

First-year students help build homes as their service project

Wesleyan College freshmen this year have all become home-makers — literally.

This fall, all freshmen are helping to build affordable homes for local families that currently lack adequate housing through the

Habitat for Humanity program.

The service project is part of Wesleyan College's 101 course, required of all first-year NCWC students to give them first-hand knowledge of volunteerism.

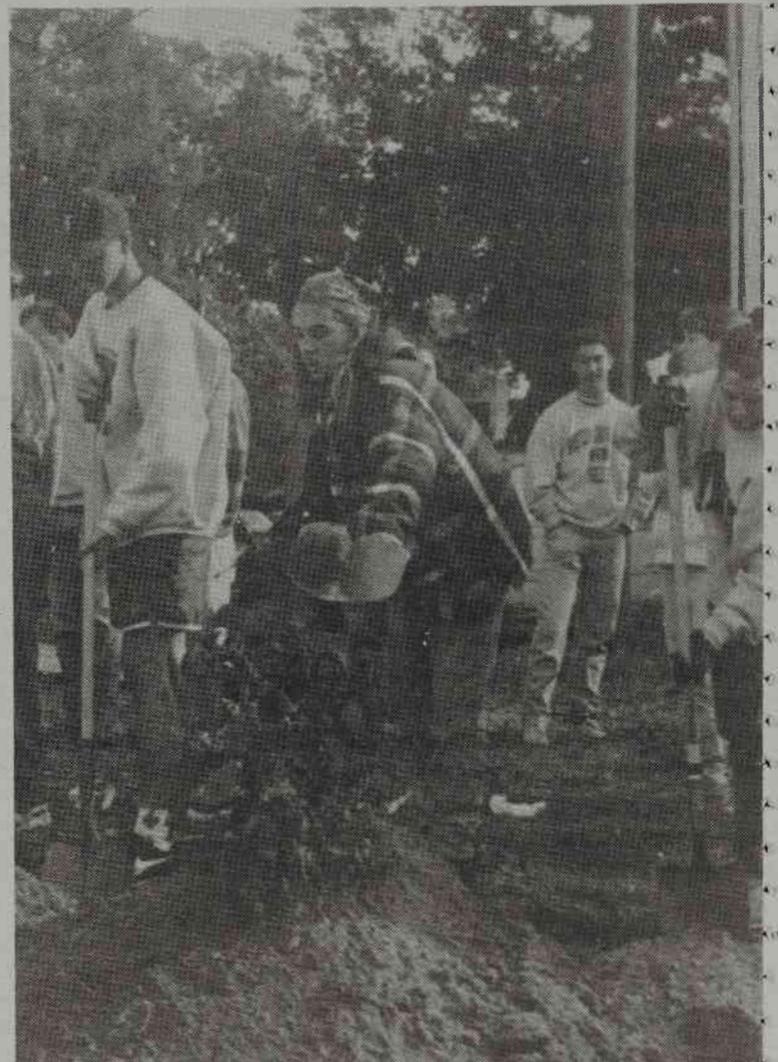
Both United Methodist and

Episcopal churches in the Rocky Mount area sponsored construction of houses this fall through Habitat for Humanity, and Wesleyan's freshmen contributed their time to help build these homes in record time.

Students were introduced to Habitat for Humanity the first day of the fall term when local Habitat leaders, as well as the local family which bought the first Habitat home, met with students to explain the program.

Since then, the students have assisted with groundbreaking, digging foundations, laying floors, raising roofs, and painting walls. They have picked up trash and cleared away rubble.

Even though their fingertips are bruised and their backs sore, the students leave the work sites aware that they are learning not only about good citizenship but also the pleasure of participating in a group effort.



HAPPY HOMEMAKERS — First-year Wesleyan students taking College 101 have participated this fall in local Habitat for Humanity home construction projects. (Photo by Jimmilyn Rosson.)

Educators suggest students sign up for smaller classes

(CPS) — College students who want to get the most out of their educations should sign up for smaller classes where they can get more personalized instruction, a panel of educators advised incoming freshmen.

The anonymity of large lecture classes may be comforting in some ways, but students miss the opportunity to gain valuable contact with instructors.

"Go up to professors and tell them that you'd like to find out more about their research and would like to find a way to participate," Stanford University Provost Condoleeza Rice suggested. "Keep in mind that many professors are very interested in your interest in research and are willing to take you on."

Other panelists urged students to experiment by taking subjects they've never tried.

"College is a unique opportunity not only to try things but to be protected from outrageous punishment," said James Adams, a professor of mechanical engineering.

Rice, who served as senior director for Soviet Affairs on the National Security Council in

former President Bush's administration, recalled that she had intended to become a concert pianist when she went to college, but quickly realized that she didn't have the discipline or the talent for that career.

"If I had gone to college and done what I was expected to do, I would be playing the piano at Nordstrom right now," she said. "Don't get locked into what others think you ought to be or to what you think you ought to be right now. If you find that for some reason a course really turns you on, go ahead and explore it in depth. You'll never get another chance to go back."

Other words of wisdom from participants:

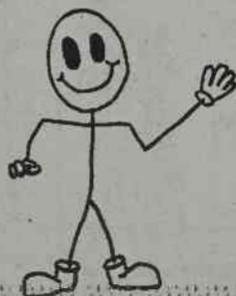
- Don't be afraid to tackle a challenging course. You may not excel, but you will be stronger for having taken on a difficult project and finished it.

- Participate in public service by finding ways that link your coursework with a worthy project.

- Recognize the potential value of courses. Even if those courses seem boring now, the material that you learn could come in handy at a later time in your life.

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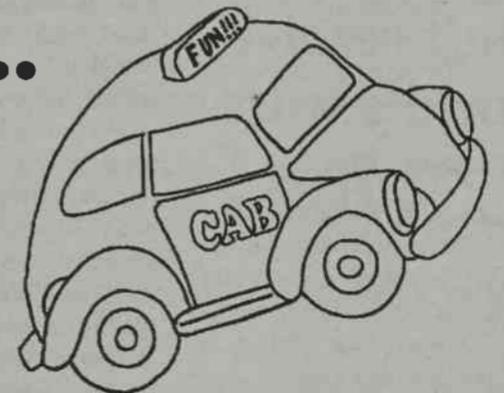
There are still offices that need enthusiastic people. If you are interested, please contact an SGA member at ext. 5225!



CAB CORNER...

November Update

November is here and the little CAB car is ready to take you on a tour of the AWESOME events coming your way! Make plans now to be in attendance, because it is the "happenin'" thing to do!



Monday, Nov. 8 – Wednesday, Nov. 17 — Organizational Food Drive. Get your organization or residence hall motivated to donate either canned goods or money so that NCWC can help feed those who are less fortunate than ourselves. The cans are going to the Rocky Mount shelter.

Friday, Nov. 12 — Fantastic Fridays! Our host this Friday will be "Sluggers," located across from the mall off 301. Again, take your ID and you will get a discount!

Saturday, Nov. 13 — Saturday Night Cinema presents "Hook." It will be shown in DOC's at 9:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 19 — Fantastic Friday's! TBA.

Saturday, Nov. 20 — Saturday Night Cinema presents "A River Runs Through It." It will be shown in DOC's at 9:30 p.m.