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Dr. Donald J. Hart, President of the College

John Cage to Join Black Mt. Festival

John Cage, perhaps America's most influential avant-garde composer, and Merce Cunningham, one of the leading figures in modern dance, have agreed to appear in the Black Mountain College Festival at St. Andrews. Having worked together frequently since 1943, Cage and Cunningham will be on campus from March 4-7, with a lecture-demonstration scheduled for Tuesday evening, March 5.

Composer, poet, philosopher, John Cage has studied music with Arnold Schoenberg, Zen Buddhism, with D.T. Suzuki, chess with Marcel Duchamp.

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Still completely unpredictable at the age of 62, Cage has been twice a fellow at the Center for Advanced Studies at Wesleyan University, is a member of the national Institute of Arts and Letters, and has won numerous awards including a Guggenheim Award and an award from the National Academy of Arts and Letters.

His 1958, 25 year retrospective concert at Town Hall in New York has been compared to the premiere of Stravinsky's "Sacre du Printemps" for the furor it caused in the audience who battled the "musical value" of the works played. Still, plunging into new areas, Cage's recent (1969) work entitled HPSOO was performed before an audience of several thousand who had gathered at the giant Assembly

Hall on the University of Illinois campus to witness a multi-media work which called for eighty slide projectors, fifty-two tape recorders, five thousand slides, seven amplified harpsichords, and fifty-nine speakers emitting fifty-nine channels of sound. In this work, as in all his other, Cage tried to encourage his audience to forget value judgments, and to substitute something new. In his words, "The big thing to do is to get yourself into the situation in which you use your experience no matter where you are, even you're at a performance of a work of art which if you were asked to criticize it, you would criticize it out of existence."

Just as Cage has sought to raze the conventional limits surrounding western music, so Cunningham has broken barriers surrounding dance. A student of Martha Graham, Cunningham has gone beyond any other choreographer including all kinds of movement not ordinarily accepted as dance movement. Cunningham's dance is as challenging to the eye, as Cage's music is to the ear.

UNC-W Honors Styron

Dr. Clarence E. Styron, assistant professor of biology at St. Andrews Presbyterian College, has been awarded joint appointments with the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. Dr. Ralph Brauer, Director of the Institute of Marine Biomedical Research, announced Styron's appointments as associate professor of radiobiology in the UNC-Wilmington biology department.

Under the new appointments Dr. Styron will continue as a regular member of the St. Andrews faculty and spend the summer months at the Institute. In addition, he will make periodic visits to Wilmington during the year.

Dr. Styron will be starting a program in radiation biology for the Institute. One early project in the new program is to investigate the effects of ionizing radiation on marine animals under simulated deep-sea conditions. A se-

Hart Gives Second Address

Wednesday night at 7:30 President Hart addressed the student body at an open Student Government meeting. The major concern of his address was the financial status of the college. The President along with the Faculty Executive Committee, the Student Cabinet, Dean Arnold, Julian Davis, Bruce Frye, Dean Decker and an Executive Committee from the Board of Trustees are attempting to do 3 things; 1) improve the quality of St. Andrews, 2) make reductions in the program here possible, and 3) become more responsive to present and future students.

The procedure being taken is to examine the total program of the college and to set priorities on all activities; academic and administrative. The President said every effort is being made to be as objective as possible in determining the level of personnel and resources necessary for an enrollment of 700 to 750.

Several new academic programs have been created and hopefully will be implemented by next year. There will be more effort made to establish new thematic majors, such as the current American studies and also to expand the contract major program. The two newest programs are the internships and the delayed residence studies. In the internships the student will work with an outside organization in an academic contest to make practical application of a learned theory. The delayed residence studies are directed at the high school graduate or the college student who has left the campus for a period of time. These persons will be able to take courses through St. Andrews

and will therefore un-

derstand education in a wider contest than a place to be. Another new concept in reorienting St. Andrews' Programs is the career emphasis option. This would allow a student to major in the area of his interest but apply it perhaps in another career area. Further details on these programs can be obtained from Craig Van Schoik (Box 801) or Stevie Daniels (Box 404) and they would appreciate student response in written or spoken form in order to give more effective input in the Curricular Planning Committee.

In non-academic areas attempts are being made to open more job opportunities (on campus) for students. The President said this would enable the student to have a broader participation in the college and help with personal money binds. The actuality of the situation is that the salaries for students would be lower and every little bit helps in reducing overall cost. When questioned about the increase in staff in the Financial Aid Office, the President said that there was no REAL increase. There is a new secretary and a Director of Church Relations. Mr. Charles Parrish is still

working with Alumni Affairs, as well as Financial Director.

Of course, a rise in student enrollment next year would help the financial situation. This brings attention to the Admissions Office. Students can be of assistance here in a specific way. The Administration will make brochures, applications available to those students who wish to contact prospective persons in their home towns. Since High Schools are swamped by Admissions Counselors, it is suggested that students contact people on an individual basis.

The President made an important statement on a definite step proposed in cut backs. He said the present 6 divisions will be combined to form 3 or 4. This will increase the inter and multi disciplinary experience of the faculty and make more teaching time available for the division chairpersons.

The LANCE will be conducting research and investigations into the financial situation of St. Andrews during January. A series of articles will follow the spring editions concerning the findings of the staff and the actions being taken to resolve it.

Pirg Surveys Toys

A survey of dangerous toys in Laurinburg stores was taken by N.C. PIRG December 1. Laura Davidson, Greg Dickie, Eileen Hogan, Becky Kelly, Nancy Sullivan, and Evelyn Worth conducted the survey which included Eubanks, Firestone, Popes, Roses, Western Auto, and Woods.

The purpose of the survey was two fold. One objective was to make sure that all toys banned by the Food and Drug Administration were taken off the store shelves. The second purpose was to look for toys not officially banned but possessing a hazard.

There was only one type of toy in Laurinburg which was on the banned list. The toy, a plastic gun by Marx Co., was

center around a program of research and instruction by research participation focusing upon a variety of physiological problems in the marine environment. The Institute has received world-wide recognition for studies in high-pressure physiology and in the simulation of deep-ocean environments. Its facilities include a unique system capable of reproducing environments matching those of ocean depths of as much as 35,000 feet. In operations at sea, the Institute has pioneered in the use of wet submersibles, in studies of the chemical control of behavior of invertebrates, and in the capture of deep-sea life for experimental study.

found at Roses. The noisemaker exceeded the permissible 138 decibel level. After pointing out the item to the assistant manager the toys were removed from the sales floor.

There were 36 toys which were found to be dangerous but not officially banned. The number of hazardous toys was in proportion to the size of the toy department. A plastic whale in the infants department at Roses contained petrol liquid. Named "Water Toy", the item seemed harmless but if it fissured and was placed in the crib the liquid would be very harmful to the child. A dart game called "Jungle Eyes" by Ohio Arts had needless sharp edges. Also a rubber squeeze toy had a noisemaker which could easily be removed and swallowed by a child.

Some toys can be made safe by changing the design, however, other toys are dangerous in the nature of the toy. The responsibility of the manufacturer is to label the toy as to its hazards and suggest age brackets for the

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The Christmas tree in the Student Center needs to be decorated, and an old fashioned tree trimmin' and taffy pull will be held at 8 p.m. Sunday night specifically for that purpose. Faculty, administration, students, and children are welcome to join the fun.