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Series Support Varies

By RUSTY KELLY

Norman Mayo, who sparked the idea of a speaker series on campus here reports that \$125 has been raised toward

the cost of the speakers. The money was donated at \$1 per person.

Mayo has spoken to Nash and South dorms on the issue but

has yet to talk to Edgecombe and North Halls. He also reports that many faculty members have indicated their support. Dr. Johnson pledged monetary support to the series, and commented on the series because, "I do not necessarily approve the speaker series but approve of the student right to investigate such issues. I hope that they recognize these opinions represent a tiny minority of attitudes of people in America and will be dealt with on their merits."

Asked where the speaker would come from and who they were Mayo replied that Bill Thorpe of the American Civil Liberties Union was the only confirmed speaker at this time. The other speakers chosen are from Malcolm X University in Greenville, N. C. on the Black Panthers, an abortion speaker from Durham Medical Center and from Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Virginia on Women's Liberation.

Mayo stated that bringing this series on to the Wesleyan campus will present a spectrum of political opinion from left to right here.

When asked by the DECREE if there would be any middle of the road speakers Mayo replied, "We're getting mostly middle of the road speakers now. I don't think the students respond to a middle of the road speaker."

Mayo said that he got the ideas for the speakers when he went to California in his May Term last year. With John Stoddard, he visited such places as the Berkeley campus of the University of California, Synanon, and the Los Angeles Free Health Clinic.

He said the social response at these places contrasts sharply (Continued on Page 3)

Tuition Increased To \$2425 For '71

The impact of inflationary forces upon the cost of utilities, salaries, and supplies was offered by the Board of Trus-

tees as the reason for an increase of \$150 in tuition and fees approved for the 1971-72 academic year. Room and board charges were not increased.

The board expressed deep concern for many students caught in the economics squeeze and pledged its efforts toward increasing funds available for scholarships, tuition grants-in-aid, and loans so that deserving students might be enabled to continue their education.

Next year tuition and fees for the Fall, Winter, and May terms will be increased from \$1,350 to \$1,500. Room fees will remain at \$325 and board at \$600 for resident students.

President Collins explained, "The increase was necessitated by many factors. The basic cost for practically all services and commodities purchased by the college has continued a steady rise. To retain the high quality faculty attracted to North Carolina Wesleyan will require increased salaries. Improved insurance benefits have already been made effective for faculty and staff members. Being unwilling to diminish the quality of educational and co-curricular programs, the board could find no alternative--the increase was reluctantly approved."

Newsworthy

Lawson: Poem Accepted In National Anthology

News Bureau--Kathy L. Lawson, a sophomore will have two of her poems, published in the Annual Anthology of College Poetry.

The Anthology, issued by the National Poetry Press in Los Angeles, Calif., is a compilation of outstanding poetry written by the college men and women of America, representing every state in the country. According to the editor, poetry selections are made from thousands of manuscripts submitted each year.

Kathy, a 1969 graduate of Rocky Mount Senior High School is the daughter of Mrs. Kathleen Lawson of 614 Pine St.

and Charles R. Lawson, also of Rocky Mount. One of her poems "A Sly" is printed below.

A SLY

Make haste they fitfully cry,
The gypsies' cartwheels fast.
But I with lonesome sigh
Have lame designs on the last.
Never call to one alone,
The wisdom tree is yet not bare.
Who desire limpid fruit
With dew flowers folding there.

The angry glance of a fiery sunset
Cast its hot eye on me.
Dead fruit stands not so bad

Compared to the rest of the tree.

Kathy Lawson

Brantley Interview

News Bureau--N. C. Wesleyan College President Thomas A. Collins and Bill Brantley, president of the campus organization, Students Against Architectural Barriers, will be interviewed in Raleigh on the Charlie Gaddy Television Show (WRAL) at 9 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 24.

The interview will feature a discussion of existing physical facilities available to handicapped and wheelchair students (Continued On Page 2)

Switchboard:

Reaching, Aiding Those On Drugs

Men often reach. Reach for the chance to be a part of a relevant organization. Today a relevant organization is developing with great enthusiasm. Relevant to the youth of Rocky Mount and a challenge to the sincerity of man for his fellow, this organization called Switchboard is composed of much work and effort yet to be accomplished.

Switchboard is reaching to the minds of those that use drugs. The purpose is not to condemn not to force values or ideals of the Switchboard operators rather the purpose lies in being a friend when none are around. The main function will lie in aiding those in trouble with drugs. To the uses of Switchboard of by the public at large will be to inform as to the actual medical, legal and general social factors involved with the use of drugs. An aid to parents a friend to the 'us-

er." Switchboard has a difficult task ahead.

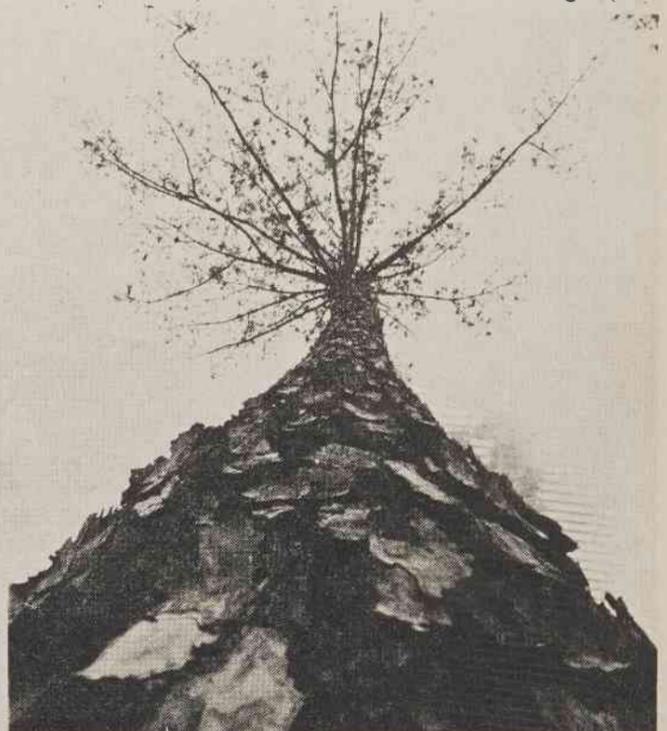
Difficulty diminishes with the confidence and knowledge that select doctors, lawyers, and advisors that have a professional background in psychology and sociology are able to bolster. There is one fact that stand and will stand. Switchboard is developing a program of training. Not training in words to say or philosophies to believe rather a training in medical knowledge and legal knowledge that the operators must be able to discuss over the phone. The operation of Switchboard is an honest endeavor to be a friend and especially a responsible friend of the youth of Rocky Mount.

Rocky Mount extends to the campus of Wesleyan in this endeavor. Wesleyan is composed of the youth of America that is concerned each day with his fellow. The task now is for

enough as to become apart of Switchboard. Often times we disagree with the food situation, and the dormitory regulations of our community yet only on occasion do the student reach to Rocky Mount in a matter that can solve problems. This article neither condemns nor recommends drugs or stimulus of any kind for this article is aimed to the distinct mind of those who wish to aid youth in drugs.

Drugs are a distinct problem when viewed through the eye of our society. Drugs are a physical and legal danger. Drugs reach to the minds of men and control those minds at times.

Time develops action and today action is Switchboard. Men often reach in time, will you as a member of the youth of Wesleyan? The way to reach Switchboard is through The Decree, stop by the office if you are interested. Men often reach in time, will you?



Looking up . . . Photo by Christopher.