

# Crime rate showing increase on campus

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any thefts. "It would help us develop patterns of behavior and possibly recover property," she said. She said there has been a noted increase in vandalism but a minor increase of larceny during this semester.

Sophomore Robert Dean, who lives in North, reported that \$50 and a tennis racquet were taken from his room on April 15 between 11 p.m. and midnight. "It bites and hurts to see a lack of sense of community among students at Wesleyan," said Dean.

Another case of theft was reported on April 15, but Security was successful in recovering what was being stolen. In the morning around 3-4 a.m. a stranger was seen walking around the parking lot. He walked aimlessly for some time and when security officers

started approaching him he fled in a car. The security found property belonging to a student around the place where the man was walking. It was returned to the student.

Pittman said that toward the end of the school year students need to be especially careful since there are increases in vandalism and larceny. Books are an easy target, she said, advising students to mark their books and be more conscious of their belongings.

Students should lock their rooms every time they leave, even if it is just for a few minutes, and make sure they don't give their keys and I.D. to anyone, especially people who don't live on campus, she advised.

She also encouraged students to develop a sense of community and look out for each other's belongings. Exams are no excuse to be careless, she said.

"Don't keep your cash in your room. You can open an account with Pat McKenzie in the Cashier's office," she recommended. "Work together for a safe campus. The security will do its best in case of any event of larceny and theft, however we expect the students to cooperate with us by acting like mature men and ladies."

## Students attend NCAE conference

By AMY SEATE

Several students from North Carolina Wesleyan's student chapter of the North Carolina Association of Educators attended the annual Spring Student NCAE Conference in Raleigh April 12-13.

Students attending along with Mrs. Janice Fleming were Amy Seate, president; Brian Hendricks, vice president; Sharron Skipper; Kelly Best; Cristy Wood; and Jacquie Banks.

The conference provides the students with the opportunity to meet with other education majors from across the state and discuss various educational issues.

During the conference, the 1991-92 state officers were elected. The new president is Brian Kirby from Appalachian State University.

Speakers presenting at the conference were Betty Saylor, coordinator of the National Education Association Student Program, and Jonathan Sher, director of R.E.A.L. Enterprises.

Mrs. Saylor spoke on the history and importance of NEA and Student NEA. Dr. Sher spoke on the importance of educators not developing stereotypes and accepting each student as an individual.

"The conference was an enjoyable learning experience for all those in attendance," one participant said.

## BB/BS helps form group on campus

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semester. The time spent together will be a mixture of fun and learning, time on and off school property, and group and individual activities. The matches will work to reduce the risk of social and school failure for selected students in area schools by providing cultural enrichment and social skills.

The college held an orientation rally on April 11 in Russell Chapel. A large group of interested students saw a video, heard from some of the children in the program, and met the Advisory Committee working with Big Brothers/Big Sisters executive director Al Holley.

The Advisory Committee includes Julie Koenecke, chairperson; Mike Bavier, secretary/treasurer; Jerry Joplin, College advisor; Mary Odom, Baskerville Elementary School counselor; Linda Kelder, Big Brothers/Big Sisters board member; and Kirk Odom, College chaplain.



DR. NAVANGUL'S CLASS VISITS ROANOKE RAPIDS HYDROELECTRIC POWER PLANT

## Class visits hydroelectric plant

By CHRISTY SKOJEC

North Carolina Wesleyan College students in Dr. Himanshu Navangul's science class visited the Roanoke Rapids hydroelectric power station March 19.

The class, which also visited the PULSTAR reactor at N.C. State University, saw many interesting differences between the two kinds of power.

Hydroelectric power uses the energy of water falling from a higher to a lower elevation to create electricity. The water is stored behind a dam. When the dam's gates are opened, water falls down passageways built into the dam and flows through turbines located at the bottom of the dam. As water pushes against the turbine blades, the turbines spin a generator to produce electricity.

The Roanoke Rapids and Gaston hydroelectric power stations harness the power of the Roanoke River in order to generate electricity. The Roanoke Rapids station was built in 1955 and is owned by North Carolina Power. The station has four, 26-megawatt generators with a gross generating capacity of 56 megawatts. This plant, along with the Gaston plant, can produce as much energy in one hour as 30 average homes use in one year.

The class agreed with student Sandy Pernel when she said she enjoyed this visit more than the one to the nuclear reactor.

"We were able to really get into the working of the generator," she said.

Awe was another feeling which the students expressed. Jerry Lockhart was amazed by

the "sheer force of nature which generates the electricity" and by the "firsthand experience of power." She was also awed by the control room and the necessity for someone to be there all the time, synchronizing the process.

The sheer force of the water also amazed the students. The "force of vacuum" created by the water going into the turbines is strong enough to make holes as big as basketballs in the blades. The power plant had to resort to stainless steel turbines so they could replace them cheaply. Student Lorraine Harper said it was "strange to know that there was that much power" under her feet.

Students were also astonished

at the lack of security at the plant, supposed to be on alert because of the Gulf War then in progress. Student Regina Watt said that when they arrived, the gates were open. The class walked right in into an area where they were supposed to be wearing hard hats. No alarms went off, and no one attempted to stop them until they met the man who was supposed to be their guide. Dr. Navangul said a terrorist with such free access could easily open the dam and flood Roanoke Rapids.

Student Terri Breedlove and others expressed a concern that hydroelectric power doesn't play a big role in daily use and is wasted.

## 'Working' works

By BRUCE BERRY

North Carolina Wesleyan College in association with the Performing and Visual Arts Department performing "Working" in Coltrane Theatre April 11-13 and again April 18-20. Maria Manzo directed music and Vaughan Schutz was the director.

"Working" was originally a book about how people perceived their jobs. When turned into a musical, the words of the people interviewed were kept the same and the songs as close as possible. The play was contemporary in style but realistic in content.

The characters portrayed every kind of job imaginable, from firemen to housewives to executives. All walks of life were represented. It showed, among other things, each person's pride in

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what they do but their dreams of doing better.

I was impressed with the talent of the cast and crew. "Working" was done quite professionally and went off without any noticeable hitches.

Two Wesleyan staff members participated, Vaughan Schutz and Mike McAllister, playing a brick layer and a retired man. Other impressive performances were characters Sharon Atkins played by Alyssa Cooper and Mary Roling played by Sonya Tharlington.

"Working" was an impressive performance on all counts and a credit to Wesleyan College.