



What Goes On Here?

The Carolina Playmakers, in their upcoming production of G. B. Shaw's "Androcles and the Lion," present some antics between the lion and Caesar, with Androcles looking on. Left to right they are John Sneed of Tenafly, N. J., Dick Newdick of Augusta, Me., and David Small of Morehead City. The play will be given here Wednesday through Sunday in the Playmakers' Theater.

## UNC Superior Freshman Program Termed Successful By Officials

What success has been achieved in the University's novel program for specially gifted freshmen?

Now in its third year, the program includes 25 unusually talented first-year students who are enrolled in a unique curriculum of high scholastic standards to match their abilities as superior students, according to University officials.

The program is considered one endeavor to answer the pressing national educational dilemma: what can be done to give students of special talents the advantages of a small liberal arts college and at the same time furnish the opportunities that a large university can afford?

One sidlight achievement noted is that more students of superior abilities appear to be entering UNC each year. In a report to the UNC faculty it was stated, "It is gratifying to note that the number of such excellent students in entering classes seems to be increasing from year to year."

The University also announced

changes in the program based on an analysis of the experience of the program during the first two years.

### TESTED SCHOLARS

Selected on a basis of superior aptitude and achievement, as determined by tests and by recommendations from their high school principals, 25 freshmen each year are given extraordinary attention—befitting the talents of better students.

The 25 freshmen are taught in a group in three principal subjects during the first year: English, mathematics, and social sciences. The program will be continued into the sophomore year, beginning with the present class—to the extent that the 25 will take a course in philosophy and a special course in history.

Main aspects of the program are:

1. The 25 freshmen are taught in a group in three main disciplines.
2. Specially selected faculty

members teach the group.

3. The 25 students "learn more" in a given period of time than the average class; they take on more assignments and cover more ground; therefore, they advance faster.

4. The instructors consult with one another to provide an integrated oneness in the several subjects taught.

Although the three chief subjects are English, mathematics, and social sciences, students may substitute Greek or Latin for mathematics.

The 1956-57 class is taught by Prof. Edward A. Cameron of the Mathematics Department, who is chairman of the University's committee on Provisions for Superior Students; Kenan Professor Richmond P. Bond of the English Department; and Assistant Professor George V. Taylor of the History Department.

In addition to the basic courses in which the 25 are kept together, the students also are enrolled in certain classes with other students. Besides this, ten of the students are together in a special class in chemistry for top-ranking students, taught by Professor E. C. Markham.

Among attainments of the two preceding classes have been "enlargement of the intellectual horizon" and maintenance of high morale, it was stated in a report to the faculty.

One professor told of his experience with the special group and compared it with average classes. He said, "Having taught the freshman course in social science for the past four years, I am convinced that these students gain enormously from the ability to proceed at their own rate of speed, to enter into topics more intricate than those ordinarily covered in the course, and to stimulate the interest of one another by questions and challenges to throw out at a higher level of sophistication."

### INTEGRATED

As an example of integration of subjects, the students may be studying the Renaissance period in history at the same time they study Shakespeare in English. They may also learn of the usefulness of calculus and trigonometry in the development of industrial society, thus combining mathematics and social science.

Another phase of the program consists of out-of-class social occasions for the students and faculty.

The 25 students of this year were chosen from a list of nearly 100 entering freshmen. They were top students in their high school classes. They were given three tests: the ACE Psychological Examination which tests general aptitude, the Cooperative English Test, and the Cooperative Algebra Test.

### 21 TAR HEELS

Twenty-one of this year's group are from North Carolina. The other four freshmen are from Louisiana, Massachusetts, Tennessee, and Virginia. Sixteen of the group are graduates of high schools in

## UNC Nursing Students Present Highlights Of Four-Year Course Leading To BS Degree

By RAY LINKER

Except for one small blunder, the show presented by WUNC-TV Friday night on the highlights of the School of Nursing was much of a success.

True, most of the people in the presentation were amateurs and acted accordingly, but they got their point across. And one could tell that a lot of time was put into the planning of the hour-long show.

The show presented the outstanding things that student nurses do while they are here taking the four-year course leading to the degree of bachelor of science in Nursing. A view of the graduate programs in nursing was also described.

Describing the typical life of a student nurse, scenes in the operating room, in a patient's room, in a nursery, and in other hospital and related places were shown.

The presentation showed that a lot of work went into the writing of the script, which was prepared by nursing students, members of the nursing staff, and radio and television people. Mrs. Eloise R. Lewis, associate professor in surgical nursing, wrote most of the script, with Hugh Downing making revisions and giving assistance on the technical side and the nursing students advising where possible.

The cameraman was off a little from time to time. In fact the one blunder mentioned above was the fault of the cameraman. The camera was focused on the back of a patient who was supposed to be getting a back rub from a student nurse. From the front the scene was perfect, but when the

camera moved in close and around to the back, it could be seen that the patient's back was clothed and that the nurse's hands were a few inches from the back. It would have been a good shot if the actors had been prepared for it, but the cameraman goofed, or just wasn't thinking.

Besides Mrs. Lewis, Dr. S. B. Alexander, assistant administrator in the division of Health Affairs,

and other professional health people, took an active part in making the show worthwhile. Dr. Alexander narrated the second half of the program, which concerned the graduate programs leading to the degree of master of science in service administration and teaching in psychiatric nursing.

Student nurses taking part in

the program included Misses Patricia Kline, Frances Brandl, Jean London, Mary Ann Keater, Shirley Guenther, Ann Page, Sara Usher, Anne Haney, Rachael Humphries, Sarah Boeey, and Martha Lentz and Mrs. Barbara Self, Mrs. Mary Hobbs Valentine and Mrs. Margaret Kistler.

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### Newspaperman To Talk To Press Club Monday

Charlotte newspaperman Kays Gary will be guest speaker Monday night before the Press Club. The club, composed mainly of journalism majors, will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Dr. Norval Neil Luxon, dean of the School of Journalism. Charlie Johnson, a senior from Lenoir, is club president.

Gary, who received his A. B. in Journalism from UNC in 1942, is now feature writer and columnist for The Charlotte Observer. Last year he won the Ernie Pyle Award given by the Scripps-Howard-Ernie Pyle Memorial Fund, for his feature stories.

### Biostatistics Head Going to French Confab

Dr. Bernard G. Greenberg, professor and head of the Department of Biostatistics of the University School of Public Health, will attend a conference at Sevres, France Nov. 12-23.

The workshop and conference is on planning research in nursing at the International Center of Scholarly Studies.

The conference is sponsored by the Florence Nightingale International Foundation and the International Council of Nurses, which is affiliated with the World Health Organization of the United Nations.

The three-member faculty of the conference is composed of Dr. Greenberg; Dr. Fraser Brockington, England; and Mme. A. Levy-Schoen of France.

### Musical Tonight

Willis Stevens, pianist, will be presented in GMAB's third program of Les Petites Musicales at 8 p.m. today in the main lounge of Graham Memorial.

Stevens, instructor of music at Salem College, will interpret selections by Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, and Schumann.

There is no admission charge for the program, and students and townspeople have been invited to attend.

this state. Preparatory schools produced seven of them. Two were graduated from out-of-state high schools.

Of the 25 students, nine of them are Morehead Scholars, and two are National Merit Scholars. One of them is a Brooks Scholar.

It has been a practice to invite new faculty members to participate in the program each year. Professor Cameron is the only one who has remained with it from the beginning in 1954. Other faculty members who have taken part, in addition to those already named, are Kenan Professor of Philosophy Everett W. Hall, Associate Professor of History and Social Sciences James E. King, Kenan Professor of English William S. Wells, and Assistant Professor of English Peter G. Phialas.

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