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Roger Taylor Chosen NAIA All-American

By MARSHA WHITE

Roger Taylor, 6-2 senior from Nashville, N. C., was recently notified of his selection as honorable mention forward on the NAIA All-American basketball team.

Speaking of Roger's selec-

tion, Coach Neal Chancey declared, "Roger is very deserving of this honor. He is certainly a great offensive player."

Undoubtedly, this recognition is the most eminent of the honors he has received this year. In addition to attaining All-American status, the cage star

was selected All-Dixie Conference and All-NAIA District 29. During this season he set the pace for the conference contenders in scoring with his average of over 27 points per game. The season ended; Roger was No. 1 pointmaker in District 29. He achieved 78% accuracy from the foul line and 48% accuracy from the floor. Presently, he can claim the Wesleyan individual single game scoring record of 42 points. During his two years here he has poured in more points than any previous Wesleyan cager.

Roger's merit of his most recent honor is quite obvious as indicated by the aggregate of statistics he had managed to accumulate during his performance as a Bishop. Yet, the statistics do not tell the entire story. For Wesleyan students who have watched Roger perform during the past two years, Roger Taylor and basketball at Wesleyan will be synonymous in their talk about the sport.

Corbitt Rushing Speaks At Honors Convocation

The 1969-70 Honors Convocation will be held Thursday, April 9, at 11 a.m. in Everett Gymnasium with Corbitt B. Rushing, assistant professor of political science, delivering the featured address, "The Subversive Science."

Dr. Sim O. Wilde, Jr., Dean of Students, will present 16 awards to students or organizations for outstanding achievements in varied fields of endeavor.

The Class of 1970 has announced that in lieu of a class gift, which is customarily presented at Honors Convocation, this year's seniors are directing their funds to the college's Capital Campaign.

Awards to be given at the Convocation and their donors are: Outstanding Achievement in Music, the Music Review

Club of Rocky Mount; Freshman Writing Award, the Rocky Mount Rotary Club; Wesleyan Players Award (dramatics) given anonymously; Outstanding Athlete of the Year, Rocky Mount Civitan Club; Pharrs-Strickland French Award, given anonymously; John Paul Jones History Award, the Nash County Committee of Colonial Dames; Outstanding Academic Achievement, Rocky Mount Kiwanis Club; Dean of Students Award, to an outstanding student organization, given by the Dean; Leadership and Service Award for Women, the Pilot Club of Rocky Mount; Leadership and Service Award for Men, given by the college chaplain; Best Teaching Faculty Award, Nu Gamma Phi; and the President's Cup Award to the outstanding senior.

'Creation' Reviewed

By SEAN MORAN

On Sunday night at 7:00 in Everett the Wesleyan Singers began "warming up" before rehearsing Haydn's THE CREATION. Soloists Cobb, Karns, and Ishee, were seated in front of the Singers. Approximately 7:07 Mr. Ishee opened the oratorio with "In the Beginning" displaying his baritone talents. Tenor Dr. Cobb entered after the Singers brought a climax to Mr. Ishee's solo. Dr. Cobb with vocal depth giving a pleasing, comfortable tone to his voice, sang to Mrs. Sasser's skillful piano accompaniment. Dr. Cobb was singing one of the more exciting passages entitled "New Created World."

Occasionally the group of singers seemed off-balanced. The number of fine-sounding sopranos is larger than ever before. Consequently, they stand out sometimes. The basses outweigh the unfortunately small number of corresponding altos. However, Dr. Sasser is competent in his ability to guide and balance the parts of the chorus equally.

Haydn's solos for the baritone in his CREATION may be challenging to the singer, but they are less interesting than the solos for tenor and soprano. Fortunately, Mr. Ishee's effective baritone is outstanding. Mrs. Karns' soprano voice is highly striking. The fact that the performance is not Mrs. Karn's first is noticeable. The soprano is well-equipped, well-prepared, and well-trained. Mrs. Karns' delivery and awareness of material make her performance enjoyable and entertaining.

"The Heavens Are Telling" is by far the most accomplished performance by the Singers. To hear the group sing this one selection alone is excellent reason for attending the performance.

The Singers, soloists, and accompanists seemed well-rehearsed; their attention to the dynamics of Haydn's work is admirable for it increases the value of the interpretation of

the work.

Haydn has supplied the oratorio with so many soloist passages that the listener finds the entrance of the chorus to be a refreshing change.

Under Dr. Sasser's direction the chorus, soloists, and accompanists will perform Haydn's THE CREATION Tuesday night, the seventh of April. In the interest of musical endeavors at Wesleyan, this performance by the Wesleyan Singers may be considered major.

News Summary

By JOHN HINNANT

Last Saturday a crowd of 15,000 marchers was on hand in the nation's capital for a "Win the War" rally. They carried signs and banners which read "In God We Trust," "Win the War" and "Wallace for President". A few anti-war protesters passed out flowers to the marchers, but most marchers responded by either ignoring the

flowers or throwing them down and stepping on them.

The Air Controllers strike is continuing despite attempts by the Government in ordering the controllers back to work. The controllers still call it sick day, thus claiming that it is not a strike.

The Viet-Nam war's pace was stepped up last week as shelling of U. S. bases and the highest casualty figures in months were reported.

The outcome of the President's nomination of Judge Harold Carswell to the U. S. Supreme Court was still in question during the week as several senators showed how they would vote. Apparently the vote will be extremely close.

The Government has made an offer to increase Postal salaries by 12%. The "conditional offer" has neither been accepted or rejected as of this date. President Nixon also called for an increase in Postal rates, presumably as a method of raising revenue for the increased salaries of the postmen.

Geologic structures representing a potential source of oil and gas have been discovered in the areas of the Bering Sea near Alaska. The surveys were conducted by the U.S. Geological Survey and the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey teams.

Education Grant Presented College

N. C. Wesleyan College has again been selected as one of the privately-financed colleges in the United States to receive unrestricted grants under the Aid-to-Education Program of Texaco, Inc., it was announced today by Dr. Thomas A. Collins, president of Wesleyan. The grant of \$1,500 awarded for the 1969-70 academic year is the third such grant awarded to Wesleyan by Texaco. The young Methodist liberal arts college is one of 300 colleges and universities included in Texaco's program of educational support.

In addition to providing direct financial support of 150 privately-financed schools, the program includes scholarship and fellowship assistance to 90

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Library Collection Donated To NCWC

Mrs. Joe W. Watson, chairman of the Friends of the N. C. Wesleyan College Library, has announced the donation of a valuable book collection to the library from the estate of the late Methodist Bishop Edgar Blake.

Given by his widow, Mrs. Mary Jane Eaton Blake, now of Coral Gables, Florida, the books comprise the largest single collection ever given to Wesleyan's library. Approximately half of the 800 volumes have publications dates in the 1920's, and almost all of the volumes are now out of print and would be hard to obtain through regular channels.

The book collection is a miscellaneous assortment, includ-

ing religion, theology, church history, Methodist history and doctrine, sociology, international politics, history, travel and some fiction. All of the books are in English except about 40, which are printed in the French language.

The late Bishop Blake served in Paris for eight years from 1920-28, where he directed the expenditure of millions of dollars given by the Methodist Church to rebuild war-torn areas. Re-assigned to Indianapolis, and later Detroit, Bishop Blake joined a committee for Civil Rights in the Automobile Industry, and became nationally known for his interest in the economic and political affairs of the country.

Convocation Series Ends With 'Bulldozed America'

By MARY GETLEIN

"Bulldozed America is a film on the rage of the environment," Mr. Corbett Rushing said as he opened the Thursday, April 2nd convocations and eco-in held in the cafeteria. The eco-in was conducted by Dr. Sharer, head of the Science department and his student representative.

"Bulldozed America's" subject was the mutilation of the ideal of natural beauty in America. Demonstrations of this were shown in the strip mining process, lumber camps, the destruction of red wood forests, and example of pollution in

streams and rivers throughout America.

The procedure of contrasting shots of a beautiful natural site, and then the view of the site completely demolished by bulldozers was effective in illustrating their thesis.

Bulldozers are the substance of our society, a society which has been built up without a plan. The film showed that there is now a limit to unplanned expansion.

One example of people's disinterest in conservation, (which is the only way future generation can live) was a case where
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