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Wesleyan welcomes 4 New Staff Members

Davis joins CJ department

Take a hometown Georgia boy from a large university situation, and suddenly place him in a small college like Wesleyan and what have you got? Sounds like a mystery novel, but, alas, this is a true story. The one of Dr. Duane Davis, the new Criminal Justice professor here at N.C.W.C.

Davis received his B.A. in Sociology and Psychology from West Georgia College in August 1969. He went on in June 1973 to obtain his M.Ed. from the University of Georgia in Rehabilitation Counseling, and his Ph.D. in August 1980 in Criminal Justice Teaching from the University of Southern Mississippi.

During his attendance at graduate school, from September 1974 until his coming to Wesleyan, Davis was Assistant Professor of Sociology and Criminal Justice at his former alma mater, West

Georgia College. Before this, Davis was employed by a Maximum Security prison where he was promoted four times during his five years of employment there, a task rarely, if ever duplicated.

Davis came to Wesleyan, because as he put it, "I view North Carolina as a more professional state where I see competency for my growth and future." Thus far, Davis is pleased with his move to Wesleyan. "I really love it here a great deal," said Davis, "The students and faculty are most friendly and enjoying."

As for Davis' classroom philosophy, he feels the textbook should be used to properly integrate reality into the discussion. "I try to encourage students to become scholars, by subjecting them to my own personal experiences, therefore creating a broader understanding," stated

Davis. "I am a true believer in learning by one's own experiences," he added.

Davis went on to say that the Criminal Justice department is now working on the possibility of a graduate program at Wesleyan, one that he believes will be the envy of even the larger universities in the country.

One of the most interesting things about Dr. Davis is his association with the Institute of Anglo-American Studies, of which he is assistant director. The Institute sponsors a six-week summer term at the University of London where students from several areas, including English, economics, philosophy, sociology, library science, political science, history, and criminal justice spend the summer studying with some of the world's most distinguished speakers and professors. Six hours of credit in the particular area of study are earned for the student's efforts.

On the more personal side, Dr. Davis plans on being married on September 26, and then residing with his new wife in nearby Springhorg. However, one thing that impressed Davis the most about Wesleyan, was the communication system. Davis was referring to the fact that despite such a short time here, almost everyone is aware of his interests in Datsun 280 Z's -- he drives a black one -- and in stereo equipment. "I've worked in prison's where communication is a major issue, but nothing I've seen surpasses that of the Wesleyan grapevine!" Welcome to Wesleyan Dr. Davis!



Duane Davis

Wilson joins Music department

The Music department has a new faculty member to replace Noel Lovelace who has taken a position at Appalachian State University in Boone. Replacing Lovelace is Steven Wilson who has been working on his doctorate at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana.

He received both BA and Masters degrees from the University of California at Santa Barbara in voice and conducting.

Wilson is anxious to begin enlarging the Wesleyan Singers chorus. He would like very much to see all factions of the Wesleyan community participating in the chorus. He sees the possibility of the chorus being used as a

recruiting instrument as it visits areas outside the Rocky Mount community.

Plans are already in motion to join with the Rocky Mount Community Chorus in a production to be presented some time next semester.

Wilson is an avid softball and baseball enthusiast and enjoys all types of sports. He has also found time in his busy schedule to become engaged and will be married soon.

The music department would like to let students know that they can still add chorus to their schedules. Singers are needed and any one interested in singing should contact Mr. Wilson.

Minnerly joins Theatre department

The new instructor in the Theatre Department is Douglas Minnerly. He comes to Wesleyan directly from the University of Virginia where he has just recently received his MFA (Master of Fine Arts) degree. He graduated in 1975 from the College of William and Mary with a BA degree in Theatre.

This is Minnerly's first teaching position and he has some definite teaching goals set for himself and the theatre department. Minnerly specialized in the technical aspects of theatre.

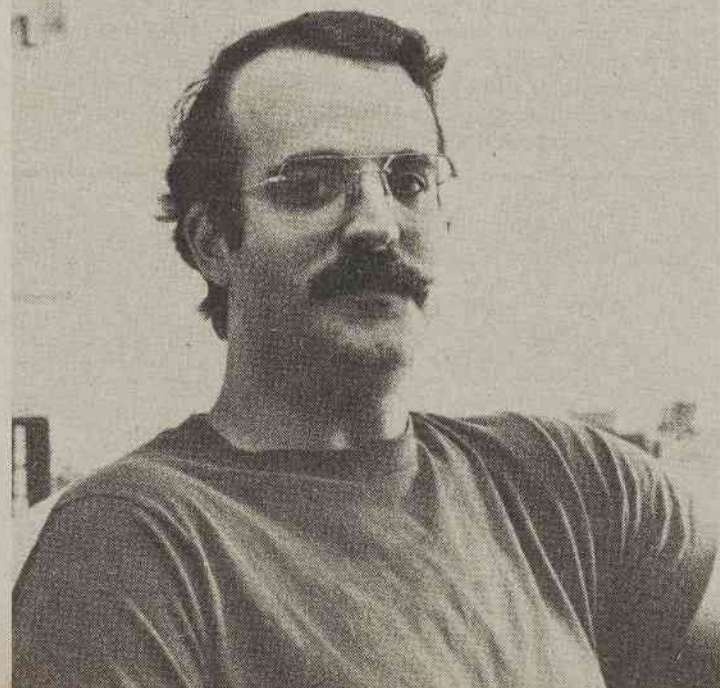
Some of his plans for Coltrane Theatre include redecorating the theatre facility and making the college community more aware of what goes into the production of a play. He feels that if the college community gains knowledge of the work and training involved in a play production, then they will be more appreciative of the contribu-

tion the theatre makes to campus life.

Minnerly hopes that the department will be able to draw not only from the many talented people within the theatre department itself, but to draw from all segments of the college and local communities. It is a common goal for all of those in the theatre department to generate a real interest in the theatre rather than students going to a production only to fulfill a convocation requirement.

Minnerly's wife, Susan, also has her MFA in theatre and directing and is playing the lead in the upcoming Tank Theatre production.

The Minnerlys have a brand new addition to their family--an Irish Setter puppy named Hibernia.



Douglas Minnerly

Cellucci joins Psychology department

"During your four years of undergraduate work, get a breath education. Get into every department and have a versatile background." This is the advice given by Anthony "Tony" Cellucci, chairman of Wesleyan's Psychology department.

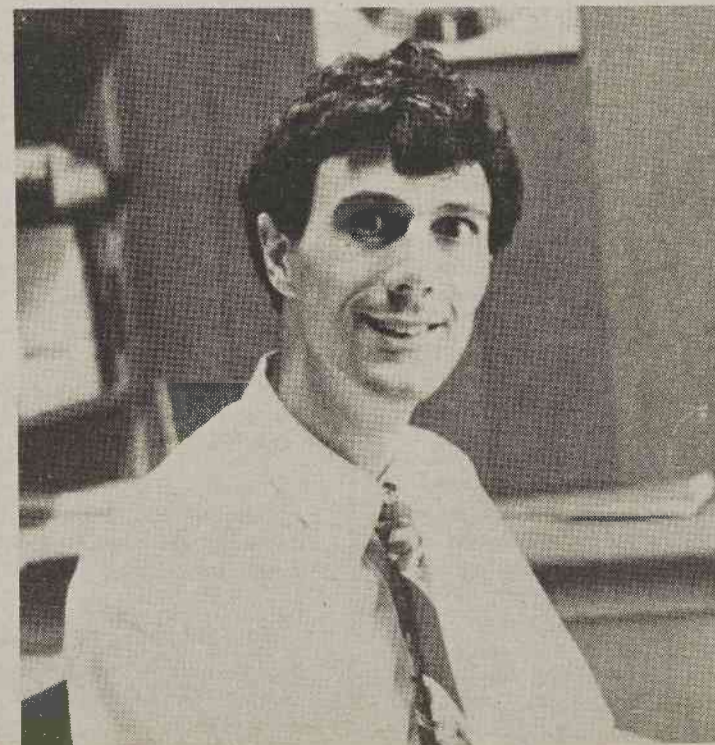
Cellucci came to Wesleyan looking for a challenge in a small friendly atmosphere. Previously, he was an associate professor in The New School for Social Research in New York City.

He grew up in Westmont, New Jersey. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Rutgers. He got his Masters Degree in Behavioral Therapy from Southern Illinois, and later went on to earn a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from UNC-G.

Cellucci is married, and he and his wife are currently living in Nashville, N.C.

His major goal for the psychology department is to be scholarly. His teaching reflects us-

ing practical approaches to gain scholarly knowledge.



Tony Cellucci