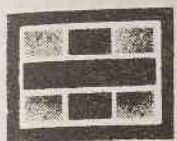




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## Mizelle Announces Format Of London Minimester Tour

Mr. Vance Mizelle has announced a tentative format for the minimester seminar in London. The seminar will be centered around contemporary British drama. At present things are still in the planning stage, but Mr. Mizelle hopes to be able to offer the participants a course that will be something like this:

For the first 8 or 10 days the participants will be on campus for daily lectures and reading a group of plays by Harold Pinter, John Osborne, Ar-

### GRINDSTAFF TO TEACH THEATRE

Mr. Michael K. Grindstaff is the newest member of the theatre department at Wesleyan. A man of many talents and interests, he is well qualified to teach Theatre Lab, Theatre 35, and Speech II.

After graduation from Lycoming College in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, with a B.A. in Art and Theatre, he went on to do graduate work at Penn State where he received an M.F.A. in Set and Lighting design. Mr. Grindstaff did some teaching at Lycoming, but this is his first permanent position as an instructor.

In the short six years he has been interested in the theatre, Mr. Grindstaff has been active in almost every aspect of theatre sets and acting. His major concern is Set design, a concern in which he has much past experience. Working for The Arena in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, he designed sets for numerous productions.

Working in theatre, Mr. Grindstaff has had numerous experiences which are quite amusing. One in particular involves "Little Mary Sunshine" which Wesleyan Players will do this year. Playing the part of Yellow Feather, Mr. Grindstaff had one line in the entire play. When the moment came for his line, Mr. Grindstaff drew that complete mental blank which all actors fear and face. For this reason, one can be assured that Wesleyan's performance Yellow Feather will have one sympathizer in the audience.

Away from the theatre, Mr. Grindstaff enjoys such relaxations as driving his sports car, swim-

ming, and skin diving, doing water colors, and reading novels. He swam competitively from the time he was 8 years old until he was a junior in college and also managed swimming pools and gave swimming instruction to earn money for college.

nold Wesker, Shelagh Delaney, John Arden, for example -- perhaps even Frank Mareus, Peter Ustinov, and Tom Stoppard. The group will then fly to New York, and from there will fly to London for a two-week tour which will include:

---about 8 plays, hopefully some that the students have read or some new plays by authors the students have studied;

---visits and sight-seeing: places of interest in connection with the participant's study, as well as those of general interest;

---several visits (if we can arrange and afford them) with people well known in the English theatre today.

The price of the tour is expected to cover jet flights, hotel accommodation and breakfast and will be attractive and in keeping with many similar tours arranged under the group fare plan.

Mr. Mizelle is hesitant to make further arrangements, especially with persons in London, until he is fairly sure he can find the 20 people necessary to make the tour possible. He will be happy to talk more about the course, the tour, and the price, if those interested will go by his office this week.

## Collier's: New Research Tool

The N. C. Wesleyan College Library has recently added Collier's Encyclopedia to its basic reference collection. It is a scholarly edition that is systematically and continuously revised to meet present day needs. Authorities from all over the world are contributors to the work and are listed in volume one of the 20-volume encyclopedia. The scope includes comprehensive, in-depth material for the specialist as well as more simplified material for the nonspecialist. One special feature is the career guidance offered.

Arrangement of articles in the encyclopedia

As for his reading, his wife once figured that he reads about thirty novels a year. She informed him of this for budgetary reasons, so if any one has any old Mary Renault novels not being used, he may contact Mr. Grindstaff in his office, 231-B.

## Collins Opens Convocations

President Collins formally opened the new convocations series September 12 with a speech on the relevance of individuals and institutions to

each other and to the world.

Defining the purpose of any college as that of advancing and enhancing the civilization and culture of

which it is a part, Collins said that it was to the profit of the individual to be relevant to the institution of which he is a member.

Collins further defined a church-affiliated college as inevitably residential, ("the better to see you with"), and as having as its over-all goal "aiding (the student) in judgmental and synoptic vision." The church-affiliated college, he continued, should leave each discipline free to inquire and seek out the truth, believing that "Truth is of God...and will make you free." Collins said that the student who chooses to attend a church-affiliated college should understand its structure and orientation and should seek to be relevant in his actions and attitudes to that structure and orientation.

The Christian attitude and beliefs fostered by the church-affiliated college, Collins continued, call unmistakably to humanitarian service and concern. Such concern and involvement, he maintained, are the duty and destiny of all men of conscience.



PRESIDENT THOMAS COLLINS

## Straw Ballot Favors Nixon

If the September vote taken in Professor Rushing's political science classes and Professor King's American history classes were a true indication of the possible results of the balloting in November, Nixon supporters would have cause for great jubilation.

The results of the elections were as follows: Rushing's first class:

Humphrey - 3, Wallace - 11, and Nixon - 22; and his other class; Humphrey - 11, Wallace - 2, and Nixon - 16. Of the 88 ballots collected in Professor King's four classes, Nixon received 41 votes, Wallace, 12 votes, Humphrey 7 votes, while 28 students remained undecided.

Professor Rushing stated that the vote was taken to emphasize the fact that 1968 is an election year and to encourage all political science students to take a continuing interest in the election. He added that he had also encouraged the students to read newspapers, watch television, listen to the radio, participate in arguments, and influence their parents concerning current political matters.

In his analysis of the vote, Mr. Rushing pointed out that most of the students voting were from eastern North Carolina and Virginia. He noted that the vote reflected a shift from the National Democratic Party. However, he thinks that the Democrats should be pleased by the Wallace supporters, who voted for Goldwater in 1964, because they are not voting for Nixon. He mentioned that the increased Nixon support is brought about by those who supported Johnson in 1964, but are now defecting to Nixon.

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## Instructor Gearhart Studies Abroad

ROCKY MOUNT -- Sara Gearhart, instructor of German at N. C. Wesleyan College, received a grant from the Republic of Germany to attend the Summer Seminar of the Goethe Institut in Munich.

Forty grants, issued jointly by the Federal Republic of Germany and the U. S. Office of Education, were awarded throughout the United States based on recommendations by the American Association of Teachers of German. Twenty of the grants were sponsored by the Fulbright programs and twenty by the Federal Republic of Germany.

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