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## Dean Asks For Co-Operation

On Tuesday, January 19 at 6:45, the Rocky Mount Chamber of Commerce will hold a banquet in the N. C. Wesleyan cafeteria. This banquet will consist of approximately 400 persons who will be eating by candlelight with tablecloths.

Dean of Students Allen Cordts has asked that all students be understanding and help in any way possible during the banquet. Students will be served between the hours of 4:30 and 5:30 and may be seated in the north end of the cafeteria, the snack bar and the faculty lounge.

Ed Gunter, President of the Senate asked that the cafeteria serve a regular meal on Sunday evening rather than the usual picnic supper since the students will receive this type of meal on Tuesday night. Flyers will be placed in student mailboxes on Monday in order to remind the students of these plans and to solicit their help and understanding.

# Ousting Of Profs Protested; Students Rally In Defense

By JULIE ROBINSON

Student interest and indignation was aroused this week as students learned of the administration's decision not to renew the contracts of two Humanities instructors. Mrs. Ruth Smith of the English Department, and Mrs. Jean Mann of the French Department have been employed at Wesleyan for the past three years, but were informed prior to the Christmas break that they would not be rehired for the next year. Administrative officials cited as reason the drop in enrollment and the financial crisis. Many humanities majors wrote letters protesting the dismissal to Division Chairman Dr. Jack Teagarden, asking that

something be done to insure the positions of Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Mann. Dr. Teagarden responded to the letters saying that funds were not available to offer the teachers contracts for 1971-72, but should enrollment rise sharply or should funds become available, that he would join with students in urging the issue of contracts to them.

Doug Kozlowski, a senior of South Hall, presented the issue to the Senate Monday night and secured the Senate's endorsement of a petition which has since been signed by a large number of students. The petition stated that the dismissal of the two instructors would lower the academic standards of Wesleyan College, and suggest-

ed that the administration reconsider the issue.

At this writing, the students planned to present the petition and the justification for their concern to President Collins on Friday or Monday.

Student concern was based primarily on the belief that the ousting of those two particular instructors would result in academic crisis within the two departments. For example, without Mrs. Mann, the French Department will have only one full-time instructor, Mr. Price. Mr. Sturgil of the Spanish Department will teach both French and Spanish, leaving both departments with only one and one-half professors.

The English Department,

which is one of the largest in the school, now included five members. The administration cited this as a reason for choosing to eliminate a member of that department. Much support for the renewal of Mrs. Smith's contract came from junior and senior English majors, who had studied under her in English 11 and 12.

Students began to speculate when the administration failed to give any more explicit reasons that financial and enrollment for choosing Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Mann.

Many felt their departments were seriously jeopardized by the possibility of this loss, and questioned the reasoning (Continued on Page 4)



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## IFC Finishes Rush, Bids Are Now Out

The brotherhoods of Alpha Delta Chi and Nu Gamma Phi along with the Pi Epsilon sisterhood completed Rush Week and are beginning their respective pledge periods beginning tomorrow. During the Rush periods each fraternity and the sorority held numerous parties designed to establish fellowship with the prospective pledges. The rushees were shown the respective lounges, greeted by the brothers and sisters, and shown what the social aspects of the Inter-Fraternity Council.

Rush Period was concluded on January 15 and today bids have been sent out to the various rushees inviting them to associate themselves with the organization that they may choose. During the period after the bids go out and before

the bids are turned in, no brother or sister may discuss the matter of membership with a rushee. This period is known as the "silent period". Mr. Lowenthal's office serves as the Inter-Fraternity Council's headquarters for acceptance of the bids. These bids must be returned to Mr. Lowenthal by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19.

Bennett Connley is currently serving as the pledgemaster for Alpha Delta Chi. In discussing the matter of pledge period, he stated that his brotherhood planned exchanges with the Alpha Delta Chi brotherhood in Frostburg, Md., and a special service project for the school. He stated that he hoped that the pledges would help to improve (Continued On Page 4)

## Blood Drive Announced

The Wesleyan Activists, a campus male honorary society, recently announced plans to sponsor the Tidewater Bloodmobile at Wesleyan. Working with the Tidewater Regional Red Cross and the college public relation's bureau, the Activists will bring the bloodmobile to the campus on Wednes-

day, March 10. Bill Brantley president of the society, has set the necessary goal of 155 pints to be obtained through student donations. All members of the college community are urged to contribute.

Wesleyan has been entered into competition with other colleges throughout the Tidewater

region. An award will be given to the college which has the highest percentage of student donors. Miss Homes, of the public relation's office, commented, "Due to our tightly-knit college community and the fact that the award is granted on a percentage basis, I feel that Wesleyan has a fine chance of being the winner."

The Activists will grant an award to the campus organization which responds with the highest percentage of donors. Ample facilities will be provided for students to "sign-up" and either pledge (21 years and over) or indicate a willingness to donate (under 21). In the latter case, parental consent forms will be mailed out by the college. Most students will be contacted either by means of dormitory meetings or through various school organizations.

## Maid's House Burns Student Aid Planned

By ED TRIPP

There are people on Wesleyan's campus whose work is often overlooked. People such as grounds keepers, janitors and maids all make daily life a little more pleasant, yet we rarely have the opportunity to show our gratitude. One such person, known to all as Emma, works as a maid in Nash Hall. Emma's house recently burned to the ground, leaving her with only the clothes she was wearing.

Last Monday Nash Hall held a dorm council meeting where plans were made for a relief fund. It was decided that Nash Hall should give Emma \$50 from the dorm fund. North Hall voted to donate \$25. A collection was made outside the cafeteria on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and the Junior class is sponsoring a contest whose proceeds will go to Emma. However, the job is not finished. Food, clothing and furniture are still needed. For those wishing to contribute clothing, Emma's dress size is 18 and her shoe size is 9b.

If you feel the need to show your appreciation, or if you just feel like helping you may contact one of the following people: Barbara Huges, Diane Lawler, June Hawes, Nina Clements, Ann Simpson, Tricia Nickins or Pamela Walton.



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