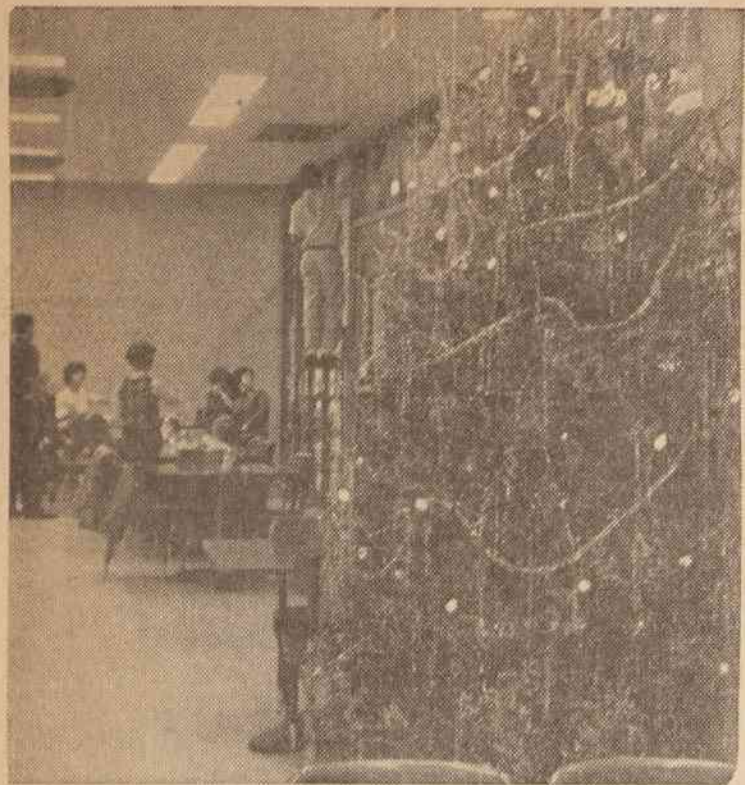


Campus Buildings Decorated For Christmas



INDUSTRIOUS STUDENTS prepare Student Union for the holiday season.

Frosh Excused From Study To Help On Project

The Student Union Building was decorated last Monday night at a special decorating party—special because the freshmen were excused from study hours.

The greenery had been gathered the Saturday before and the next job was to organize and put up the decorations. A huge "brick" fireplace suddenly sprang up in the lounge, carolers appeared on the windows of the cafeteria, table decorations covered the tables in the faculty lounge, the big Christmas tree grew from the floor of the cafeteria, and snow shone on the Snack Bar windows.

Even though there were divergent influences, students worked around the play practice and the dancing in the juke box room. The decorating committee was headed by Cherry Gorham and Baxter Myers.

The next night, Tuesday, . . . The Girls' Dorm was decorated at a meeting of the dorm. The girls arduously put together all sorts of things—from pine sprays to plastic Christmas trees, while munching Mrs. Mac's divinity candy.

The various decorations were strategically placed throughout the parlor—especially the mistletoe. The silver aluminum tree adorns Fenner Room and is, of course, the main attraction. But tonight the tree will see most of its spirit.

The Dorm Social Commission, headed by Butch Nichols, is planning an ice cream social and lots of surprises at the party. The secret pals who have been suspiciously hovering around in strange places for the past week will be revealed when the girls open their presents around the tree.

And who knows, maybe Saint Nick will drop in.



FINISHING TOUCHES are added to fireplace by students (left to right) Betty Ann Stevens, Jimmy Wheeler, and Libby Wallace.

Edgecombe Dormitory Has Call-Down System

Here are points from the new call-down system adopted Dec. 4 for Edgecombe Dorm:

Three call-downs will warrant a \$1.00 fine. An additional two will result in a fine of \$2.00. The acquisition of two more call-downs will raise the fine to \$5.00 and initiate an automatic re-

ferral to the Student Life Association.

Failure to fulfill phone duty will mean two call-downs.

The fines shall be paid within 24 hours to the secretary of the dorm council, Joe Norman, or the matter will be turned over to the business office.

They will not only collect the initial fine, but also an additional fine of one dollar. The dean may also take steps to collect if necessary within 48 hours.

The fines will go into a fund for the improvement of the dorm.

Singers Present Third Concert

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Rouse, bass, and Richard Moore, bass. Accompanist for the Wesleyan Singers was Joan Lamberth.

The choral group is composed of 68 voices, having tripled in size in the third year of its existence. The group plans a series of performances in other cities during the spring.

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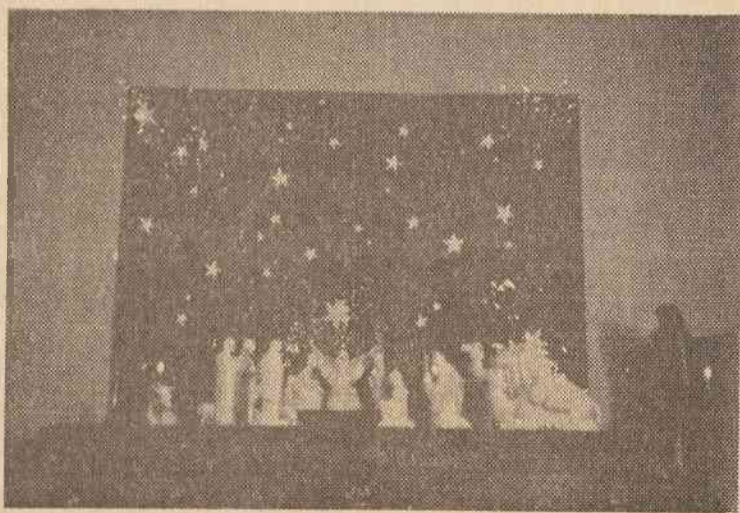
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Dr. Cox, James Tedder Debate Existentialism

On Tuesday, Dec. 4, a large group of Wesleyan students met after assembly to participate in a philosophical discussion of Jean-Paul Sartre's plays, "No Exit" and "The Flies."

Mrs. Ann Johnson was moderator of the debate between James Tedder and Dr. James D. Cox.

Dr. Cox began the discussion by explaining a few points of Existentialism, Sartre's basic philosophy. Reality to the existentialist is equated by things that exist in terms of experience.

Tedder then posed the enigmatic question: "What is man?" He gave a brief resume of modern philosophy through Sartre, who called for an examination of what it really is to be man. Tedder then outlined the plots and characters of the two plays. Sartre's dominant theme seems to be the entrapping freedom of man.

Sartre believes that man is divided into two parts. First, he is that which is constantly becoming something else. Death, his second characteristic, is the final phase, when man achieves

his "definition." Man's definition is determined by what he is when he dies.

Lack of time prevented sufficient questions and answers, so the group convened again that afternoon.

The fine interest in this program is encouraging to its sponsors; more discussions of the same type are needed to encourage students to read constructively outside their basic curriculum. The discussions are especially worthwhile in that they explain ideas that influence the world in which man lives.

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