

Campus Capers



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Last week with its constant changes of the climatic conditions of the Easter Holiday was spring break here at Smith. For many Smith students it was a time for vacationing, fun and games, and for others a continuation period of work and studies. But for the members of the JCSU University Choir it was an engrossed time of travel and concerts.

The 45-member JCSU University Choir, under the guidance of Music Director Christopher W. Kemp, expedited during the spring break for their annual spring tour which eventuated March 18 - 23. This tour with its many concerts was made possible through the various offices of the JCSU's Alumni chapters.

This group with its formation of melodic voices of sheer elegance and pulchritude intricated their audiences as they performed concerts consisting of both secular and sacred, and then all sacred selections.

Leaving the campus on Friday, March 17, the University Choir made their first stop in Richmond, Va. where they rendered selections at the First United Presbyterian Church.

Then traveling farther north and terminating for a two-day visit the choir performed in Washington, D.C. Their Sunday, March 19th performance was held at the Northeastern Presbyterian Church. Then on

Monday, March 20th they were engaged with their concerts at the Woodson Senior High School, the Martin Luther King Jr. Library and an evening presentation at the Rudolph Elem. School.

On Tuesday, March 21 their beautiful voices were heard even farther north as they made a presentation at the Durham AME Zion Church in Bay Shore, N.Y.

Their New York visit continued until Wednesday, March 22 as the choir held concerts at the King-Straight Path School in Wyandanch, the Wyandanch High School in Wyandanch and the Bethel AME Zion Church in Freeport.

The choir received a perpetuation of standing ovations from all concerts rendered. Accompanying the choir were faculty advisor Odessa Roseborough, the Instrumental Ensemble and accompanists Karen Washington and Beverly Jackson.

The University Choir will continue its spring tour as it will make appearances in Sanford, N.C. on Sunday, April 16 and in Shelby, N.C. on Sunday, April 30. It will perform in joint concert with Queens College, Davidson College and UNC-Charlotte at the Myers Park Baptist Church here in Charlotte the first part of May, and will present their spring concert on Sunday, May 7 at the University Church on the JCSU campus.

Benny Goodman To Appear On

WBTB Musical Variety Special

Mitzi Gaynor, with the help of guest stars Benny Goodman, Gavin McLeod and John McCook, explores a wide range of contemporary trends in the aptly titled "Mitzi... What's Hot, What's Not," an hour-long musical-variety special to be broadcast on Thursday, April 6, at 9 p.m. on WBTB, Channel 3.

Benny Goodman, the legendary "King of Swing," joins Miss Gaynor in tracing the evolution of the discotheque, one of the "hot" items on the contemporary scene. Then, the famed clarinetist, who brought jazz to New York's Carnegie Hall 40 years ago

and helped make that musical form popular in this country and throughout the world, joins his septet, including renowned trumpet player Jack Sheldon (who appeared on the network in his own series "Run Buddy Run") in a musical standard of that time.

Gavin McLeod who appeared as newswriter Murray Slaughter on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" and who is now the star of the television series "Love Boat," assists Miss Gaynor in a words-and-music exploration of what's "hot" among the different age groups in our society today.

And in a comedy vein, John McCook, star of the Network

daytime series "The Young and the Restless," will be Miss Gaynor's very own special consultant in a musical appraisal of television soap operas.

Featured dance numbers for Miss Gaynor include a tribute to the ever-changing world of fashion, a history of the dance, and a highlight of the touring treasures of King Tut.

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