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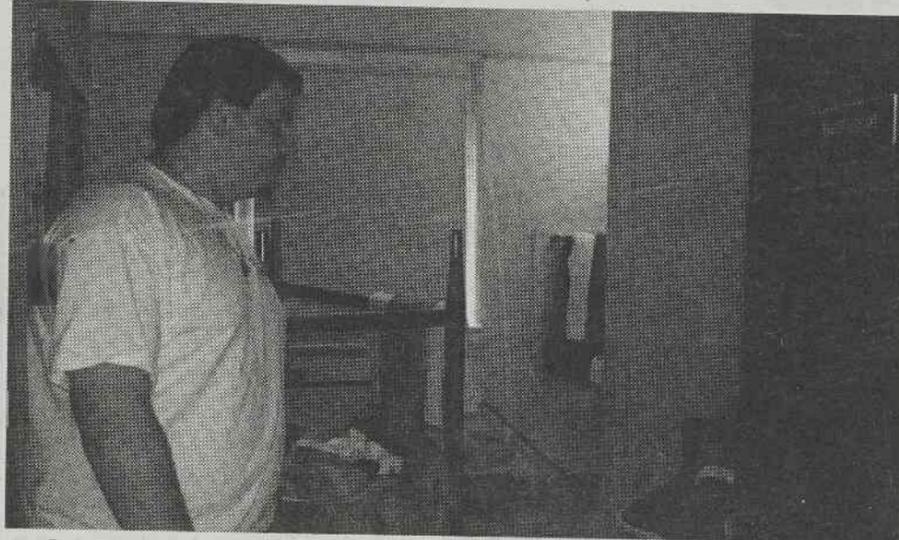
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Growing Pains



RA Richard Tibbs prepares his room for an unexpected guest

By Ron Fitzwater

As North Carolina Wesleyan College moves into the 2004-05 academic year it will be going through several areas of growth and transition. One of those areas which is causing concern early on is in the housing of resident students.

On August 21 as the majority of this year's resident students were arriving on campus and beginning the long task of processing and finding that special place to hang their toothbrush, concerns began to arise as to where to house everyone.

Leaving the congested buzz of resident student in-processing at the Hartness Center I made my way to Petteway Hall to speak with students and resident assistants (RAs) involved in the difficult task of building a community within a very small space.

Inside Petteway the resident assistants were set up to greet students and assist them with whatever they might require to ease transition into the hall. Third floor RA Richard Tibbs took a few minutes to walk around and speak with the Decree about the particular problems that he and other RAs

were facing this year as students move in.

RF—I notice that there is quite a lot of coming and going today. How is the move-in going so far?

RT—It went well the first day, but now it's getting kind of rough because we're running out of space.

RF—Now, by running out of space, do you mean that you don't have enough rooms?

RT—Exactly.

RF—Is that going on campus wide or just here in Petteway?

RT—No, no, it's campus wide. They just had a person move in from Nash to go into a Resident Assistant's room. I guess Nash needed more space so they put them over here.

RF—Have you been told what the reason is for all the congestion? Speaking with administration officials last year, one of the things I was told was that space in the residence halls has never been an issue.

RT—Well it's definitely an issue now. We are trying to cram people into places now that I never thought possible. It's getting insane

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Take It from Those Who Know



By
Kierra
Jones

With the 2004 year starting at North Carolina Wesleyan College, some of the school's faculty, staff and upperclassmen have already begun sharing helpful advice with the incoming class. This advice is simply to assure that the freshmen don't make the same mistakes that some of the upperclassmen encountered.

Jennifer Monroe, a 20-year-old pre-med student from Jacksonville, NC, stated that, "the freshmen must make sure they don't slack off first semester because the grade you get will either make or break you."

Khira Evans, 22, biology major from Baltimore, said to "study hard and stay focused."



Students in-process at the Hartness Center

Christal Bobbit, 20, an accounting major from Louisiana, stressed that the freshmen "don't cheat on homework assignments because it doesn't pay off."

Doretha Chichester, an information specialist/facilities coordinator from Rocky Mount, recommends that freshmen "be serious about classes. Start off by doing the best

that you can. If you have to pay for the classes, do your best from the beginning."

Sandra Joyner, a sociology major from Nashville, NC, holds a job as a Community Health Assistant, while taking classes at Wesleyan. She offered this advice to freshmen: "Put in your mind that you can reach any

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