

## Opera Company Presents Comedy

The National Opera Company will present Otto Nicolai's adaptation of Shakespeare's "The Merry Wives of Windsor, Monday, Feb. 16. The performance will be at 8 p.m. in Hamrick Auditorium. Admission is Gardner-Webb students free with I.D., adults \$3.00 and other students \$1.50.

Unlike other musical settings of Shakespeare's plays, such as Verdi's *Macbeth*, *Othello*, and *Falstaff*, and Gounod's *Romeo and Juliet*, Nicolai's version includes spoken dialogue and occasional folk song elements similar to operetta.

The opera opens in a garden between the houses of two families, the Fords and the Pages.

Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Page discuss a letter each has received from Sir John Falstaff. The identical letters upset the ladies and they

vow to teach the old man a lesson.

Their husbands enter the scene with two suitors for the Pages' daughter Anne. Anne prefers Falstaff, another young man in love with her, to Slender, a rich young man, and Dr. Caius, a Frenchman who can hardly negotiate the English language.

Through trickery, Falstaff is encouraged to keep a rendezvous with Mrs. Ford in her own home. When her husband returns, (warned by an anonymous letter), Falstaff is stuffed into a laundry basket which is then dumped into the Thames River.

Falstaff, recovering from his swim with the laundry, is visited by Mr. Ford who identifies himself as Mr. Brook. "Mr. Brook" says he is interested in Mrs. Ford



and asks Sir John to intercede for him. Falstaff agrees, telling Ford (Brook) he escaped from the house only the day before, in a basket of laundry.

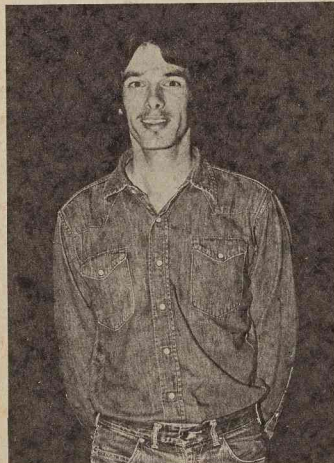
The two couples meet to plan their revenge on Falstaff. Ford forgives his wife and they plan to meet Falstaff who has been instructed to come dressed as Herne the Hunter, by the haunted oak in Windsor Forest. Anne is told by Mr. Page to wear a green costume and Slender will identify her. Mrs. Page tells her to wear a red costume and Caius will identify her instead of wearing them herself, she gives them to the two unwanted suitors.

Disguised as spirits and insects, the townspeople beat and pinch Falstaff until he repents. Slender and

Caius, each believing the other to be Anne in disguise, run away. Finally, all deceptions are uncovered; Falstaff is forgiven, along with the two lovers, Anne and Fenton.

The National Opera Company, formerly Grass Roots Opera, was founded in 1948 by A.J. Fletcher, an attorney and businessman of Raleigh, N.C. There were three major aims of the group; to give experience to young singers to give the public an opportunity to hear opera in their language and to introduce opera as an art form to the school children of North Carolina.

## Introducing . . . Bruce Stuart



On this campus, there is a foreign student by the name of Bruce Stuart. By looking at and talking to him, one would think he is from this area. He is however, from the island of Bermuda and lives near the city of Hamilton Beach.

Bruce says the island is 22 miles long and one mile wide. Even though the island has about 70,000 people, Bruce says that the smallness of the island becomes tiring after a while. Many of the young people, including himself, feel that their future is on the mainland of the United States.

As a tourist resort, Bermuda is ideal, Bruce says. In the winter, the temperature ranges between the 60's and the 70's. In the summer, it is between the 80's and the low

90's. Swimming continues year-round. Bruce asks, "Can you imagine your front porch being about 200 yards from the beautiful blue waters of Bermuda?"

According to Bruce, the island is not as crowded as Miami and he claims it is better in most aspects than Hawaii. He points out that the people are very friendly. Usually, friendliness of the natives is rare in resort areas.

Bruce is a citizen of Great Britain because the island still belongs to that country. The Queen even still appoints the governor.

Bruce states that people drive on the left-hand side of the road. However, since gas costs \$1.03 per gallon, most people ride small "motor-pads" which are similar to

Honda "50" motorcycles. The speed limit is 20 m.p.h.

Bruce fondly remembers that he was once a police cadet. His father plays in the bagpipe band in Bermuda.

Bruce's decision to come to G-W is interesting. Shortly before he made a trip in March, 1972 to visit some people he had met from Greensboro, he had decided to go into the ministry. These friends suggested that he go to Gardner-Webb. Even though he had never heard of the college before, Bruce soon enrolled here.

In talking about his future, Bruce says he wants to go into the field of Christian publications, especially in the art field. He is presently checking into the art program at UNCC. He also wants to go into missions and set up a small "half-way house."

Bruce's hobbies include woodcarving and painting. He also likes to roam beaches and pick up interesting "junk." While in Bermuda, Bruce did a lot of cliff diving and several times dived off cliffs as high as 54 feet.

## Design Rules Reprinted

Anyone with artistic ability is urged to design next year's Student Handbook Cover. A \$25 prize will be awarded to the winner.

The following guidelines have been established as the official guidelines for the Handbook Cover Contest:

1. Competition is open to all Gardner-Webb students.
2. The design is to be drawn on a 8 1/2 by 11 inch piece of paper, and submitted to the SGA Office. The following information should accompany the submission: name, home address, school address, and classification. The number of entries per student is unlimited.
3. The final copy of the design should be drawn in

either India black ink or black felt-tip pen.

4. The entries shall be judged on the basis of sophistication, originality, creativity, spirit, and overall appeal of the design.

5. The deadline for all entries is April 1.

The members of the Handbook Committee this year are Ginger Yates, and Charlotte Meyer, Co-Chairpersons; and Joy Suther, Renee Warren, Ken Warise, John Sutton, Sherwin Johnson, Sandra Strickland, Tim Boan, Tab Whitley, Rick Trexler, and Pam Tolbert.

Anyone wanting further information, can contact Ginger Yates at Box 1010 or Charlotte Meyer at Box 621.

## Sweetheart Banquet Coming Soon

The Baptist Young Women are sponsoring the annual Sweetheart Banquet to be held in the Bulldog Room of the CID Student Center on Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Ed Rackley, Minister of Music at the First Baptist Church, Shelby, will present the program.

The buffed dinner for the banquet consists of roast beef, fried chicken, baked potatoes, green beans, hot bread and butter, a variety of salads, strawberry shortcake, and iced tea.

## Movies of the Week

### Double Feature DR. STRANGELOVE

and  
Coffeehouse Package 23  
(W.C. Fields, Three Stooges,

Charlie Chaplin)  
February 14