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MR. MACK H. STURGILL

Sturgill in "LMS"

BY BOB BRONAUGH
Mack H. Sturgill, Assistant Professor of Spanish, will portray General Oscar Fairfax, Temporary Assistant Under-Secretary, Second in Charge of Indian Affairs, and self-appointed uncle to the young ladies of Eastchester Finishing School, in "Little Mary Sunshine", when the musical is presented at Wesleyan in early November. As Uncle Oscar, Mr. Sturgill's vocal talents will be displayed in such songs as "Say Uncle"

and "Do You Ever Dream of Vienna?"

Mr. Sturgill's only previous performance on the Wesleyan stage was in the 1965 production of "What Should We Tell Caroline," in which he played Tony. Last year, he distinguished himself in community theatre, when he portrayed Victor Velasco in "Barefoot in the Park" and Dr. Montague in "Haunting Of Hill House," at Rocky Mount's Tank Theatre.

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New Dorms Needed

Had funds been available this fall for the project, ground would have been broken on the northeast side of the campus for the construction of new dorms. These dorms would have been completed by fall, 1969.

These plans were made as result of preliminary studies executed by the Building Committee of the Wesleyan Board of Trustees last spring. These studies dealt mainly with the analysis of campus housing at other colleges. Recommendations based upon these studies, upon

an anticipated increase in enrollment, and upon the analysis of present campus housing were made to the faculty concerning the most effective housing for North Carolina Wesleyan College.

It appears from the information gathered by the Building Committee that the present trend in campus housing is characterized by more informality. Achieving the "home atmosphere" in the dormitory is one of the primary aims in what is now considered effective campus housing.

Plans drawn up by the Building Committee's architect show the construction of a 5 two-story units, each with the housing capacity of 48 to 52 students. These compact dorms are to be built in sections of suites, each with a capacity of eight. Besides the usual lobby for each dorm, included in the suite will be a study or living room. The cost of each of these dorms will be \$25 per sq. ft. or a total of \$300,000. Of course, the cost of construction of these dorms will necessitate the charge of a higher rate for their use as compared with the nominal rent charged for rent in the present housing.

Government funds are the likely source of finance for the construction of the dorms. Although Comptroller Sawyer is uncertain as to when the needed finances will be available, Dean Wilde feels that the construction of more campus housing will be essential within the next two years.

Service "Swings"

BY KEITH FEELEMYER

Recently I was invited to attend "An Informal Swinging Choral Service" at The Episcopal Mission Church of the Epiphany in Rocky Mount. The service was by no means ordinary. I arrived in the midst of the prelude which was performed, not by an organist, but by a four-piece rock-and-roll combo that played a series of rock-and-roll and mildly psychedelic pieces

There was no vocalist. The service began immediately after the prelude, and in the beginning consisted of Biblical readings, responsive readings, and hymns. The hymns were traditional at the outset, but gradually progressed into a more contemporary vein, which culminated in a lively and spirited singing of "Michael, Row the Boat Ashore" and a Negro spiritual just before the speakers of the evening appeared.

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Parents' Weekend "Victory"

Administration and students generally concurred that Parents' Weekend, held September 28 & 29, was a great success. President Collins said it was "One of the most successful experiences we've had in the history of the college." He further stated that the participation by the students and the response from their parents exceeded all hopes. Dr. Cordts, Di-

rector of Development, termed it "one of the finest things that's happened since I've been here" and added "it was great." He pointed out that the weekend was active, but the atmosphere was relaxed. Dean Wilde defined it as having had a three-fold purpose: 1), to get an enthusiasm in students for involving parents in student life; 2), to develop a good

public relations program, in which the parents get a "good taste in the mouth" about the college and return home to tell other parents about it; 3), to have informal contact through receptions with the people running the college. He added that it was a "great moral victory," putting a "real needle into our student body."

President Collins' personal feeling before plans were completed was that Parents' Weekend might better have been held later in the year, and some students agreed with him. However, all of the parents who expressed an opinion felt that this time was the best. Dean Wilde said that besides now's being the best psychological time for Freshmen parents, the weather was good, the students were not very busy, and there was more enthusiasm now than there (Continued on Page 2)

Poetry Anthology Open

The National Poetry Press announced recently that the closing date for the submission of manuscripts to the College Student's Poetry Anthology will be November 5.

Any student attending either junior or senior college is eligible to submit his verse. There is no limitation as to form or theme, although the Board of Judges prefers shorter works because of

space limitations.

Each poem must be typed or printed on a separate sheet and must bear the name and home address of the student, as well as his college address. Manuscripts should be sent to the Office of the Press, National Poetry Press, 3210 Selby Avenue, Los Angeles, Calif. 90034. Entrants should further submit the name of their English instructor.

Bishops Aid In Water Crisis

Thursday, September 26 marked the only day in September on which rain graced Rocky Mount with its blessings. Only .13 inches fell at that time, however. Rain visited Rocky Mount four times

during August with the greatest amount, 1.5 inches falling on August 9.

Because of the apparent drought we are now experiencing, Rocky Mount city officials have urged the residents of the

area to use all discretion in regard to the consumption of water. Ordinances have been passed against the use of water for washing cars and sprinkling lawns. Housewives have been asked not to use dishwashers while all laundromats have discontinued operation for the time being. Burlington Fabrics and Phoenix Industries have ceased three fourths of their operations.

On an average day, consumption of approximately 7.5 million gallons of water are used in Rocky Mount. Now, with the reduction in use, the consumption has reached a low between 4.5 to 5 million gallons per day.

Based on the 5-million-gallons - per - day consumption, an estimated



STUDENTS HELP BUILD DAM.

ten to fifteen days supply of water is available within the city. Operations have begun to drain ponds, creeks, and lakes in the area and pump the water into the Tar River to supplement this supply. And a businessman at Spring Hope has opened his dam to allow more

water to flow into the Tar River.

With this supplement and provided that water is continually used at the reduced pace, approximately a 60-day supply is available for use by Rocky Mount and the immediate area.

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