



SITE OF INTRUSION — WTVD Reporter Denise James speaks with a host of NC-WC students outside Edgewood Hall, where the Peeping Tom was first seen on campus. (Photo by Johnny Francis.)

## Rules against drinking enforced

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Pop, fizz, gulp-gulp-gulp, one more down the hatch. It's the weekend once more and there's nothing to do except sit around with some friends, (the one's that are still here). Of course, "Miami Vice" comes on, but what else is there to do but have a party.

At the beginning of the year it was a lot easier to get away with drinking, even though as of Sept. 1 the age went up to 21 for any alcoholic beverages. Although the age went up, underaged students were still able to drink.

This is no longer the case. Forget secondary cups, drinking in your rooms, and having bon-fires with alcohol, forget it all because it is now prohibited. This is all stated in the handbook, but is being now

enforced as a result of recent incidents which occurred on campus. Bathrooms being torn up, screens being ripped, and overall destruction of the residence halls were the incidents of vandalism which led to the new, stricter, enforcement of the college policies.

According to Dr. Carleton McKita, Dean of Student Life, alcoholic beverages to underaged students on campus are prohibited. McKita feels that "Student Life always walks on a narrow ledge and it's up to the students to be responsible to handle freedom, when they don't the other side of the ledge has to set up regulations and to make decisions."

"In the months of September thru October, there was a total of 19 code of conduct violations in which the majority had been related to the abuse

of alcohol," says McKita. Also, in the first 11 days of November there were 17 code of conduct violations serious enough to reach McKita's office.

McKita also feels "it is the only way to control the students since we are held liable for any lawsuits pertaining to the school."

On the other hand, McKita knows "there aren't many places to go in Rocky Mount and this is part of the problem with on campus drinking."

Pam Wooten, RA at North Hall on the third floor, says, "If you're basically quiet and stay in your rooms we won't invade your privacy, but when you have no consideration for others and are unruly, we have the power to write you up." Wooten added that, "we will enforce both the rules that McKita stated and what the student handbook says."

A sophomore at Wesleyan, who wished to remain anonymous thinks that "there is absolutely nothing to do on the weekends and an occasional beer with some friends seems to be no harm, so why are we being treated like little kids, when they should be looking for the real troublemakers. This will only make us rebel more than we already do? The new enforced so-called rule is not going to stop us from drinking and having fun when we're not doing anything to bother any else."

## Security tightened

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initially (from parents)" following coverage of the story by Channel 11, Channel 9 and the Raleigh *News and Observer*. He has sent a letter to the parents of all female residents which explains the actions the college has taken and is taking to apprehend the suspect.

McKita said the Nash County Sheriff's Office believes that the peeper is a Rocky Mount resident, but the eyewitnesses have not been able to pick the individual out of a police lineup.

Prior to the incident on the evening of the 19th, the women on the second floor of North Dormitory sighted the peeper in their dorm on Nov. 10. Sharon Ward, a student, described the intruder as a white male with blond hair, wearing blue sweat-pants and an undistinguished shirt.

"I thought he was someone's boyfriend or brother," said Ward. I told him he wasn't supposed to be on the hall that early. He just shrugged his shoulders and said, 'Oh,' and headed down the stairs."

A few minutes later at 7:25 a.m., residents were alarmed by screams coming from the area. "I thought of him as soon as I heard them scream," said Ward. "I ran to see if the girls were okay. Karyn Parker and I heard him running down the steps. We followed him in order to try to identify his car. He drove away in a gold Toyota Tercel hatchback. It was either an '82 or '83 model."

Another student, Sheila Schonenberger, was one of the young women who was frightened by the intruder when he opened her shower curtain.

"I heard Melanie give a yell in the shower next to me, but I thought it was because of the cold water," said Ms. Schonenberger. "The next thing I heard was my shower curtain being pulled back and there he was exposing himself. I grabbed the curtain and started screaming; that's when he ran away." Schonenberger said she had also seen the intruder peeping around the corner of the hallway before she entered the shower.

"Some residents are too willing to trust people," said resident assistant Kim Huskins. "They just assumed that it was acceptable for him to be here, and there is no reason for that assumption. That really upsets me," she said. "No male relatives are

allowed to stay in the girls' dorms, so it would have had to have been a student, or as in his case, an outsider. They should have let me or another R.A. know of his presence as soon as they saw him."

Ms. Huskins said "many of the girls are having friends act as look-outs in the hallway when they are showering, and they are generally being more cautious in an attempt to avoid further incidents."

Rohan Naraine, Director of Security, refused to comment on any questions regarding this incident or its investigation.

McKita noted, "The major thing being done to heighten security is to keep the doors locked until 9:30 a.m. We are working very closely with the Nash County Sheriff's Department and the Rocky Mount Police Department. Through the descriptions given to us by the girls and the work of the security department, we have vehicle identification and the names of two suspects — neither has any relationship to the college. The dorms are under surveillance, and our best hope is that he will come back and try to enter another dorm. Then we will catch him."

The ability of campus security to catch the intruder upon his return was questioned by the students because of the slow response time of campus security during the first incident. McKita's response to this concern was, "I don't have any knowledge of that. One consequence of increased enrollment is that we don't know each other as well as we used to therefore, we should question the presence of any stranger."

## Salary scale adopted

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next year we can begin to address proper recognition for seniority," Fritz said.

Only the faculty has an established minimum pay scale. It is not certain if the administration will be getting a salary scale. However, Dr. Fritz stated, "The Board of Trustees approved funds for a cost of living adjustment."

Acting President Fritz added, "We are very pleased by the action of the Board of Trustees, and I think what our salaries at Wesleyan remain most, I believe this is an important step."

## Special Library Hours Dec. 5 — Jan. 13

DATE	HOURS
Dec. 5	8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Dec. 6	2-5 p.m.
Dec. 7	2:30-10 p.m.
Dec. 8-11	8:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m.
Dec. 12	8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Dec. 13	2-10:30 p.m.
Dec. 14	2:30-10:30 p.m.
Dec. 15-18	8:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m.
Dec. 19	8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Dec. 20-21	CLOSED
Dec. 22-23	9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Dec. 24-Jan. 4	CLOSED
Jan. 5-9	9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Jan. 10-11	CLOSED
Jan. 12	9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Jan. 13	Regular Schedule Commences

## Activities planned for spring semester

Jan. 17	Welcome Back Dance (Video Dance and Light Show) after UNC-G men's basketball game
Jan. 31	Wesleyan Winter Ball — Carlton House (semi-formal to formal dinner dance)
Feb. 6-8	Skiing Trip
Feb. 14	Valentine's Dance
Feb. 27	Rocky Horror Picture Show — Cafe
Mar. 6-15	Midterm Break — Student Trip Over Spring Break
Mar. 16	St. Patty's Day Party
April 3-5	White Water Rafting Trip
April 6-11	Spring Fling — Airband Contest, Pig Pickin', Dance, Mudfest
April 24	Jim Barber, ventriloquist and comedian