

# War stirs varied campus reactions

By LATISHA GRAY

The date Sept. 11 gave new meaning to the word terrorism across the world. Many are now waiting and watching to see exactly what will happen as the dawn of global unrest approaches. We at *The Decree* asked members of the Wesleyan community what they think will happen after the smoke clears and decisions have to be made.

Are we ready for war in the 21st Century?

Tina Barkley, filling in for Marie in Admissions:

"I think we are going to go to war and it's a good thing. Because we can't let these other countries get away with terrorizing the United States, and I'm ready to go because I'm in the guard."

Sandra Radican, Criminal Justice Major:

"I think our next step is to look at putting America back into or-

der and going ahead to see what we can do to make our people feel safe again. It seems there are a lot of people who think we have terrorists right here in America that are going to continue doing damage. Even after the President decides whatever type of retaliation and decides whichever country he's going to take, he needs to look at what else is going to happen to the United States. How is this going to affect the citizens? How long are we going to be able to protect the ones that are still here?"

"I don't want to see innocent people get hurt, especially here in the U.S. I guess I'm saying immigrants. I don't want to see us turn around and be terrorists ourselves. I think there's a lot that the government and the citizens need to look at. How would we want to be treated, which way should we go?"

Nicholas Stams, Senior, CIS Major:

"I think it's pretty pitiful. I think it's cowardly for someone to try something like that and I think it's more cowardly to succeed in something like that and not take credit for it. I personally think that the U.S. should go over and wipe out all terrorist countries. If terrorists are known to be there, just wipe them out, women and children, I don't care. So if they all grow up to do the same thing, we can kill them before they get there to do it. I think the U.S. will eventually go over and level somebody, be it a month or a year."

Jason Likens, Senior, CIS Major:

"Osama bin Laden is a coward. He should be killed. A public hanging."

Stacy Lamb, Sophomore, Elementary Education Major:

"I think they should find out who did this and do whatever's best and not let it destroy our nation like it already has."

Janice Harvey, Junior, Criminal Justice Major:

"I feel like we should really get down to who did it. I hope it doesn't come to a war because our nation is already in a bad situation. If we have a war that's going to cause more men to be lost, because you never know who's going to get hurt and who's going to get killed. It's a lot of people out here who are scared. The main point, we need to know who did it and why and if there is some justice that can be done about it without going to war."

Jeananne Kenney, CIS Instructor:

"I honestly think we need to at least proceed in the direction of maybe going over there and defending our honor. Because if we don't do that this time, I think that in the long run, our nation as a whole won't be considered as powerful as we have been in the past."

Bobbi Jo Squires, Political Sci-

ence/Criminal Justice Major:

"I think our next step should be to retaliate against those who did this to us. I guess in a way I'm pro-war. I think what they did was cruel, but then again we need to watch out who we attack. We don't need to kill innocent people."

Debra Pittman, Director of Security:

"I really have mixed emotions because the religious side of it says vengeance is mine, said the Lord. But then there's another part of me that thinks we should retaliate."

"I think it's going to take a long time for the country as a whole because we've always thought of ourselves as America being invincible. I do feel sorry for young people, especially college age and high school because the more of this that goes on, the more your youth is stolen. You never feel the same way again about the United States."

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## Volleyball team ends season

By MICHAEL GARCIA

The Volleyball Team ended the 2001 season with a record of 8-22 and a conference record of 5-9.

In their first round robin, the Bishops split a pair of conference matches to Averett, 1-3, (24-30, 20-30, 30-23, 25-30) and Ferrum, 3-2 (30-26, 24-30, 31-29, 21-30, 15-11).

Against Ferrum, setter Rikki Hess (Sr.) dished out 29 assists, 14 digs, and four service aces, while outside hitter Colleen Bennett (Fr.) put up 14 kills.

Wesleyan then headed to Newport News, Va., and were overwhelmed by CNU 0-3 (22-30, 20-30, 10-30).

Heading to Greensboro, the Bishops had a repeat performance from their previous round robin by splitting a pair of games, this time to Shenandoah, 3-1, (12-30, 30-17, 30-28, 30-26) and Greensboro, 1-3 (24-30, 13-30, 30-26, 15-30).

Facing Shenandoah, Hess came up with 18 assists, 11 service aces, and nine digs, while middle hitter Deborah Porterfield (So.) had 11 kills and four blocks.

The Bishops then returned home for a game against conference rival Methodist College and were defeated, 0-3 (23-30, 28-30, 23-30). Wesleyan next traveled to Maryville, Tenn., for a tournament hosted by Maryville College (Sept. 28-29) and went 1-3

in the tourney.

The Lady Bishops faced Meredith College in Raleigh and fell 2-3 (25-30, 30-19, 25-30, 30-13, 15-17). For the match Hess had 29 assists.

Six days later the Bishops found themselves facing conference rival Chowan College and for the second consecutive match the Lady Bishops were beaten, 2-3 (30-18, 28-30, 35-33, 28-30, 6-15).

After the tough losses to Meredith and Chowan, the Bishops hosted Mary Washington College and were soundly defeated 0-3 (26-30, 21-30, 20-30).

Wesleyan continued its losing streak hosting Elizabeth City State University. The Bishops were defeated 2-3 (30-20, 30-32, 30-14, 29-31, 10-15).

After facing a trio of conference foes, the Bishops faced Methodist again and for the first

time in the season won in three straight sets 3-0 (30-28, 30-26, 30-22). Hess came up with 23 assists and four aces, Graninger had 11 kills and Porterfield contributed five blocks and ten digs.

On senior day the Lady Bishops suffered a loss to D-II Barton College 0-3 (27-30, 21-30, 21-30) as they honored their three seniors, Hess, Graninger, and defense specialist Andrea Whitaker.

Wesleyan entered the Dixie Conference Tournament as the #1 seed and faced the #5 seed Ferrum. The Bishops season would come to an end as they suffered a devastating loss to the Panthers, 0-3 (21-30, 17-30, 15-30). For the match outside hitter Kendra Brewer had seven kills, Hess had 14 assists and Graninger had 14 digs.

N.C. Wesleyan's Rikki Hess was selected to the Second Team All-Dixie Conference.

## NCAA gives \$15,000 for project

The National Collegiate Athletic Association has awarded North Carolina Wesleyan College three grants totaling \$15,000.

Two grants of \$5,000 each will support student service projects designed for the Rocky Mount community, and another \$5,000 award will fund a conference for the athletics staff and others.

Young people in the Clark and Branch Street area of Rocky Mount and in the city's House

the Children facility for homeless families are the focus of a program called Promote Literacy Among Youth (PLAY).

Another NCAA grant to Wesleyan will fund a mock trial that will call attention to the danger of alcohol use and abuse.

Wesleyan's third NCAA grant funded a series of leadership workshops on campus in October for athletics staff and administrators who oversee athletics.