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Enrollment Drop Leads To Shortfall

By TOM ROSS

A decrease in spring enrollment has contributed to a running deficit of \$250,000 in the school's budget but according to Dean Stephen Fritz, "We are not looking for any dramatic cut-backs for next year."

The actual shortfall of the budget will not be known until the end of the school's fiscal year (August 31) because, as NCWC President Dr. Bruce Petteway stated, the school receives additional revenue from camps, special activities, and gifts to the college.

The total decline in enrollment was 71 students, of which 45 were residents.

The decrease in enrollment does not put the school in a financial emergency, according to Dean Fritz, but does "give us

Poet Roland Flint Appears At NCWC

On the evening of September 13th a full-capacity crowd of approximately 120 faculty members, students, and guests of NCWC gathered in the library to hear the poetry of Roland Flint. Flint, a Professor of Literature and Writing at Georgetown University, is the author of *And Morning* (1975), *Say It* (1979), and *Resuming Green* (1983).

Flint, making his seventh appearance as a Wesleyan guest poet, was introduced by Dr. Leverett Smith, NCWC Professor of English and organizer of the evening. Flint writes "poems in the plain style ... yielding rich surprises with every reading."

For this appearance, Flint chose several selections from his previously published works including "Muncie," "Skin," "Follow" and many selections from his current manuscript, including the title poem "Stubborn."

a very serious situation that needs reviewing."

"This decrease in enrollment is a normal drop that every college expects in the spring," said Registrar Cliff Sullivan, "as the students are lost due to graduation, suspension, and other personal reasons."

Dr. Petteway stated that a 10-15% decrease is expected every spring and is figured into the budget. Dr. Petteway added the decrease will not impact the tuition for the fall of 1986. Along with the decrease in enrollment an additional pressure was put on the budget by a dramatic increase in insurance costs for the school according to Dean Fritz. He added that this is not just a problem of North Carolina Wesleyan, but a problem for schools nationwide.

The Full Time Equivalent (FTE) is exactly the same for the spring semester of '86 as it was for the spring of '85 but these figures show an increase in extension and a decrease in day and evening enrollment. "The one area we need most to improve on is full-time students, resident and commuters," Dean Fritz commented, "because that is where most of our revenue comes from."

A significant increase in enrollment is expected for the fall of '86 according to Carl Pagles, Director of Admissions. "We have a goal of 285 day students for the fall, which we have a very legitimate opportunity to reach or hopefully even exceed at this point," said Pagles. He added that right now, the Admissions Office is running about 50 percent ahead on applications as compared to this time last year. "We expect around 600 applications by the end of April, out of which we expect the 285 students."

"I think we have every reason to believe we'll have a substantial increase and we can be very optimistic and look forward to next year," added Dr. Petteway.



SEMESTER RITUAL — Nancy Berra, Maray Deredita, Mike Hilton, and Richard Beaupre go through the semester ritual known as drop-add, but there are fewer students on campus this year to participate in the rite.

Fraternities, Sororities Aim At Creating Positive Image

By REGGIE PONDER, JR.

The media often portrays fraternities and sororities as all-white, hard-drinking, freshman-baiting organizations with little purpose other than throwing big, wild parties. The fraternities and sororities at N. C. Wesleyan are interested in promoting a more positive image of themselves.

According to Joel Pearce of Nu Gamma Phi, fraternities are "social organizations that promote brotherhood and long friendships." The president of Nu Gamma Phi, David Langlois, feels that a fraternity "serves as the basis for a person's social life. It lets him meet people." "We try to promote citizenship and friendship among brothers," says Mike Dolliver, president of Sigma Pi. Steve Scalzi, president of Alpha Delta Chi, says: "The purpose of Alpha Delta Chi is to establish a mutual fraternal organization which shall provide association of students enabling them better to promote in themselves those qualities of brotherhood, scholarship, leadership, and loyalty to the alma mater which will serve the interests of the college as a whole."

Lisa Nelson of Pi Epsilon

says sororities are "a way to get together and meet people." Kim Ross, president of Sigma Phi Delta, says a sorority is "a special kind of friendship among girls who are willing to do just about anything for the welfare of one another."

David Langlois says, "Alcohol is served at some of our parties, but not all. It isn't a big part of our parties. Non-alcoholic drinks are served as well." "Alcohol is not the focus of our parties," says Joel Pearce. Mike Dolliver says, "We drink together as friends, but that's not our main function." "Other beverages are available for those who don't wish to drink," says Cindy Bovee, president of Pi Epsilon. According to Kim Ross, "the sorority offers options" with regard to the use of alcohol. Jim Van Rekel, Resident Director of Nash and Director of Campus Security, says: "In years past, some Greek organizations have had a bad reputation for the use of alcohol. I think we've seen a change. The Greek organizations are taking a more responsible outlook when planning their different social events."

"I don't think alcohol is any more of a problem with fraternities than with any other groups or individuals," says George

Morse, Resident Director of South. Matt Warren, president of Nash, says: "It is a known fact that there is drinking in the frats, but there is also drinking among the rest of the student body. People should be a little more responsible with their drinking."

Not all of Wesleyan's fraternities and sororities currently have black members, but all have had both black and whites in recent years. "There have been blacks in the past. Currently, we have no black members," says Joel Pearce. Kim Ross says: "Actually, there is not any active member who happens to be black. We have alumni who are. The sorority does not discriminate on any basis." Pi Epsilon does currently have black members. "When you're sisters, it doesn't matter what color you are," says Lisa Nelson. "The reason I agreed to become the advisor for Pi Epsilon is because blacks and whites together work to make it a useful and meaningful organization," says Dr. David Jones, faculty advisor for Pi Epsilon. Sigma Pi also has a black member.

"As far as I know, there is no hazing going on," says George

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