

## 'Indians' Cast Gives Polished Performance

BY TAMMY MITCHELL

A tense drama of human guilt and homicide became a showcase for budding dramatic talent April 10 and 12 when 11 Mitchell College students presented Agatha Christie's "Ten Little Indians."

Lighting and sound personnel excelled during the second act when a thunderstorm added to the tension and suspense of the continuing murders. During the final performance, the weather outside perfectly fit the mood of the three-act mystery being acted inside on the stage of Rotary Memorial Auditorium. Real thunder and lightning, in addition to hail intermingled with rain, was challenged in effectiveness by special effects created by James Spencer and Mike Frick.

The polished and—on the whole—professional appearing actors held the audience's attention from the beginning. The casting by Director Sharyn Russell was excellent, and everyone seemed to enjoy his part.

Assistant Director "O. B." O'Briant—taking the role of the psychopathic judge, Sir Lawrence Wargrave—gave a moving and realistic performance. His acting was the real spark in the play.

### Perfect Characterization

Adding a brilliant portrayal of Miss Emily Brent, a fanatically religious but evil spinster, was Betty Sutton. Miss Sutton's characterization was perfect down to the finest details of walk and dress.

On the other hand, Joanne Brigham's mediocre soap opera acting of Vera Claythorne was exceeded only by her overzealous attention to her hair and clothes. One of her lines—"Oh, how ghastly!"—sums up her performance.

The untimely death of Mrs. Rogers (Julie Storie) left her husband, played by Joey Smith, a shattered and bereaved man.

Charles Cann executed an outstanding transition from a South African millionaire to William Blore, the detective determined to ferret out the killer.

Gary Sweet was convincing as the hard-driving lush, Anthony Marston; and David Clark obviously enjoyed his role as the playboy-adventurer, Philip Lombard.

Each character having been accused of murder by the recorded voice of an unseen person, guilt and fear prey upon his nerves as much as the presence of the killer does.

The scene of the play was the living room of a house on Indian Island off the coast of Devon, England, in August.



**THEN THERE WERE 3**—The last of the "Ten Little Indians" keep close watch on one another as they await their fates at the hands of an unknown killer. Pictured (L-R) are Charles Cann, David Clark and Joanne Brigham. (Photo by Young)



**TOP MAN** — Sophomore Bennie Burke heads the Mitchell College chapter of Youth Association for Retarded Children. (Hilda Haithcock Photo)

### NEWS BRIEF

The Reverend Mr. Clay H. Turner, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, spoke to Mr. Steve Herman's sociology class April 17. Mr. Turner's topic was the relevance of religion in modern American society.

## YEARBOOKS ARRIVE EARLY

Copies of the 1970 edition of "The Circle," Mitchell's annual publication, were distributed April 23.

Selected by the Davidson College basketball team, Carmen Susan McLean is the winner of the title, "Miss Circle 1970." The beauty queen was sponsored by the choir.

First runner-up is Jeanne Musgrove, sponsored by the Canterbury Club. Hilda Haithcock, who was nominated by Sigma Pi Alpha, is the second runner-up.

Included in "Who's Who at Mitchell College" are Deborah Morrison, Cynthia Douglas, Juanita Howard, Charles Cann, Bennie Burke, Bill Long, Janet Schmidt, Julie Storie, Doug Sides and Willi Wokatsch.

### MOST OUTSTANDING



**HONORED**—Selected by the faculty as the "Most Outstanding" students and featured in the 1970 edition of "The Circle," college yearbook, are sophomores Kathy Munday (left) and Mike Frick.

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### CIRCLE 'K' CLUB SWEETHEART



**JOANNE BRIGHAM**  
(Steve Calloway Photo)

### NEWS BRIEF

Roger Rumble, former editor of *Campus Comments*, will exhibit his paintings in acrylics at the Canterbury Shop during May. He will also enter the Spring Art Contest to be held the first week of May.



**IT'S THIS WAY**—Dr. Harry Black Beverly, Jr., Religious Emphasis Week guest speaker, tells it "like it is" to freshman David Roberts during a reception for the minister in the Student Union April 6. (Photo by Young)



**HONORED AT ASSEMBLY**—Sixteen students were invited to join the Nu Tau chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, national junior college honorary scholastic fraternity, during tapping ceremonies March 17 in Shearer Music Hall. Seated (L-R) are Donna Ostwalt, Yuko Ogushi, Diane Moser, Juanita Howard, Faye Grose and Becky Lineberry. Standing, from left, are Janet Robertson, Mrs. Armelia Holland, Barbara Beatty, Kenny Brendle, Dennis Rogers, Susan Corbett, Bill Long, Cherylene Hill, Jo Ann Isehour and Beverly Smith. (Photo by Young)

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