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Wesleyan mourns death of two

Two members of the Wesleyan College basketball team, a current and a former student, were killed in a head-on collision on Hwy. 43 early Wednesday morning.

"The Wesleyan community is deeply shocked and saddened by the tragic deaths of Cortez Smith,

a current student, and Steven Armstrong, a former student," said North Carolina Wesleyan College President John White.

"These young men were friends and basketball teammates. Our hearts and prayers go out to their families, their fellow play-

ers, and coaches. Wesleyan College is a small place and such tragic events are deeply felt," he said.

A memorial service at the college was tentatively planned for this Thursday at 11:30 a.m. The funeral for Smith was held on

Sunday afternoon.

Both young men played basketball for Wesleyan, and Smith was co-captain of the team this year. Smith was from Bethel and a fourth-year physical education major. He was 21 and lived on campus. He leaves a three-year-

old son, Cortez, Jr.

Armstrong was a former student who listed his current home as New Bern. He originally came to Wesleyan from Brooklyn N.Y. Armstrong would have been 28 years old Dec. 15. He leaves a young daughter.



ENJOYING THEMSELVES — BACCHUS representatives Karolyn Braun and Ashley Allen enjoy a banquet during the Orlando Peer Education General Assembly Conference.

BACCHUS sends two to conference

By KAROLYN BRAUN

On Nov. 14, students Ashley Allen and Karolyn Braun attended the 21st annual BACCHUS and GAMA Peer Education General Assembly in Orlando, Fla.

The BACCHUS and GAMMA Peer Education network is an international association of college and university-based peer education programs focusing on alcohol abuse prevention and other

related student health and safety issues.

It is the mission of the association to actively promote peer education as a useful element of campus health education and wellness efforts.

The BACCHUS philosophy is that students can play a uniquely effective role unmatched by professional educators in encouraging their peers to consider and talk honestly about and develop

responsible habits and attitudes toward the use and non-use of alcohol and other related student health issues.

What's next for BACCHUS? The area 12 conference will be held at Greensboro College in February.

Those who are interested in joining BACCHUS should contact Karolyn Braun, Box. 3151, or Betty Anne Whisnet in the Wellness Center.

Wesleyan campus still stunned over deaths of popular students

By MOLLY McCLUSKEY

Wesleyan was struck into a state of shock Wednesday morning by the deaths of Cortez Smith and Stephen "Justice" Armstrong. For many, the news came via voice mail or e-mail message from President John White, sharing word of the tragedy.

And indeed it was a tragedy. Smith, a current student at Wesleyan, was 21, a senior, and co-captain of the Battling Bishops men's basketball team. Armstrong, a former student, was also well known from his days on the Wesleyan campus.

Initial reports, based only upon the information that both men were traveling on Hwy. 43 at 3:30 a.m. Wednesday morning, led

school officials to believe that the men were visiting family in Bethel, where Cortez was from. This statement is now being withdrawn from all earlier news releases.

"We certainly do not want to convey information which would not be accurate," President White said earlier.

Hwy. 43. Many know it as one of the roads to Greenville, home of ECU and most of Wesleyan students' weekend entertainment. The roads are long and ark, with few if any passing cars. Unfortunately, there was a car, a mail truck, on the road that morning, approaching in the opposite direction. For whatever reason, the car occupied by Smith and Armstrong swerved into the op-

posite lane, in the path of the oncoming truck. It is of little consultation that neither drugs nor alcohol was involved, and death was instantaneous.

Wesleyan is now in a period of mourning. Some find consolation in sharing memories of their friends. "He had high expectations of the basketball team," Kasey Griffin recalls earlier of Cortez. "How good they were, how talented, how far they could go — he had a lot of dreams and expectations."

Campus chaplain Rev. Kirk Oldham believes the key in surviving this tragedy is for the school to group together to support each other. "That is the only

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Exam Schedule — 1996 Fall Semester

December 9

Periods	Exam Times
1 (MWF 8 a.m.-9 a.m.)	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
7 (MWF 1 p.m.-2 p.m.)	1 p.m.-3 p.m.
11 (MW 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.)	4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
13 (M 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.)	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

December 10

2 (TTH 8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.)	8 a.m. - 10 a.m.
6 (TTH 11:20 a.m. - 12:50 p.m.)	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
10 (TTH 2:40 p.m. - 4:10 p.m.)	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
14 (T 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.)	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

December 11

3 (MWF 9:10 a.m. - 10:10 a.m.)	8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
5 (WF 10:20 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.)	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
9 (MWF 2:10 p.m. - 3:10 p.m.)	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
15 (W 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.)	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

December 12

4 (TTH 9:40 a.m. - 11:10 a.m.)	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
9 (TTH 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.)	1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
12 (TTH 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.)	4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
16 (TH 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.)	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.