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Concerns discussed at forum

By MARIE LENANE

Twenty students turned out Nov. 10 for the first "Meet the President's Council" forum of 1993 in the Student Activities Center to discuss issues concerning the students of North Carolina Wesleyan College.

The issues ranged from the management of the new weight room to the need for better lighting on campus.

The six members of the President's Council — which included Vice President of Institutional Development and Fundraising, Tim McDowell; Dean of Student Life, Dr. Nancy Van Kuren; Vice President of Finance, Belinda Faulkner; Vice President Fred Moore, and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Bob Bussom — along with nine members of faculty and staff nearly equaled the number of students in attendance.

"We try to promote student involvement," stated Tonya Rouse, secretary of S.G.A. and the forum's mediator, "but when we actually provide students with an opportunity to take their concerns

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GRANT AWARDED — Daniel G. Gall (above), visiting professor of chemistry at N.C. Wesleyan College, has received a \$2,000 grant from the Burroughs Wellcome Science Faculty Scholarship Program to complete his study of greenstone artifacts at the archaeological site in Moundville, Ala. (See Page 4 for story.)

McDowell pulls plug on WESQ program

By PATRICK BRANNAN and KEN LEONARD

North Carolina Wesleyan College's radio station, WESQ, was taken off the air for 45 minutes Wednesday night after a caller complained about profanity.

Vice President of Development Tim McDowell pulled the plug on Jason Decker's "Cool Punk, Alternative, Progressive, Whatever Type Show" from

11:15 p.m. until midnight after receiving a telephone call at home from a member of the community.

McDowell said the caller was upset about language being used on Decker's show. He said the caller had a tape recording of the program and was going to report to the Federal Communications Commission about the violation of profanity regulations.

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Yearbook's small staff struggling

By CECILIA CASEY

The 1993 and 1994 editions of the *Dissenter*, the yearbook for North Carolina Wesleyan College, will be out this year in spite of the enormity of the task.

All the layouts, writing, arranging, gathering of pictures, compiling of names, and other jobs that must be completed will be done by only a few people.

There has been some concern on campus that there would be no yearbook this year, or that the yearbook should be canceled. Problems from last year, such as editors leaving, missing equipment, lack of assistance from the student body, and having to move into a new office made the already difficult job of producing a yearbook just that much more difficult, staff members said.

The *Dissenter's* editor, Junior Jessie Johnson, explained some of the problems she has encoun-

tered producing the yearbook.

"The main hardship is that there are not enough students working on the yearbook. Outside of personal satisfaction what are we going to give people for working on the *Dissenter*?" she said. "Thanks to Dr. Vivienne Anderson, the editors have credit through independent studies, but that can go just so far. I think if we had five or six more people on our staff the people would really see a difference.

"This is supposed to be fun and more like a hobby, instead it's like a full time job. Last year I spent over 20 hours a week on the *Dissenter*, this year things are better because I have more help, but we are still working very hard," Johnson said.

Because of having no staff last year and having to fight a seeming lack of interest from organi-

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Internet part of 'information highway'

By MICHAEL MEAD

There has been a lot of talking in the news about an information highway.

This "highway" would bring many resources together. These resources will include EMail, interconnected libraries where digital information can be shared, and people. This "highway," which will actually be a very large network, will use multimedia and interactive technologies to enhance its usefulness.

But there is an information

highway now. It is called the Internet.

It does everything the proposed new information highway will do, without the multimedia and interactivity. This Internet connects most colleges and universities with government research institutions and other scientific networks.

With access to the Internet, a person can talk in real-time with another person anywhere in the world though the use of the keyboard for free. This same person can send EMail to any other person that has an address on the

Internet. EMail normally takes less than 10 minutes to send, and there are several million people with addresses on the Internet.

A person who is new to the concept of the Internet can think of it as a huge library. If you need information, you can put a request out on the Internet, or search through any of its databases. You are sure to find something because there are over 1,000 databases on the Internet.

If you are interested in what is current with your favorite hobby or your major, you can gain access to the Internet's electronic

journals. These journals are written by professionals in their fields.

North Carolina Wesleyan College does not yet have access to the Internet. Al LaRose does say, "Access to the Internet will be recommended for the budget for next year." However the likelihood of this being approved without support from students, faculty, and staff is slim.

Some students and faculty are aware of Internet and its advantages. LaRose says, "In the foreseeable future Internet will be the primary means of exchanging professional information — the

sheer volume of information will dwarf any single institution."

Carl Wynkoop points out the importance of Internet to students and faculty. "Internet will help turning students to the technology of networking. Internet will give faculty access to other scholarly institutions," he said.

Pat Brannan says he will use the Internet to "meet other people on the Internet's boards (where people of the same interests converse and leave messages on current topics), and research topics for papers."