor Alice Powell, the one hundred and sixty-eight page DISSENTER is due to arrive at Wesleyan by September 21. The annual will not have color photos, but will surprise students with special effects.

Many people have worked to bring about the publication of the DISSENTER all of whom cannot be listed here. The present staff includes the following: Editor, Alice Powell; Features, Jeannie Roberts; Faculty, Polly Moore; Organizations, Danene Dabel; Classes, Harry Price and Cindy Patton; Sports, Mert Felts; Photographers, Paul Robinett, Charles Morrison, Billy Norton, Jess Blackman, and Straughan Beane.

This year's Annual is published by the American Year Book Company, Joe Alligood, Representative, and its portraits were taken by Olan Mills.

With the publication of the 1968 Annual, work begins on a bigger and better edition for 1969. Photographers are scheduled to arrive on campus the week of September 16, and students are urged to reserve some time to have their portraits taken for the 1969 Yearbook.

If you could care less about Project Upward Bound, look out. Some folks you have never known, Johnny Greene, Mary Knight, Russ Braswell, Larry Dancy, Jean Bulluck, Barbara Brown, will be bringing some much needed and exceedingly beautiful changes to North Carolina Wesleyan College.

Parents Weekend Set For Sept. 28

Dean Wilde announced recently that Wesleyan, under the leadership of the Bishop's Club, will sponsor a Parent's Weekend on September 28 and 29.

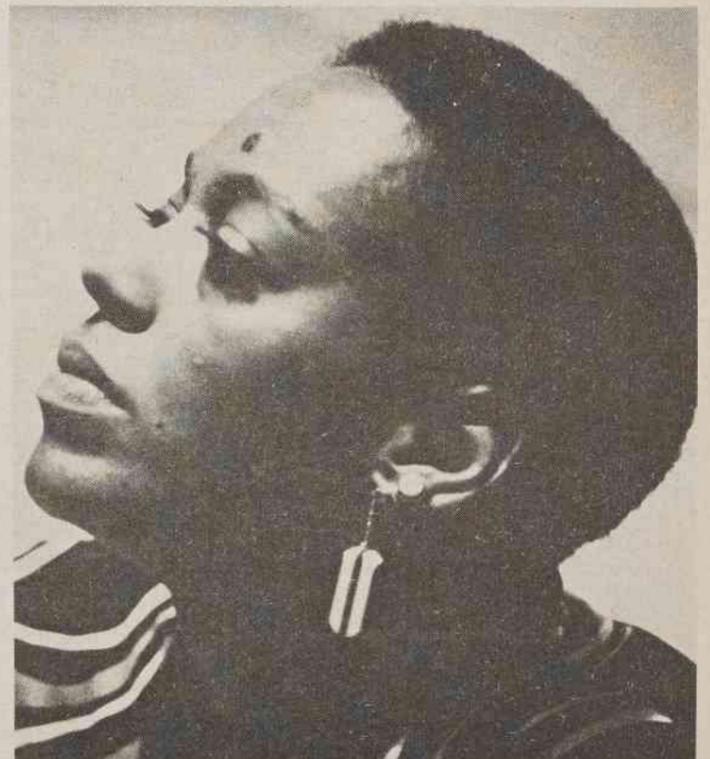
The purpose of the weekend is to honor students' parents and to give them the opportunity to become acquainted with the faculty and administration of the college.

Plans are being made for an open house in all classes on Saturday morning, a soccer game and fashion show on Saturday afternoon, and a banquet for parents Saturday evening. The Beanie Removal dance will be held that night for students. On Sunday morning, a worship service is planned for students and parents.

Early Encyclopedias In Circulating Material

Early editions of Encyclopedia Britannica and Encyclopedia Americana are available for two weeks loan by Wesleyan students, Librarian A. W. Stewart has announced.

All 30 volumes of the 1960 edition of Americana are available for circulation, as are the 24 volumes of the 1950 edition of Britannica. The latest edition of each encyclopedia is shelved in the Reference Collection.



The voice and piano of Amanda Ambrose will be heard in concert at Wesleyan on October 29. The Platters and The Wayfarers are also slated to appear here. See story on Page 2.