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Blackman Announces Monthly Assemblies

Jess Blackman, President of the Student Government Association, announced recently that plans are under way to hold assemblies once a month this year. These assemblies will be on the third Tuesday of each month at 11:00 AM in the gym. Programs will be directed at student interest.

Attendance at student assemblies will not be required, although it is expected that poor attendance would eventually cause some enforcement of attendance.

One way to prevent becoming overwhelmed by a mountain of small jobs is to list the day's tasks, go over them in your mind, then do them in the order of importance.

SMITH JOINS HUMANITIES DEPT.

Mrs. Ruth Smith, one of the newest members of Wesleyan's faculty, is a woman of true dedication to teaching. After a brief fifteen-minute interview, this reporter could see that this woman is interested in her students and her work.

Living in Wilson, North Carolina, in recent years, Mrs. Smith attended the University of North Carolina where she received her B.A. She then went on to get her M.A. at East Carolina University and is currently doing graduate work at Duke University.

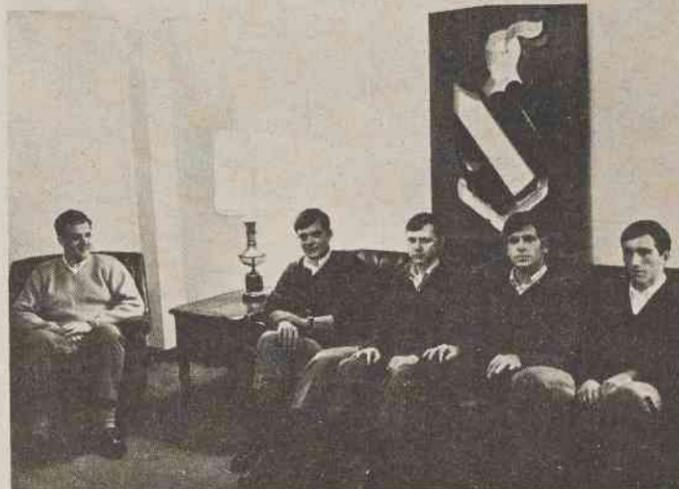
Teaching seven years in public schools and then four years at Atlantic Christian College, Mrs. Smith has taught students from the seventh grade up to seniors in college. She claims that there is a maturity in college students that high school students don't possess, but

O'Grady Gets Lead As 'Little Mary'

Casting for "Little Mary Sunshine," which will be produced by the Wesleyan College Theatre in early November, was completed late last week with Eileen O'Grady in the title role. Playing opposite her as "Big Jim" will be Barry Lambert. Barbara Brown will be cast as Nancy Twinkle, with Danny Shepherd as Billy Jester opposite her. "Little Mary Sunshine," a Broadway hit in the early '50s, is a satire on the much earlier sickly - sweet musicals and features such tunes as "Colorado Love Call," "Once In A Blue Moon," and "You've Got To Hand It To Little Mary Sunshine."

Mr. Dingman, head of the Wesleyan Theater Department, will direct the production of "Little Mary Sunshine," while Dr. John Davis of the Wesleyan Music Department will direct the chorus and orchestra.

The production of a fall musical by the Wesleyan College Theatre continues a tradition begun last year by their hugely popular production of "Once Upon A Mattress," the musical about the princess who slept on a pea.



ABOVE: Nu Gamma Phi officers, l. to r.: John Woollen, President; Jess Blackman, Warden; Jim Polley, Treasurer; Tom Fredricks, Secretary; Craig Gross, Chaplain. Not pictured: Ed Smith, Historian.

Nu Gamma Phi

One of the most energetic organizations at North Carolina Wesleyan College is Nu Gamma Phi Fraternity. Consisting of 34 members, this fraternity, in less than two years' formal existence, has been an instrument of great change and student activity in the Wesleyan community.

Associate Professor of Chemistry Dr. John Kilgore is the adviser to Nu Gamma Phi Fraternity.

This year, under the competent guidance of its conscientious leaders: John Woollen, president; Jim Polley, treasurer; Tom Fredricks, secretary; Jess Blackman, warden; Ed Smith, historian; and Craig Gross, chaplain; Nu Gamma Phi is working again for the excellence it achieved last year. Boasting the best

overall Q. P. average of the campus fraternities, being recipient of the Dean of Students' Award for the 1967-'68 academic year, winning the Interfraternity Council basketball game, tying for first place with the Gymkhana in the SGA Carnival, and receiving first place award in the comedy division of the Talent Show sponsored by Circle K were among the many accomplishments of this fraternity.

Although membership in Nu Gamma Phi Fraternity holds top priority in their campus life, all of the members are active in other campus organizations. President Woollen is a member of the Activists, the Wesleyan Players, and South Hall Dorm Council, and is Treasurer of the International Relations Club and

Chairman of the Social Commission. Treasurer Polley is a member of the Board of Directors of Circle K, Vice-President of both the Activists and the International Relations Club, Past Chairman and aide to the Elections Committee of the SGA, and Vice-President of the Senior Class. Secretary Fredricks is a member of the Board of Directors and Program Chairman of the Circle K, is a candidate for the student Senate from South Hall, and sings with the Chorus. Not only is Warden Blackman President of the SGA, he is also a chemistry lab instructor, a member of the Activists, a photographer for the yearbook, and a weekend warrior with the National Guard. Historian Smith edits the DECREE and is a member of the Bruits and of the "Aspects" staff. Soccer and wrestling occupy most of the Chaplain Gross' time away from his campus home. Other members represent the fraternity in all college sports, on the "Dissenter" and DECREE staffs, in both Wesleyan Singers and Players, the Circle K, in the Concert and Pep Bands, the Delta Club, "Aspects," the Monogram Club, and the Student Government Association.

The Fraternity has many activities, both social and service, planned for this year. The re-decoration of the Fraternity lounge has been completed, with new furniture as well as a color television set. The lounge will be open for a reception

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ABOVE: The Platters, who will perform at Wesleyan Oct. 4. Call college switchboard for tickets.

Concert Series

For those who love folk music, The Wayfarers will make their appearance on April 11. This noteworthy trio is known for its interpretation of folk music. Their music blends past, present, and future sounds to entertain and possibly disturb all who hear them.

WELCOME PARENTS

A dry, professional style and undue lengthiness hurt an otherwise artistic and professional introduction to the fall convocations programs.

Three areas of discussion were introduced under the main heading, "Crisis in America." The first, "Crisis in Rural America," used Eastern North Carolina as a microcosm of the whole and attempted to explain the rural education, housing, employment, and manpower needs. The second topic, "Crisis in the Cities," was concerned mainly with the problems of the black man in the city, noting his problems of education, housing, and employment, problems, which are multiplied by

the white power structure's discrimination against him. Third and last to be introduced was "Crisis on the Campus," discussing and contrasting in particular the disturbances at Columbia University and the protests at Duke University. It was during the portion of the program dwelling on the peacefulness at Duke University that one realized how hard the bleachers in the gymnasium actually are.

In spite, however, of the dryness and lengthiness of some of the taped statements and of the lack of physical comfort of the audience, the fall convocations programs promise to show a great deal of sociological relevance.