

COMIC OPERA IS SLATED FOR MAY PRODUCTION

A company of six for the Music Department's presentation April 30 and May 2 of Mozart's "Cosi Fan Tutte" was selected at open tryouts held Jan. 12, according to Miss Sharyn Russell, co-director and pianist for the two-act "opera comique."

Singing the soprano roles of Fiordiligi and Dorabella, sisters from Ferrara who are living in Naples, are freshman Sara Woods and sophomore Margaret Bradburn. The baritone part of Guglielmo, an officer betrothed to Fiordiligi, will be sung by freshman David Clark. Ferrando, an officer betrothed to Dorabella, will be portrayed by tenor Doug Sides, a sophomore. Soprano Charlotte Kepley, a freshman, is cast as Despina, a chambermaid to the ladies. Don Alfonso, an old philosopher, will be characterized by bass Roscoe Mize, a sophomore. Mrs. Jean Duffy, instructor of voice, will conduct and co-direct the Music Department's major undertaking of the year.

To Be Sung In English

The work, whose title means "All Women Behave Like That," was produced in 1790. The musical score was composed by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, and the Italian libretto was penned by Lorenzo Da Ponte. The two men also collaborated on the operas "Figarro" and "Don Giovanni." The MC adaption of "Cosi Fan Tutte" will be based on an English version of the vocal score as translated by Ruth and Thomas Martin.

Set in Vienna, Austria, in the late 18th century, the staging will utilize two sets to represent living room and garden scenes, stated Miss Russell, who described the opera as "comical, lively, very entertaining and amusing." She pointed out that costumes will be sewn especially for this production.

An unknown critic reveals that "the theme of this opera is a satire on the highly praised fidelity of the female sex and an innocent playing with the sanctity of love. That this evidence of the infidelity of all women was regarded merely as

a jest is precisely the delicate charm of the whole opera, and that this infidelity, on the other hand, is let off so easily is proof of the playful sense of beauty on the part of the composer. Everything is only masquerade, playfulness, jest, dallying, and irony. . . ."

Weekend rehearsals will be held throughout the months of February, March and April.

ON '70 COVER

Telephone Directory Publicizes Library

Mitchell College's library is honored for its aesthetic beauty by Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Co. on the front cover of the 1970 telephone directory, which will be distributed early in February.

According to Mr. A. A. Williams Jr., office manager for Southern Bell in this area, the library was chosen "because of the timeless beauty of its design."

The picture will be in full color, and it will be a view as seen from directly in front of the building. It will share the cover with Bell System's new emblem and colors.



SWEET AVERY—December sweetheart of the Circle "K" Club is Avery Anne Frye. (Anny Mordechai Photo)

Dr. Richard L. Morgan, instructor of psychology and religion, has a paper entitled "People Still Sit in Darkness" appearing in the November, 1969, issue of "Teaching of Psychology Newsletter," which is published quarterly by Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, N. Y., and represents Division 2 of the American Psychological Assn.



WINTER'S ICY FINGERS—Beautiful, silvery icicles hang from lamp in left foreground during "White Christmas" holidays on campus. (Don Daniel Photo)

Organist Relocates After House Burns

The home of Mrs. Josephine Bunch, part-time instructor of organ, was extensively damaged by fire Jan. 10.

The morning blaze broke out in the garage of the nine-room brick residence on Monticello Drive while Mrs. Bunch's husband, Robert, and a plumber were trying to thaw frozen water pipes. Mrs. Bunch was not at home at the time.

Three rural fire departments responded to the call, but flames spread quickly into the attic and much of the roof over the garage collapsed.

Stored belongings in the attic and garage were destroyed, while other personal possessions were damaged by smoke.

Mr. and Mrs. Bunch and their two sons are temporarily relocated in a rented house on Taylorsville Rd.

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Sophomore Mike Frick, Student Christian Assn. president, attended the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta Dec. 28-31 as representative of his home church in Albemarle.

The "Orange" provided music for a Circle "K" Club dance Jan. 8 in the Student Union. The group is composed of students from Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem. The Circle "K" also sponsored a visit on campus Jan. 12 of the Red Cross Bloodmobile, which collected 83 pints of blood from the college and the community.

Mitchell's art students presented an art show in the college library during exam week, Jan. 16-21. The show consisted of selected works of Mrs. Marie Holman's students in her three classes of basic art and painting.



PLAYING SANTA CLAUS—Sophomore Howard Greenwood was truly the man of the hour last Dec. 13 when the Circle "K" Club sponsored a Christmas party in the Student Union for approximately 30 underprivileged children from Ruthie's Day Care Center. Santa distributed toys to the children and wished them "Merry Christmas." Club members treated the youngsters to refreshments. (Charles Cann Photo)

