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Wesleyan joins NCSU for lectures

N.C. State University in Raleigh offers one of the most comprehensive and impressive Leadership Development Series in the country, and through an agreement between NCSU and N.C. Wesleyan College, Wesleyan students can participate in this series.

Students who participate in the series will receive a certified transcript from NCSU documenting their participation. Wesleyan will also certify a student's participation in the series on the Co-Curricular Transcript.

This year there are 46 modules being offered on various topics ranging from negotiation to goal setting to effective management. Most modules are offered during both the fall and spring semesters. Modules begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 9:30 p.m. and are held on the fourth floor of the Student Center at NCSU.

All modules cost \$5. The PLUS 25 Refund is available for students who attend more than five sessions. Any module cost over \$25 is refunded upon request at the end of each semester.

For more information about the NCSU series or about leadership development programs and opportunities here at Wesleyan, contact Michael Sanseviro at 985-5256 in the Hardee's Student Union.



GET ON BOARD — Pi Epsilon sorority was among the campus organizations participating in the Student Government Association's annual "Get on Board Day" Sept. 12. Organizations trying to recruit new members included the Greeks, CAB, College Republicans, Decree, and the Dissenter.

Student apathy bothers administration, SGA

By PATRICK BRANNAN

Student government and the administration are both bothered that Wesleyan students are not taking advantage of opportunities to get involved.

Dr. Nancy Van Kuren, dean of Student Life, says, "There are so many possibilities and so many opportunities here." Yet students are not taking advantage of what is open to them.

The SGA constitution provides 21 direct senate seats ranging

from the five executive board officers to three senators at large. This provides almost everyone an opportunity to run for an office that sits in the senate. The constitution states that every student is a member of SGA if they are "enrolled for credit and attending on-campus courses."

Yet attendance by students at SGA meetings is poor. The fact that SGA members volunteer their time and receive nothing in re-

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Damage fines cause tension within dorms

By JIMMILYN ROSSON

Conflict over whether Wesleyan College has the right to charge community damage against students of a residence hall has created tension on campus between students and residence hall directors.

Freshmen residents in South Hall got a taste of community damage when a window was broken during the first two weeks of this semester. Since no one admitted to breaking the window, all residents of the dorm were required to pay the fine.

"I just don't think it's fair to make us pay for someone else's actions," said freshman Wendy Wojcik. Her feelings were shared by many other students.

"It puts us in a bind," said sophomore Glynis Cureton. "Either we have to turn in our friends or we have to become detectives to figure out who did it, so we won't be fine."

Some students thought that community damage was a ploy to get more money.

"You don't think (community damage) ever amounts to anything. Trust not where the money

goes. I've seen too many things at this college that never get fixed," said senior Stewart Crank.

The administration does not see community damage as a matter of turning in friends or of obtaining money. Michael Sanseviro, resident director of South Hall, thinks that charging everyone is the only way, until an individual can be charged.

"I don't like charging people that have nothing to do with it. But it is really the only fair way. I have to assess everybody equally until I know otherwise," he said.

Junior Torsie Judkins agrees. "Community damage is good for the school as long as we don't know who did something," she said. "I really don't like community damage, but I know it's something the administration has to do."

Director of Housing Cheryl McKenzie equated community damage with learning responsibility.

"All doors to the dorms are locked. If anyone is in the building, it is because they are residents or have been let in by a

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Author Kaye Gibbons returns to Wesleyan

By CECILIA CASEY

Author Kaye Gibbons returned to North Carolina Wesleyan College recently to give her second reading in the Visiting Writers Series, the first of the fall semester and the third of the Eleanor Hoyt Smith Memorial Reading Series.

The first Smith Memorial Reading featured Roland Flint in

1988. The second reading featured Reynolds Price in 1990. Dr. Leverett T. Smith introduced the series by explaining that the Smith Memorial readings were in memory of his mother, who worked in what is now the Elizabeth Braswell Pearsall Library.

"She loved the excitement of a reading. I think it is fitting that a lady should be reading in memory of a lady," Smith said.

Gibbons read from her latest book, *Charms for the Easy Life*. She started by saying that her stories were about little people speaking big things. Then she went on to say, "I'm very, very happy to be home."

"The story I'm reading tonight is about three generations," she said, "with the oldest generation based on my maternal grandmother."

The story was about a woman's narration of the life of her mother and grandmother who practiced homeopathic medicine. At the start of the reading, Gibbons described events and the complex emotions surrounding and responding to the death of her father.

Next, Gibbons skipped ahead in the book to when the narrator's mother was 35 "and missed

her first date" because of a hermit who had developed a large boil on his neck and sent for the grandmother to remove it.

After the hermit and the grandmother talked about some methods used to remove boils, such as getting a blind dog to lick it or using the urine of a faithful wife, the grandmother cut open the boil,

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