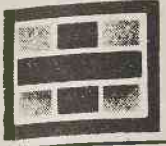




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PETITION GAINS 285 SIGNATURES

Robin Rawlings, a Wesleyan freshman, announced at press time that a petition containing the names of almost 300 Wesleyan students had been submitted to Dean Moore. The petition, he said, indicates confidence in Mr. Hall as a professor and requests that he be retained on the faculty for the next academic year.

The petition, Robin said, includes the names of more than 25 English majors and the names of a great number of Mr. Hall's students, past and present.

According to organizers of the petition, its object is to determine

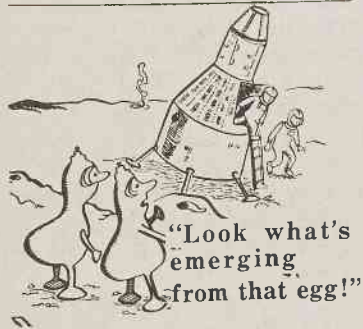
for exactly what reasons Mr. Hall's contract was not renewed for the next academic year (see lead story) as well as to keep Mr. Hall on the faculty. Said one, "It seems, from what we can find out, to be a question of the administration's presenting faculty and students alike with a fait accompli which the administration disdains even to explain clearly." Commented another, "Even though Mr. Hall probably will not agree to stay on, after what has happened, I believe that the reasons for which he was dismissed are not legitimate. And we all need to find out why."

WESLEYAN GIVEN BELL CARILLION

Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Brown of Richmond, Va., have made another major gift to Wesleyan, a 75-bell Americana Carillon, which will be dedicated in special ceremonies here during Commencement, May 24-25.

The instrument will be formally accepted and consecrated at Commencement, at which time a guest carilloneer will present a concert on the Americana. Temporarily the carillon will be installed in the Braswell Administration Building, and will be played from a special keyboard console located in Garber Chapel in the Pearsall Building.

Advance arrangements have been made to transfer the carillon and its equipment from these locations to Wesleyan's proposed Fine Arts Center when this building is completed. The architect is considering an appropriate tower arrangement to house the equipment.



Crucible Opens Here

Arthur Miller's *The Crucible* was brought to life last night by the members of the Wesleyan College Theatre.

Although the play was scheduled to begin at 8:30, it actually began at 8:00 with ingenious staging by the director, Anthony Dingman, which permitted the audience for the first time to view the production preparation prior to the performance.

The director was extremely successful in his attempt to make the audience aware of the actors as actors both before the performance and during it. The audience became conscious of the actors "assuming" their

Hall Dispute Grows

Mr. Gregory Hall, presently an Assistant Professor of English at Wesleyan, has not had his contract renewed for the coming academic year.

Questioned as to why he thought his contract had not been renewed, Mr. Hall said, "I have never been sent a formal list of reasons for my dismissal, so all I have to go on is my being advised officially by Dean Moore to discontinue my association with the boycott and unofficially by Dr. Teagarden of the results in the community of my work with the boycott."

Mr. Hall told us that he had received the letter of official warning from Dean Moore shortly after Oct. 18, 1968. The letter, which he showed us, read in part: "I do think that your activity with the stu-



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dents in lending your influence and judgement to them in the economic boycott of a strong friend of the College, puts you in

a gray zone of doubtful behavior as a professional member of the College Faculty." Mr. Hall said that when he received this letter he asked the Dean what would happen if he continued to work with the boycott. The Dean's response, according to Mr. Hall, was that he would "have to send you another letter." Thus Mr. Hall continued to work with the boycott.

Then, said Mr. Hall, in mid-December he received a letter from President Collins informing him that his contract would not be renewed for the following year. This letter, stated Mr. Hall, gave no reasons for the non-renewal of his contract.

When asked about Mr. Hall's not having his contract renewed for next academic year, Dean Moore told us, "Mr. Hall was not fired or dismissed from the staff. His contract was not renewed." He went on to explain that a one-year contract was given to Mr. Hall when he came to Wesleyan. It was renewed last year and was not renewed this year.

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President Honored On 10th Year Here

Dr. Thomas A. Collins, president of Wesleyan College, was honored at a joint civic club luncheon on the occasion of his tenth anniversary as president of Wesleyan.

Approximately 150 Nash - Edgecombe business and civic leaders attended the luncheon at Buck Overton's Barbecue. Most civic clubs switched their regular meeting dates to attend the event, sponsored by the Rocky Mount Kiwanis Club of which Dr. Collins has been an active mem-

ber since moving from Raleigh in 1959 to head the new college.

Dr. James Ralph Scales, president of Wake Forest University, was the guest speaker. Dr. Scales paid tribute to Dr. Collins, praising Wesleyan's growth, community relationship, and potential. Dr. Allen Johnson, Chairman of Wesleyan's Social Science Division, acted as mater of ceremonies and introduced the speaker. The meeting was covered by two local television stations.

CARNIVAL TO BE THIS WEEKEND

This weekend and the next one promise to be busy ones at Wesleyan, according to the schedule, Saturday, March 29 beginning at noon is the date of the annual Spring Carnival. This year the carnival is sponsored by the class of 1972. An entry fee of five dollars was charged to each organization who expressed its desire to operate a booth.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the best two booths in the carnival.

A week later on Saturday, April 5, approximately 300 spectators are expected to attend the Monogram Club's annual horse show at the north side of the campus.

An estimate 100 to 120 horses are anticipated to participate in the 21-class Western Timed Events and English show. Entry fee is two dollars and Champion Class Fee is three dollars. The twenty-one classes include: Model Pony; Model Horses; Pony Pleasure Driving Class; Lead Line Open Costumes, 6 years and under; Horse Race,

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SINGERS TO GIVE CONCERT

The seventy voice Wesleyan Singers will present a Biblical oratorio, "King David", on Tuesday, April 8, at 8:15 p.m. in Everett Gymnasium. Directed by Dr. William Sasser, the performance will be accompanied by the eighteen piece Wesleyan Chamber Ensemble, an instrumental group under the direction of Richard Dill.

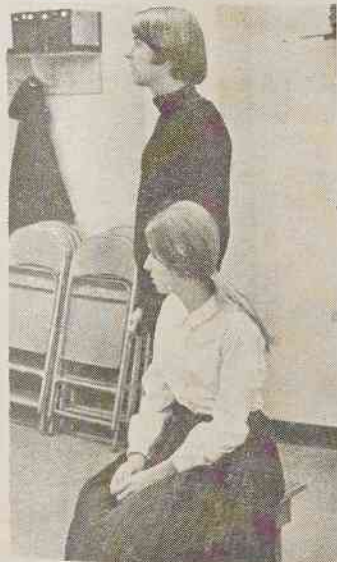
Guest soloists will be Dr. James Cobb, tenor, who is chairman of the

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roles as characters in the drama. By means of this staging technique, two important and distinct factors were achieved; first, a greater empathy between the audience and the characters of the play, and secondly, a greater understanding by the audience of the contemporary relevancy as mere "past history."

A limited number of tickets at \$1.00 each are still available for the remaining two nights at either the Bookstore or at the door.

"Money doesn't buy happiness, but it pays for the illusion."



Ann Blande as Mary Warren, and Michael Dwyer as John Proctor in "The Crucible."