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SEATING RISERS COLLAPSE

Shortly before the opening curtain of the National Players' performance of "Midsummer Night's Dream" January 6, risers on which the audience was seated in Wesleyan's Everette Gymnasium collapsed.

Workers who installed the risers the night before the performance said that it was fortunate that they collapsed all together so that none of the

audience was injured in the falling lumber. The workers said that the risers were so old that the screw which secured the platforms no longer held and that nothing could have been done to make the risers more stable in view of their age.

College officials who investigated the accident determined that none of the audience was injured, and the performance

went on as scheduled with the audience sitting in chairs set up on the floor of Everette Gymnasium.

A worker who had set up the risers estimated that the cost to the college of setting up and taking down the risers for each such performance was at least \$40.00. However undependable and costly the risers are, he said, they are all that the college has at present.

Ed Tippet Charged On Hash Possession

Ed Tippet, a former Wesleyan student, was arrested January 6 by Chapel Hill police on charges of possession of hash, a concentrated form of marijuana. According to a police spokesman, an investigation had been going on for some time prior to the arrest. Tippet was with a Chapel Hill student at the time of his arrest; the other student was also arrested on similar charges.

According to information received by the Rocky Mount "Evening Telegram," Tippet was released on bail January 8.

Tippet, who until December 1968 was a special student at Wesleyan, was known on campus for "The Other Side," an underground paper which he edited. He also had parts in several plays produced by the Wesley-

an College Theatre.

As a special student at Wesleyan, Tippet took fewer than the normal number of courses each semester and lived off campus.

Tippet, who had played Pontius Pilate in the Wesleyan College Theatre's production of "The Chinese Wall," had taken part in the boycott last fall of some Rocky Mount merchants who were alleged to have had unfair employment practices. He had also led a student response to President Collins' proclamation on demonstrations.

A veteran of the U. S. Navy, Tippet entered Wesleyan in the spring of 1968.

Tippet's home is in Portsmouth, Virginia, and he had a Willow Street address in Rocky Mount.

Service Division Renamed

The Southern Universities Student Government Association (SUSGA) has renamed and revised the activities of its oldest existing service area.

This area formerly known as Entertainment will be re-titled Division for Performing and Creative Arts and re-structured to include all areas, such as films, lecture, theater, and popular and classical entertainment.

Heading the division will be H. L. 'Lindy' Martin, Director of Auxillary Services at Samford University in Birmingham. Martin was head of the SUSGA Entertainment division until the re-structuring.

This area SUSGA exists as a service and information exchange between the schools. It makes no effort to recommend or book attractions, but, simply informs member schools of availabilities.

Journalism Scholarships Given by Newspaper Fund

Forty-five college students have been selected by The Newspaper Fund to participate in the second annual editing intern program. Each student will receive a \$500 scholarship after working eight weeks next summer as a copy editor for one of 45 participating newspapers.

Faculty advisers to student publications, heads of college news bureaus and journalism department chairmen nominated more than 80 of their top students for the internships. The selection was made by The Newspaper Fund directors.

A three-week intensive indoctrination in June will precede the assignment to the newspapers where the interns will work the rest of the summer. The editing courses are placed at Temple University, Philadelphia; the University of Nebraska, Lincoln; and the University of Nevada, Reno.

The \$500 Newspaper Fund scholarship will be awarded to the interns,

most of whom are college juniors, after their summer of work.

"The lack of interest in editing careers is something that concerns us greatly," said William F. Kerby, president of The Wall Street Journal, which underwrites The Newspaper Fund journalism recruiting program. Paul Swensson, former executive director of The Newspaper Fund, said talented young copy editors "will be needed more and more by newspapers, especially during the 1970s. Editors of large, medium and small-sized newspapers agree that there is a shortage of

talent for editing roles."

Since 1960 The Newspaper Fund has given \$421,000 in scholarships to 895 young men and women. In addition to scholarship aid, The Fund also operates a clearinghouse of journalism career information and sponsors

workshops for high school journalism teachers and publication advisers. The Fund is supported by Dow Jones and Co., publisher of The Wall Street Journal, The National Observer, and Barrons National Business and Financial Weekly.

Minimester Tours Include Fr. Eng. Mex.

During the May term, several students will be touring European countries. Two of these minimester projects include tours of France and Britain.

The tour of France is coordinated by Mr. Jack

Price and Mrs. Jean Mann. Tentatively, the tour will begin April 28 when the group will leave New York by Sabina Jet for Brussels.

After a tour of Brussels the following day, the group will go to Paris. During the morning of April 30, there will be an orientation tour of Paris, followed by an afternoon visit to the Louvre Museum with a special guide. The tourists will spend the evening in a driving tour to Montmartre with a walking tour through the streets and square.

The next two days will be spent in full-day excursions of St. Denise, Chantilly, Versailles, and Chartres. While enroute to Tours the next day, the group will visit Chamberd, Azay-le-Rideau, and other chateaux. After an over night stay in Tours, the group will make further visits to other chateaux before it proceeds to a porcelain

factory in Limoges.

Monday, May 5, the group will visit prehistoric caves before continuing to Roc Amadour for a visit, and Cahors before arrival in Toulouse for overnight stay.

The next two days will be spent in touring of Toulouse, Carcassonne, Narbonne, and Nimes.

Beginning on Thursday, the group will visit Marseilles, Toulon, Nice and other cities along the scenic coastal route of southern France. From Nice there will be a special sightseeing tour of St. Raphael and Juan les Pins followed by an afternoon excursion to Monte Carolo via the Grande Corniche Route before the return to Nice for an overnight stay.

Saturday, May 10, the group will depart via a scenic inland route including Brignoles and Aix-en-Provence. Dinner will be served in Avig-

ONE-ACTS SLATED FOR JAN. 31, Feb. 1

Rehearsals are now in full swing for the one-act plays which will be presented in Wesleyan's Experimental Theater on Friday and Saturday, January 31st and February 1st.

Ann Douglas, Barbara Brown, and Bryan Stearns have been chosen by Mr. Dingman to direct these plays in partial fulfillment of special course projects in directing.

Most Wesleyan students do not realize that they can participate in production work, including directing and acting,

for academic credit under Theatre 80, Group Studies, or Theatre Lab.

Ann will direct "Cecile" by Jean Anouilh, Barbara will be directing Tennessee William's "Portrait Of A Madonna," and George Bernard Shaw's "Overruled" will be directed by Bryan.

Since the theme of all three plays is love, the three directors have appropriately entitled their program, "An Evening Of Love." Tickets at \$.50 each will go on sale in the Bookstore on Wednesday, January 22.

Hearing Set For Feb. 3rd

A third continuance was granted January 8 in the preliminary hearing in the cases of Jeff Shelton, Herb Hall, Bob Canon, Rick Laws, and Bruce Harris, all of whom are charged with possession of marijuana.

The hearings, held in Rocky Mount District Court, are to determine whether or not there is enough evidence in the cases to have them bound over to Superior Court in Nashville.

The next hearing, according to a Wesleyan spokesman, will be February 3.

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