

Thespians Announce Year's Plan

By Quentine Finch

The Caine Mutiny Court Martial, a play featuring a cast drawn from faculty and student personnel, will open at B. N. Duke Auditorium on Wednesday, November 3 and run through Friday, November 5, 1965. The play is under the direction of Dr. J. Preston Cochran, who is Chairman of the Dramatic Art Department and advisor of the Thespians.

The cast of this production is composed entirely of men, all who have had past experiences on the stage, and some who have had real-life experience similar to that which they will portray in this war drama.

The play, written by Herman Wouk and which won the Pulitzer Prize, is centered around the court martial proceedings against a young, upright lieutenant who relieved his captain of command in the midst of a typhoon on the grounds that the captain was psychopathic in the crisis, and directing the ship to its destruction. The odds and naval tradition are against the lieutenant. But as the witnesses and experts, some serious, some unwittingly comic, cross the scene of the trial, the weakness in the character of the captain is slowly revealed in a devastating picture of disintegration.

The role of Captain Queeg will be played by Charles Dyer of the Psychology Department. Dyer spent 20 years in military service and has served on a ship similar to the Caine. He has had first-hand experience in court-martialing, both as a witness and as a juror. While overseas, he took part in the USO production during the war theater wings, *Dough Girls*.

The role of the defense attorney, Green Wall, will be portrayed by Reverend Henry

Elkins, Director of the United Campus Christian Ministry.

John Tasker of the Dramatic Art Department will perform as the prosecutor, Lieutenant Challee.

The presiding judge, Captain Blakely, will be played by Dr. Leroy Walker of the Physical Education Department and by Dr. Charles Orr of the Education Department. Among Dr. Orr's many acting experiences has been that of participation in two faculty plays at Alabama A & M College: *Bell Book and Candle* and *Children of the Moon*.

Lieutenant Maryk, the accused, will be played alternately by Bernard Thornton, a physical education major, and by Albert Lee.

Other key witnesses and court members include: Ed Kenstrick as Lieutenant Keefer, Woodrow W. Brown as Lieutenant Keith, Curtis Bowe as Urban, Henry Brooks and Collins Baber as Dr. Byrd, Robert F. Kennedy as Dr. Lundeen, Leroy Parker and Mr. Robert Bostow as Captain Southard, Randolph Summers as the court stenographer, and Wilton Rageland as the orderly.

Also playing as court members are Garland King, James Bowling, and Mr. Charles Johnson, among others.

Prior to coming here, Dr. Cochran was Professor of Speech and Drama at Stone College Spelman Institution and Director of the Atlanta-Morehouse-Spelman Players. He also served as a part-time Professor of Speech and Drama Director at both Morris Brown College at Atlanta and Atlanta University. He has had numerous experiences in acting and in directing.

Dr. Cochran has many plans for the Thespians of North Carolina College. He feels that "the best way to teach acting, is to see acting at its finest," therefore, he is using faculty members and students who

Greek News

Kappa Alpha Psi

The Alpha Kappa Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity crowned Miss Josephine Perry as its Sweetheart, Wednesday, October 20. Miss Perry is a junior from New Jersey, majoring in Spanish.

The coronation also included the crowning of the Scroller Sweetheart, Miss Edith Turner of Huntsville, Alabama. Miss Turner is a Commercial Science major and enjoys dancing and reading.

The Kappas held their annual fall smoker in the Science Building Social Room on Thursday, October 21.

Omega Psi Phi

The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity began its 1965-1966 school year with an opening school dance at the Stallion Club on September 16. Other activities that will take place this year will include both charity and social affairs. For prospective applicants, Tau Psi will give a smoker on a date to be announced. A question and answer period will follow.

have had previous experiences as actors for the cast of the first production to be presented here in November.

In order to make this first production an even greater success, the Thespian Club (both new and old members) has been divided into several groups, such as property, lights, and other backstage procedures. All of the club members will also sell tickets for the production.

The second play entitled, *The Skin of Our Teeth*, will be given by the Thespians in early December. It has already been partially cast. Plans for the second semester are underway for the production of *Sabrina Fair* and a musical comedy, *Lil' Abner*.

Hopson Honored Eagle Of The Month

Eagle of the Month for October is an aspiring campus politician, Russell Bernard Hopson, a senior, history major from Tabb, Virginia. Hopson is currently chairman of the Elections Board and was primarily responsible for the well organized elections during the first semester of this year.

Hopson, one of the founders of the United Campus Party, has been a participant in many political endeavors during his stay at N. C. C. He was a member of the Model United Nations delegation representing Great Britain at UNC-CH, a

member of the Student Congress and Political Science Club, and an unsuccessful candidate for the presidency of the Senior Class.

Appointed to the Elections Board by Student Government President Daye because of his interest in political affairs, Hopson helps formulate election and campaign policies and counts ballots cast for class officers, queens, and Student Government members. Though he enjoys the job immensely, Hopson states that the job is a very tedious and demanding one. He also recommends the ten members appointed to the Election Board.

In his leisure time, Hopson enjoys reading, debating, tennis, and pinochle. He is an avid sports fan, which accounts for the presence of *Sport Illustrated* among his reading repertoire.

The elder of two children, Hopson is looking forward to eventual married life and a family of several children; however, he hopes to establish himself as a politician in the diplomatic corps, or some other phase of international affairs. Russell Hopson is truly an Eagle seeking his place in the sun.



RUSSELL HOPSON

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French from Charlotte: "I really don't know if these activities improve the spirit. Everybody is very joyful at homecoming anyway."

Joseph Askew, senior in biology from Ahsokie: "Yes I think these activities serve their purpose which is to improve the general school spirit. In previous years, I have attended these activities and we were given copies of cheers which gave us a feeling of togetherness. It does something for the team when we have the support of the school."

Mrs. S. Brown, Commerce Department: "Well, I really don't know. I have never attend there activities; therefore, I cannot say from my observations whether they improve the spirit."

Judith Enoch, freshman from Newport News, Va., majoring in history: "I think they do. It brings the students closely together and it gives the members of the team more pep."

Shirley L. Felton, sophomore in psychology from Hertford: "No, the students on NCC's campus are so lifeless and so lackadaisical that it is quite impossible to improve any kind of spirit on this campus."

Dennis Speight, senior in business administration from Durham: "Yes. I think they do because they really get students in the "mood" for the game. They give students more inspiration for the team."

Clara Grady, junior in biology from Dudley: "Yes, I have attended these activities and they seem to improve the spirit. The students seem to enjoy these activities."



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