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'Winter term' part of WesPlan

By MOLLY McCLUSKEY

Dr. John White is a man of change. Within months of his arrival last year as the college's fourth president, he issued the WesPlan, his vision of how Wesleyan would grow into the next century and the steps necessary for that change to occur.

Several thought the document radical and impractical. Says Kathy Wilson, "It was a breath of fresh air, but change is so difficult. I was never sure how much of the plan would come to fruition."

However, an updated version

of the WesPlan was issued in December of last year, stating plainly which objectives had already been met.

Many of these changes affect the college as an establishment. Students feel that most of the transitions will take place after they have graduated, so the WesPlan and its accomplishments hold little interest.

When asked about his reaction upon the original issuing of the WesPlan, sophomore Duncan Lloyd responded, "I was skeptical, but I didn't think it would affect me, so I didn't really care."

That was one of the main reasons

the open forums to discuss the Plan had meager attendance.

However, one major element of the Plan, the 4-1-4, will impact students directly. Entitled 4-1-4 due to the courseload expected of faculty members (four in the fall semester, one in winter, and four in spring), it is the winter semester which has been talked about since White's arrival.

"Most other colleges are doing it with wonderful results," White enthused.

This "winter term" will be spent in a nontraditional manner; traveling, internships, working one on one with a professor.

"The possibilities are endless," said White.

The experience of interning, the main goal of the "1" aspect of the 4-1-4, will enable students to "make connections with the world" and "leverage the campus experience with the rest of their lives."

Wilson believes that if the college uses the winter term to simply teach traditional courses at an accelerated pace, it will be disappointing.

"If we use the winter term to do things we cannot ordinarily

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DR. JOHN WHITE

New Residence Life director promoting respect on campus

By JAMIE TEACHEY

Cheryl McKenzie left her position as the director of residence life at North Carolina Wesleyan College at the end of last semester because her husband received a transfer, and Anna Acerra replaced her.

Acerra is a native of Shrewsbury, N.J. She received her bachelors and masters degree from New Paltz College in New York. Before coming to Wesleyan she was in residence life in Michigan and most recently at North Carolina State University.

She applied to Wesleyan because, "she preferred the smaller campus setting."

Acerra does not foresee any major problems with the campus. The main problem she hopes to correct is the apparent lack of respect at Wesleyan. She wants the students to learn to "respect themselves, others, and the property."

She commented that Wesleyan, as well as many other campuses, seems to have a problem with community damage. If this is lessened, "the maintenance staff will have more time to concentrate on improving the campus instead of fixing problems caused by vandalism." She said that Nash Hall was one of the halls that had major community damage problems.

Acerra is very confident of her Resident Assistant staff. The campus RA's have a tough job. They must be "administrators, disciplinarians, and must also be ready to lend a helping hand or ear if needed."

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Forum celebrates memory of King

By MONICA ALSTON

"We have this rare 'love which comes once in a lifetime' a chance meeting developed over a long period of time into a very deep and caring relationship which neither of us wants to relinquish. He is Black; I am White. I see with my heart, love with my soul, and I forget that our colors don't 'match.' However, I understand and respect his concern about this difference, for the risks involved are real, not because of the threat to 'Afro Race Survival' (we are both past 65 years), but because of the extremes rampant in society — racism, hatred, bigotry, etc.

"We grew up in the South. We live in the South, and the hate groups are still very much around. Do we encourage such groups when we keep our relationship secret, when we do not appear together (as a couple) in public, etc.? Are we abetting their causes and influence when we remain silent?"

The above was taken from this month's issue of Ebony magazine by a female resident of

Rockwell, Tex. Anecdotes similar to this were shared with the somewhat insufficient audience of teachers, faculty, students, and public members at the Dunn Center on Jan. 4 in memory of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

It was insufficient considering the lack of a Caucasian audience witnessing the forum's presentation. Were they prey to the notion that the celebration of the late, great peacemaker was exclusive for the black students of Wesleyan's campus?

For everyone at the forum, the celebration of Dr. King was an inspiration to keep his legacy alive. An eloquent panel of verified cultures united to contribute

their thoughts concerning what Dr. King's dream meant to them, personally but not exclusively.

The panel consisted of six fluent speakers (with an introductory speech by Professor R. Watson).

Four panelists were from Wesleyan: men's basketball coach John Thompson, English professor Dr. Leverett T. Smith, Julia C. Bryant, and two students, commuter Leah Jones and campus resident Terry Cash.

The famous quote from Dr. Martin Luther's 1963 "March of Washington" speech commenced the initial speech by Coach Th-

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Illness puts end to play

The four performances of the Eugene O'Neill play, "Moon for the Misbegotten," scheduled for this week at the Dunn Center for the Performing Arts, was cancelled because of illness in the cast.

The play will not be resched-

uled due to conflicts with other events scheduled in the Minges Auditorium, the college announced.

Ticket holders should contact the Dunn Center box office Tuesday through Friday, from noon to 5 p.m., to obtain a refund.