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Swimming Pool Under Consideration

By REGGIE PONDER JR.

An indoor swimming pool is one of the three options being considered by the Student Life Office for a new facility to serve students. The other options are an intramural/activities building and a party barn.

The intramural/activities building would feature "a full

size basketball court," according to Dr. Carleton McKita, Dean of Student Life. McKita says, "We would be able to do things in there like volleyball and badminton. It would also be useful for dances, concerts, etc."

The party barn, according to McKita, would be "a smaller facility than the intramural

building — more of a 'pub-like' atmosphere." McKita says the party barn would feature "a jukebox, popcorn, potato chips, pretzels, and soft drinks." McKita says, "This would be a place where you could sit and play cards, talk, snack, dance." McKita says alcohol will not be served at the party barn.

The Student Life office is not sure which of the three options would best serve students. "We're looking at what the students need and what we can afford," says McKita. McKita feels that a swimming pool would provide some benefits for students. "A lot of people like to relax around a swimming pool. And, obvious-

ly, it would be helpful to the physical education department," says McKita.

Ann Fleming, admissions counselor at Wesleyan, feels that a swimming pool would be attractive to prospective students. "Anything that adds to student activities will be

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Vandalism Shows Drop On Campus

By JODY PARADIS

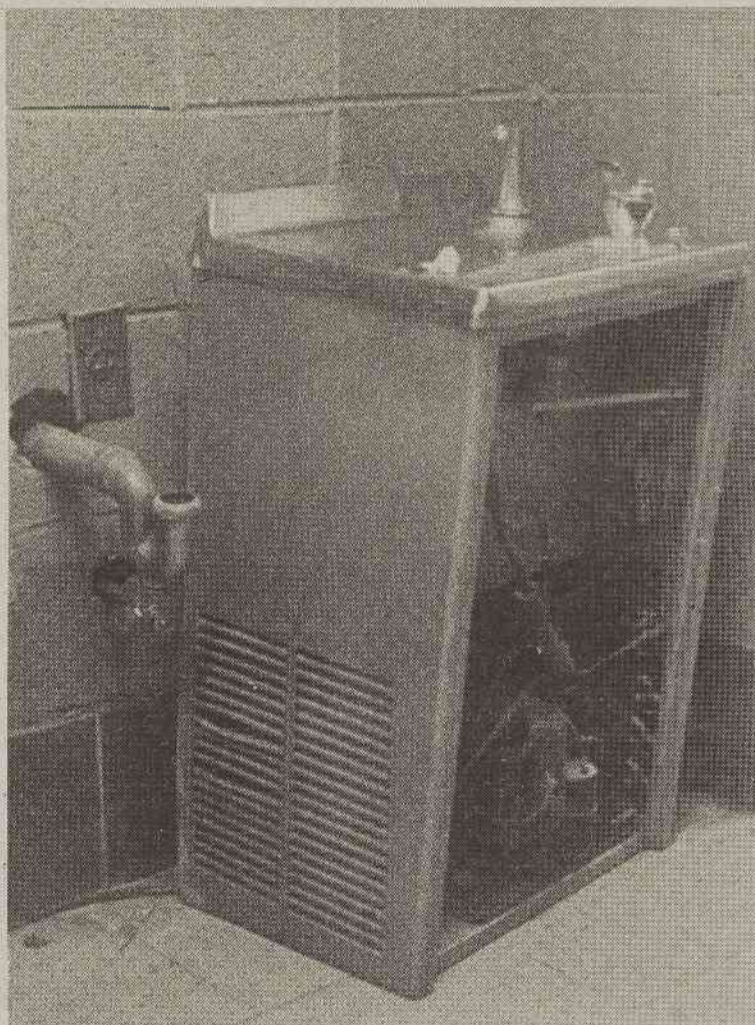
Despite the recent vandalism that the North Carolina Wesleyan College campus, school officials say incidents of vandalism is down this year.

"I feel the vandalism is probably less now than it has been" stated Dr. Carlton McKita, Dean of Student Life, during a recent *Decree* interview. According to McKita, what we see a lot of is "very careless use of property." Trash in hallways, doors being slammed and flying balls breaking windows account largely for on-campus problems.

Admissions Counselor and former Security Director, Jim Van Roekel takes the same stand on this issue.

"I would say that vandalism has been no more, even a little

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WATER COOLER WAS VICTIM OF VANDALISM

New Course To Replace Orientation

By MARK CRUM

In the Fall '86 semester incoming freshmen, both full-time and commuters, will be required to take Liberal Studies Seminar (LSS 151) in place of Orientation (ORI 101). The following semester, returning freshmen will be required to take the second part of the two-course sequence, LSS 152.

First introduced by the Curriculum Committee Task Force, Liberal Studies Seminar is designed to orient students to academic procedures and cultural responsibilities which are vital to a college education. Marshall Brooks,

Chairman of the Curriculum Committee Task Force and Department of Education, said that one reason for the change to LSS was to "find a way to maintain the concept that the college experience is more than just the classroom." Brooks also said that the revised orientation program (LSS) will provide "better opportunities to expose students to the skills required by a college environment."

The new two-course sequence will be offered for one hour of credit on a letter grade basis. Each semester will revolve around a contemporary

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Faculty Eliminates Major In Theater

On Feb. 10, the North Carolina Wesleyan faculty, in a role call vote of 18 to 15, eliminated the theater major. An earlier show of hands vote ended in a tie. The reasons, according to director of Theater Charles Ackerman, are the high casts improving the program and low student enrollment. Currently there are no theater majors.

Dr. Paul deGateno, chair-

man of the English Department sees the decision having a "detrimental effect on the liberal arts. There is a connection between theater and other liberal arts majors," he said. According to Professor Lionel Bishop, chairman of the Computer Studies Department. The decision "only effect the teaching or upper-level theater courses. Theater productions will continue."

NCWC was evaluated last year by an outside consultant, Dr. Chris White, vice president of academic and student affairs at Elon College, a liberal arts school in North Carolina. Dr. White's evaluation stated that Wesleyan had some under-utilized majors.

"He didn't recommend eliminating these majors," said Ackerman. "He suggested that we evaluate ourselves —

should we put more money into recruiting for that area, should we eliminate it, or should something else be done." Ackerman went on to say that colleges offer majors to make money not lose it.

As a result of Dr. White's finishing a Title III Curriculum Task Force Committee was organized to evaluate the college from several points of view. It found that the chemis-

try department, music department, and theater department had the highest expenditure per number of students enrolled. The Task Force then recommended that the curriculum committee decide if a major should be eliminated.

According to Dr. Stephen Fritz, Dean of the college. The decision to eliminate the

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