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## At N.C Wesleyan

# Students in uproar over recent changes

by Craig McLean

The raucous mess during the week of the February 6 through 10, which culminated with approximately 100 students trekking to the President's house at 11:00 P.M., February 9, is about the most excitement to hit Wesleyan since the "streaking" days. Why did these students go to Mr. Petteway's home? To protest the (as they heard it) dismissal of several members of the athletic coaching staff. Since rumors know no bounds, "several members" became the entire athletic staff -- an "extermination" had taken place in the words of one student.

In their zeal students neglected to find out what had actually transpired with respect to the athletic staff. What did happen is that an administrative decision was carried out by the Academic Dean, Mr. Wilde, and the Athletic Director, Mr. McCarthy, that in effect said: after this baseball season Dr. Bauer will continue his academic duties but will not serve as Wesleyan's baseball coach. The impetus for this change originates not within the Athletic Department but within the college administration which seeks a new direction for Wesleyan's sports program. Contrary to rampant gossip, no one else is affected according to college officials.

Asked about the reason for Dr. Bauer's dismissal as coach, McCarthy responded that "they are of a confidential nature. Moe is a gentleman--a fine man and to discuss specifics wouldn't be fair or proper."

Possibly misunderstandings came about when students heard that

## Students honored

The 1977-78 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges will carry the names of 17 students from North Carolina Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, North Carolina who have been selected as being among the country's most outstanding campus leaders.

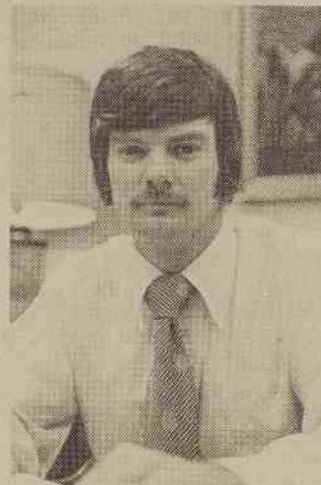
Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and future potential.

They join an elite group of students selected from more (Please turn to Page 4)



Petteway

members of the athletic staff were being evaluated by the Dean and the A.D. According to Mr. McCarthy, these were only evaluations which are necessary to measure performance, discuss problems, view the directions a certain sport is taking, and discuss suggestions for the betterment of the sports program. "This is an ongoing evaluative process. An evaluation is necessary for us to see where



Garlow

we stand and where we're going. All of this misinformation bothers me, and I'll try to do everything I can to correct this misinformation" assured McCarthy.

McCarthy came to Wesleyan to provide leadership for the coaches, to provide administrative services for the sports program, and to enable an active recruitment program to be instated. In the past



McCarthy

recruitment has not been a strong point in athletics. This is because staff members didn't have the time, given their multiple responsibilities. Now, recruitment is intense. "I'm proud of what we're doing in the program. There is good potential here. We have excellent, I think, facilities. They may even be the best in the conference. We have everything needed to attract students, so I'm optimistic



Bauer

about our possibilities in the Dixie Conference," stated McCarthy.

Should student dissension continue, efforts at upgrading our sports program will be impeded substantially. Hopefully, misunderstandings can be worked out soon. In this vain Mr. McCarthy is calling a meeting of all athletes. A time will be announced after the Dixie Classic Tournament is held this week.

## Missing books upsetting to librarians

by Anne Wilson

Al Jones, Charlene Cook, Edna Farmer, and Dianne Taylor want to provide unexcelled services for a college community that they think is made up mostly of cooperative, interested people, but they are hampered by a few problems.

First, there is the mammoth job of recovering about 350 books which are either missing or overdue. In an effort to encourage the return of overdue books, Amnesty Week was declared for November 7-11, during which time no fines were collected. Only about fifteen books were returned. Ac-

ording to Mr. Jones, this year about two hundred books will permanently disappear (using past years as an indicator) at a cost of about \$7.00 per book. This great loss frustrates the librarians' desire to serve the college and community needs and interferes with the reading and research projects attempted by students.

Of great concern also is the condition of journals and periodicals. Many have simply disappeared from the stacks, others have been vandalized, and current issues in the browsing room either disappear or are in such poor condition that they should not

be bound.

Looking toward the spring semester, Mr. Jones indicated that a new charging system similar to those used in public libraries will be instituted. This new method of checking out books will eliminate confusion about names and due dates: each student will have a library card (which will remain in the library) and date cards will be machine stamped. The checking out procedure will, therefore, be faster and more efficient.

Other charges already taking shape involve moving the index section, in anticipation of expansion in the

reference area. Additional shelving will be added in the spring to ease crowding and increase volume.

Mr. Jones noted also that the semester and place a request for books that are not available locally. Eight days are required for arrival.

All these problems - thefts, losses, vandalism, poor housekeeping by students - will be solved by cooperation and consideration from library patrons and staff, but there is still a puzzling predicament left to consider: why are the majority of missing books of a religious nature?

## Petteway: "There is no controversy"

by Susie Cone

In the fog surrounding the recent and much-discussed issue concerning the college's athletic department, "The Decree" was made aware of the necessity for some varied responses to questions about the true nature of the problem. The President of the College, among others, was called upon to discuss and provide information.

The President was unable to be interviewed in person, but did agree to submit written answers to written questions. Certainly, this is not the best manner in which

to conduct a useful and effective discussion, but it is at least some acknowledgement that students should be entitled to information about important deliberations since it is to everyone's best interests.

The President's responses follow:

1. Did you know a demonstration was planned?

A. Yes. Several people told me that I was to have a visit. Two points needs to be made concerning that. First, the business hours for the President are generally 8 to 5 Monday through Friday. There is no need for a mob

scene, particularly at 11:00 p.m. It is inconsiderate and generally fails to build good will and better understanding. A mob seldom brings out the best in people. I must say that most of the students participating in the demonstration were orderly and well-behaved.

2. Why did the athletic department suddenly become exterminated?

A. This question is typical of the misinformation that exists on campus. The only changes that I have observed were not sudden and hardly fit the word exterminated. Since

Coach Horne is enrolling in seminary at Duke University to study for the ministry a soccer coach is needed. This decision is not new by any means. A change was made in Dr. Bauer's job description which will not include coaching baseball in 1979. Therefore a baseball coach will have to be employed for next season.

3. Was it Mr. McCarthy's decision to fire the coaches?

A. Mr. McCarthy is Athletic Director. His duties involve building a strong intercollegiate program. Any decision to make coaching (Please turn to Page 4)