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## Wesleyan Community Enjoys Homecoming

By Decree Staff Writers

Wesleyan crowned a King and Queen, won its home football game and welcomed back alumni as part of the week-long celebration of Homecoming 2005.

Seniors Danielle Davenport and Maurice Dawson were elected Homecoming Queen and King. Other members of the Homecoming Court included juniors J.D. Richardson and Kelvin Clark, sophomores LaKisha Kee and Travis Bell, and freshmen Nastasia Burnett and Kadeem McCord.

More than 2,000 fans were on hand for the football game which took place under sunny skies. In the game, Wesleyan upped its overall record to 2-3 as the offense exploded for a 41-25 victory over Maryville College (for full coverage, see Trevor Seibert's report on page 3).

Here's a roundup of other events from the week:

—Friday night, the NCWC cheerleaders led a pep rally for the weekend's athletic events.

—Early Saturday morning, around 100 participated in the Chris Cash Memorial Run/Walk. Sponsored by Ford's Colony, the event was held in honor of Captain Cash, a Wesleyan graduate who was killed last year while serving in Iraq. Del Pietro, of



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Photo by Evelyn Hunter

Winterville, led all runners with a time of 17.58 over a course that wound around campus and the adjacent Ford's Colony area. Wesleyan student Blake Rice took first in the age 20-29 category, and Zollie Woodlief won in the 15-19 group.

Race proceeds will add to the \$20,000 already raised for a scholar-

ship fund in Cash's name. (Race organizer Paul Giemza noted that a second race for the Christopher Cash fund is planned for December 4th in Greenville.)

—Before the game, Wesleyan hosted a carnival. One highlight was an exhibit by the Wesleyan chapter of Habitat for Humanity, which, with

assistance from NCWC athletes, constructed a shack near the Hartness Center to spotlight the plight of America's homeless.

—At halftime of the football game, besides presenting the Homecoming Court, Wesleyan inducted two new members into the Hall of Fame. Since 1999, the college has enshrined 28 former athletes. Inducted Saturday were Rich McNee, a member of the 1989 National Championship baseball team; and Lloyd Nelson, the MVP on Wesleyan's inaugural basketball season, 1963-64. Each received a plaque, and the college will hang banners with their names in the lobby of the Taylor Center.

—Saturday night there were two dances. A student dance was held in the school cafeteria, decorated in the school colors, blue and gold, with music provided by a DJ from radio station 95.1 And Wesleyan alumni gathered for a dance at the Dunn Center, with popular music from the past 50 years.

—This year's Homecoming activities stretched into Sunday, when chaplain Barry Drum led a worship service in the Wesleyan chapel for students, alumni and college staff and faculty.

## 'Day' Deemed Successful

By Decree Staff Writers

"Day for Wesleyan" volunteers raised \$503,652 in donations and pledges, a record amount that surpasses last year's total by \$39,893.

The total amount will rise to more than \$1 million, thanks to a dollar-for-dollar matching grant from the Frank E. Brown Trust. A native of Edgecombe County, Frank E. Brown was a philanthropist and special friend of Wesleyan.

According to Tom Maze, director of annual fund and alumni affairs, the money raised is put into the general operating fund, unless a donor earmarked the contribution for a specific area of the college such as an academic department or an athletic team.

Maze said that around 100 Wesleyan staff, alums and students as well as community leaders supported the event, which was started in 1982.

Karen Moss, assistant to the vice president of enrollment, noted that the fund-raising effort is more effective when staff and alums can team with Wesleyan students. Moss visited Signs Now, Speight's Trophy and Swimworld with Tamyra Villines.

"I think our students really impress the companies we visit," Moss said. "The contributors like talking to the students and really take an interest in their classes and career plans, their impressions of Wesleyan."

SGA President Kelvin Clark called the event "a phenomenal day for the college and the students." He made calls and gave a speech during a luncheon event.

Junior Richard Tibbs, SGA treasurer, participated for the second year in a row. "Last year it was all new for me," he said. "This year, with one year's experience, I was more relaxed, more aware of the impact a 'Day for Wesleyan' can have on campus. I just like to help out anywhere and any way I can. It's a fun experience and very rewarding."

Tibbs joined Mike Pratt, Wesleyan class of '67, who is headmaster at Rocky Mount Preparatory School. "You make relationships with members of the community, with people you'll meet down the line, in the work world and as alums," said Tibbs who plans to participate in next year's event.

Other participating Wesleyan students included LaQuinta Alston, Shanisha Barnes, Stuart Briscar, Janay Carpenter, Maurice Dawson, Vanessa Gore, Cornelius Grimsley, Joey Helms, Yvonne Johnson, Kenneth Kornegay, Kyle Kuhn, Kelly Leonard, Andrea Lynch, Stephen Mobley, Jeremy Ottaway, Matthew Schell, Ayona Spain, Ashlei Swida, and Jason Zorn. Maze said that all students played a vital role in helping to make "A Day



Photo by Decree Staff

In an upcoming issue, the Decree staff will look at possible solutions for the high price of textbooks.

for Wesleyan" such a successful event.

The alumni effort was spearheaded by Dewey Clark ('82), director of operational support at MBM Corporation in Rocky Mount, and Rod Grindle ('82), president of Carolina Power Systems, Raleigh. Clark headed Rocky Mount day program alums and Grindle the ADP graduates.

"A 'Day for Wesleyan' is an excel-

lent opportunity for the community to see how great the college is and how important it is to the students and all of Northeastern North Carolina," Maze said.

He added that the event gives supporters and alumni the opportunity to share lunch with the students and staff, and "see and feel the campus atmosphere."