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## "Phi" Fails With World Record

Nu Gamma Phi, one of the three local fraternities at N. C. Wesleyan College, attempted to break the world's record for basketball marathons this past

weekend in Everett Gymnasium on the college campus. The marathon began Friday, September 27, about 11:07 p.m. and the fraternity brothers at-

tempted to keep on playing until Sunday night, September 29.

According to Guinness' Book of World Records, the current

marathon record is 45 hours. Nu Gamma Phi wanted to top this with its two teams of five playing without substitutes or time outs.

The Phis went all out at the start, playing hard, and it looked as if they might make it. In the background, the "J. Giles Band" could be heard in tune to the steps of the "bop" which was done by a few spectators. The Phis joined in and did a few steps themselves.

After fifteen hours of playing with sore bandaged feet and knees, the basketball players had had enough. The marathon ended, thirty-five hours short of the attempted goal; nevertheless credit should be given to the boys who endured the fifteen hour stretch. The brothers of Nu Gamma Phi who attempted this feat were:

"Bunk Dawson, Donny Bemon, Greg Williams, Kevin Kilroy, Randolph Holland, Johnny Conyers, Johnny Propher, Bill Rawlins, Jimmy Smith, and Chip Hagrup.

Greg Williams, president of the fraternity, announced that the purpose of the marathon was to raise funds to establish the Earl Harper Scholarship Fund. Harper, who is the night supervisor at Everett Gymnasium, has been associated with Wesleyan for more than ten years, winning the respect and admiration of the students who now wish to honor him with a scholarship fund.

The fraternity was seeking cash pledges for each hour of the Nu Gamma Phi Marathon and donations at the door, the sum total was approximately \$600.



Nu Gamma Phi nears the 15th hour in their attempt to set a new world record.

### New Course Offered NCW By Dr. Smith

NEWS BUREAU—"Forms of Popular Art," a new course offering in English at N. C. Wesleyan College will be taught during Fall Term by Dr. Leverett T. Smith, Jr., associate professor of English. Dr. R. E. Bauer, academic dean at Wesleyan announced that this course will survey neglected fields such as popular fiction, the detective story, western and science fiction, and even the comics.

According to Dr. Smith, the course will concern itself primarily with areas of literature formerly despised by English departments, and will also include such subjects as popular music, mass media of radio, television and the movies. Dr. Smith stated, "This new offering will provide each student with an understanding of how these popular arts came to hold the prominence they do in contemporary America, and of the complex relation of art and society."

Dr. Smith, who has a continuing interest in the relationship between traditional and innovative education, has been an active member of the Popular Culture Association since its inception at Toledo, Ohio, in 1969. He will present a paper on Norman Mailer, contemporary and controversial American author, at the meeting of the Southern Regional Popular Culture Association in Birmingham, Ala., in October. Dr. Smith received his doctoral degree in the Program in American Studies at the University of Minnesota in 1970.

The new lower division course is primarily for non-English majors.



### DR. JACK TEAGARDEN Teagarden Recited Original Poetry!!

NEWS BUREAU—Dr. Jack E. Teagarden, chairman of the Humanities Division and professor of English at N. C. Wesleyan College, recently read his poetry at the Arts Center last Thursday, Oct. 10.

The poetry hour was sponsored by two local book clubs, the Literary Review and the Worthwhile Study Club. Refreshments were served in the lobby of the second floor theatre prior to the reading.

According to a book club spokesman, Dr. Teagarden has made vital contribution to the community by presenting regional and state poets here, and club members honored Dr. Teagarden with the invitation to read his own original works.

The program was divided into four segments and one featured poems. Dr. Teagarden had selected from his students work. The other three segments included Dr. Teagarden's long work, "Hapless Seed," followed by a section of serious poetry, and concluded with his light verse. His poetry has been published in several literary journals including "Flamingo," the "Tennessean," and "Aspects."

## New Dean Of Students

NEWS BUREAU—Alvin M. Horne, a Nash County native, has been appointed dean of students at N. C. Wesleyan College, effective June 1. Wesleyan President Thomas A. Collins made the announcement.

Horne, a 1969 graduate of N. C. Wesleyan, joined the college staff as an admissions counselor following his graduation. In 1971 he was named financial aid officer and administered the college's loan and scholarship fund programs.

During his years as a Wesleyan staff member, Horne attended graduate school at East Carolina University and completed requirements for his master's degree in counseling, which he received in August 1973. As a Wesleyan under-

graduate student, Horne served as an assistant resident counselor and is familiar with all aspects of dormitory life.

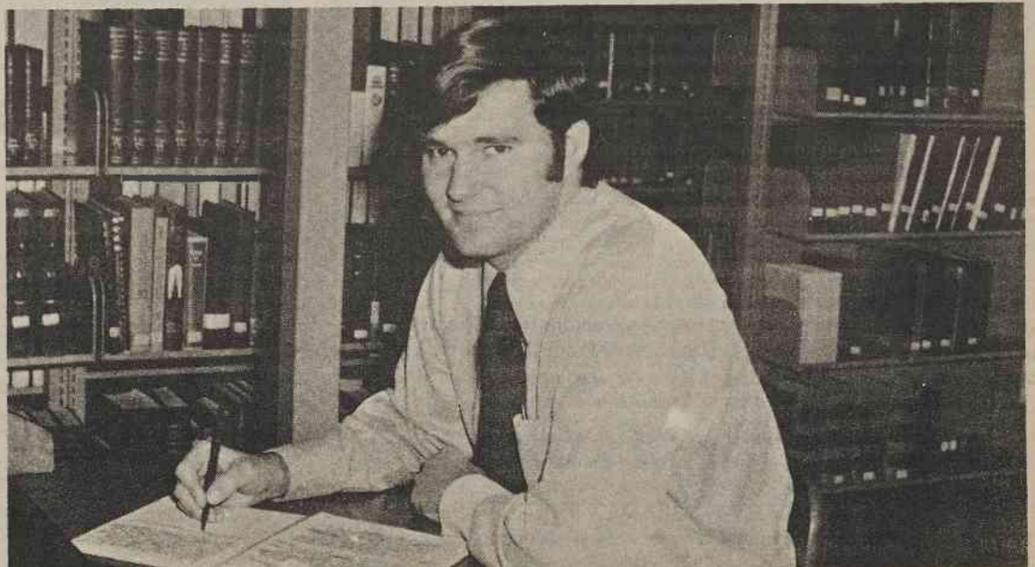
Since joining the Wesleyan staff, he has taken an active role in Wesleyan's athletic program, serving as coach of soccer and baseball. This is a continuing interest from his student days when he was a varsity member of the soccer and basketball teams and co-captain of both. In 1968 he won the Outstanding Athlete Award.

A frequent Dean's List student at Wesleyan, Horne also held offices with the Student Government Association and was a member of the Activists, a leadership honor society now affiliated with the National fraternity Omicron

Delta Kappa. Horne was an officer in the college's Monogram Club and a member of Alpha Delta Chi social fraternity.

Dr. Collins, in making the announcement, stated, "It gives us a great deal of pleasure to appoint one of our own graduates to this administrative position. Horne's background and experience in working with students as a resident counselor as well as in the athletic program, will serve to strengthen the overall student life program at Wesleyan."

Horne is married to the former Susan Oakley, a 1972 graduate of N. C. Wesleyan and a member of the registrar's staff at the college. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin M. Horne of Rt. 2, Elm City.



AL HORNE, WESLEYAN'S NEW DEAN OF STUDENTS