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Thieves break into Student Union



BROKEN DOOR SHOWS FORCED ENTRANCE BY THIEVES.

By CECILIA LYNN CASEY

On the night of Friday, Jan. 7, North Carolina Wesleyan College's Student Union building was broken into and the Post Office, Campus bookstore, and the Cafeteria were all broken into and burglarized.

"Unknown person or persons gained entrance from the Hwy. 301 side of the Student Union building, most likely to avoid being detected by campus security," noted Deborah Pittman, NCWC's Director of Security.

"There was money, stamps and jewelry taken which has a monetary value of over \$1,000. The Rocky Mount Police Department and the United States Postal Service are investigating the break-in. There has been about 20 persons interviewed so far, but at this point there is no one who is a main suspect," Pittman explained.

One other attempt to break into Doc's, the bookstore, and the post office was on Aug. 31, "but whoever it was didn't manage to get it," Pittman said.

"I guess it's time to welcome Wesleyan to the 20th century. Still, as bad as this is, I'm real happy that no one was hurt or injured," she added.

Rachel T. Dix, the manager of the College Store and the Post Office, was first notified by phone about robbery the next morning, Jan. 8.

"There was not too much physical damage. The three back doors which lead into the Post Office were either pried open, or kicked open. Also the door to the Post Office has a dead bolt lock and the case to the lock was on the floor, but that was it in terms of damage," Dix stated.

"This whole thing has been

more of an inconvenience than anything else. They stole the buy-back book money, so now we cannot buy back any of the books which students need to sell back. Students count on selling back their books so they can buy new ones. Also the Post Office was closed, so students weren't able to get their mail, and there were a lot of packages that students could not get," Dix said.

"I'm more shocked than angry. This whole thing is such an inconvenience. It's taken our time and Deborah's time, which could have been better spent. I wish that anyone who has any information about anything, whether they saw something, or someone said something, to please report it. It's funny, but the only one who saw the whole thing was Buddy (their pet guinea-pig who lives in the store) and he can't say a word," Dix added.

WESQ gets grant to hire director of development

The Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation of Trustees recently granted \$24,000 to North Carolina Wesleyan College to support a development director for WESQ 90.9 FM for one year.

WESQ, now nearing its second year, has enlisted the help of 38 community volunteers and broadcasts 136 hours per week.

"We're very pleased that the grant will help us expand our development operations, and thus make us stronger servant of the cultural landscape of the region," said Jerry Glass, station manager.

Established in 1936, the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation has made grants totaling more than \$203 million to recipients in all of North Carolina's 100 counties.

In recent years, the foundation has focused its efforts on a variety of issues to improve the quality of life in the state, including improving the criminal justice system and helping public elementary and secondary education.



GLAD FOR HELP — Jerry Glass, station manager for WESQ, looks forward to new development director.

Few hear comedian

By KIMBERLY CURSEEN

Comedian Vic Henley visited campus to find an apathetic Wesleyan as an event sponsored by CAB and Pi Epsilon Wednesday, Jan. 12, in the SAC drew only approximately 25 people.

The visibly frustrated comedian abandoned the stage for a more informal way of interaction with the attending group, which were all seated in the front right rows. He sat on the edge of the stage, and jokingly teased the latecomers walking in the door as well as matching wits with the audience.

Henley discussed topics in a candid manner, such as the president, relationships, drugs, New York, and Southerners. The response from the audience was one of constant laughter and amusement as he made personal jabs at himself and the audience concerning these topics.

Henley ended his show about 10:20 p.m. He received heartfelt applause from the audience and was personally thanked by many of them after the show ended.

The lack of attendance was very disappointing to the sponsors Publicity for this event was displayed all around the campus.

PAC receives \$25,000 grant

North Carolina Wesleyan College recently received \$25,000 from the John Wesley and Anna Hodgkin Hanes Foundation to help with the construction of the new Performing Arts Complex.

The Performing Arts Complex, centerpiece of Wesleyan's "Vision For The Future" capital cam-

paign, will feature a 1,200 seat auditorium with a large stage and backstage for musicals, ballet, drama, concerts, and meetings. Also planned for the 45,000 square foot complex are a recital hall, art galleries, rehearsal hall, conference rooms, and classrooms.