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John Chappell graphically portrays the spirit and humor of Mark Twain.

Chappell Thrills Audience In Creation Of Mark Twain

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From the moment the aged figure shuffled on stage last Monday, 1000 people were held spellbound by the presence of Mr. Mark Twain, well-known author, humorist, and lecturer. It was not John Chappell who held our anxious attention, but the biting satire of Samuel Clemens River Pilot, who stepped from a time machine to bring his lecture on *Temperance & Life* to waiting ears.

Mr. Chappell was there too, but he disappeared before the lecture began, only to reappear after its conclusion. In his place was a silver-haired gentleman in a white suit, wrap-

ped in a grey cloud of cigar smoke. Mr. Twain (for that was his name) will long be remembered for his sharp wit; as a humorist who (in his own words) is "really funny." And funny he was. 'Til our sides ached and our hearts smiled. John Chappell popped in occasionally, from the seam across Mr. Twain's forehead and the tiny hint of brown hair at the nape of his neck, but by and large, his presence went unnoticed by the crowds.

The gym was very hot, and even though provided with programs to fan with, it became intolerable to a few, who took advantage of Mr. Twain's "opportunities to escape." But the

vast majority tolerated, and some did not even notice the heat.

What we did notice was that a few of the more popular sections of the Twain repertoire were omitted in favor of some of the less well known. It is a common occurrence for an actor to use the "small college audience" to polish up his work. In Mr. Chappell's case this is almost negligible due to a fine delivery, but nevertheless a practice he should try to avoid as often as possible.

As the evening closed, it was with a twinge of sadness that we watched Mr. Twain leave our midst, to wait for Halley's Comet no doubt, but this writer feels that though Halley's will pass again and again, the leman from Hannibal, Missouri will never die.

Dr. Hemmes Joins Biology Dept.

NEW BUREAU--Dr. Richard B. Hemmes joined the biology department of N. C. Wesleyan College this month as a part-time faculty member. Dr. Hemmes, who holds a post-doctoral fellowship in the psychology department at Duke University, is an assistant professor at Wesleyan and is teaching ecology there.

Included in Dr. Hemmes' prior experience are 15 months as a research associate at Charles F. Kettering Laboratory in Ohio, several months each in research in dental science specifics, oceanography, estuarine ecology, and a year spent with the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service researching toxicity levels in streams and lakes.

Switchboard: Help Wanted; Staff Training In Progress

Rocky Mount's drug crisis center, Switchboard, is seeking dedicated volunteers to work in their headquarters located on 415 Lexington Street. In a recent interview, President Eddie Baysden stated that several Wesleyan students were trained to handle the drug problems and emergency - crisis telephone calls received by Switchboard, but these students have lost contact with the program and are needed to increase the size of the staff. Stating that a new training program would begin on October 7, Mr. Baysden urged all interested students to attend.

Organized last year by concerned people of the college

and city communities, Switchboard has been active for the past 10 weeks. The Board of Directors has secured a house for its headquarters. The house is maintained by a married couple living there full time and by a staff of 15 volunteers. Switchboard lists as its goals three functions: 1) educating the public to the nature of drugs, 2) providing immediate medical or psychological help in the event of an accident with drugs, and 3) maintaining job referral and draft counseling services. The purpose of the center is not to make moral judgements concerning the usage of drugs, but its leaders seek to make factual information available to all people. According to its president, Switchboard's greatest success stories are the cases in which people on drugs learn to help one another, and as they involve themselves with the drug problems of other people, they begin to understand the reasons behind their drug problem.

A new training schedule has been formulated through October:

October 7 (Thursday) Introduction to Switchboard-Staff

October 12 (Tuesday, and all subsequent meetings are on Tuesday)

Black Market Drugs, Use and Effect by Pat Reese, Fayetteville Mental Health Clinic

October 19--Drug Related First Aid

October 26--Family Planning - Mrs. Brown, Nash Co. Health Dept.

All meetings are to be held at 7:30 p.m. at the American Red Cross Office, 147 N. North Franklin St. The November schedule will be printed in the future.

The Switchboard project has been described as the only workable solution to drug problems. Many members of the local community have contributed their time and professional talent to the project:

Dr. Tom Suter, medical advisor; Thorpe, Etheridge, Colvert, legal advisors; Mr. Ray Brackett, psychological advisor; and Dr. Tom Collins, member of the Board.

Aside from the Rocky Mount Police Dept. and the Chamber of Commerce, Switchboard is the only group taking an active role in aiding drug users. President Baysden summed up the situation when he said, "We need volunteer help because we're the only drug related crisis center east of Raleigh. It's a big job."

Howard McCord Reads Poetry On NCW Campus

NEWS BUREAU--Howard McCord appeared at N. C. Wesleyan College to give a poetry reading on Monday, Oct. 4, at 8:15 p.m. in the Experimental Theatre. McCord, an international known poet, sponsored by the North Carolina Poetry Circuit, which is composed of 15 member colleges.

McCord's ninth book of poetry, "Maps," was published this past June by Kayak Books, and later this year two short volumes of poetry will be published, "The Diary of A Lost Girl" by Lillabulero Press, and "The Old Beast" by Sand Dollar Press.

This fall McCord became Director of the MFA Writing Program at Bowling Green State University in Ohio. For the previous eleven years he taught poetry, mythology, and a course in Eastern civilizations at Washington State University. McCord received his B.A. degree from the University of Texas at El Paso, and went to the University of Utah as a National Woodrow Wilson Fellow for his graduate work.

In the years since, he has traveled in India and Nepal on a Fulbright Grant, been a consultant to the National Council

on the Arts, and wandered the back roads of the west as an E.O. Holland Fellow. Most recently, he was named the D. H. Lawrence Fellow for 1971 by the University of New Mexico. He and his family spent the summer at the Lawrence Ranch, north of Taos, New Mexico, writing, hiking and studying.

Compass Club Sponsors Event

The Compass Club, a women's service organization sponsored by the Pilot Club of Rocky Mount, is having a reception for all girls at 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 5th in the faculty lounge.

Nancy Tonkens and John Morton will provide entertainment and refreshments will be served. This reception is designed to stimulate interest in the Compass Club.

NCW Students, President Attend Foundation Meet

On Tuesday, September 21, 1971, the North Carolina Foundation of Church Related Colleges opened its annual campaign for support of twenty-six colleges with a banquet at 12:15 p.m. at the Sheraton Inn in Greensboro, N. C. Representing N. C. Wesleyan were Thomas A. Collins, president, Robert Maxwell, Director of Development, David Walker, Treasurer of the SGA, and Miss Betty Ann Lee. There were over two hundred corporations represented.

The banquet was the kick-off of the cultivation of funds for the Foundation. Mr. Archie Davis, chairman, introduced the featured speaker, Mr. Shearon Harris, president of Carolina Power and Light Company. Mr. Harris asked the businesses represented to surpass last

year's record contributions of \$750,000. The Foundation's goal is \$1,000,000 which, Mr. Harris said, may be achieved for the next academic year.

Of the \$750,000, Wesleyan received \$25,000. This figure was derived from the basis of enrollment. Wesleyan hopes to receive approximately \$30,000 this year for the operating budget.

Dr. Collins remarked, "This support is particularly important as an encouragement to private institutions with limited financial support and tight economy. Business partnership with church colleges ultimately strengthens both." In May there will be a correlating banquet to finish the campaign for the year and to thank the corporations for their participation.