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Applications For Admission Increase

By JODY PARADIS

A recent "stepping up" of admissions programs has provided a revival for the Admissions Office of N.C. Wesleyan College.

The Admissions Office has received 367 applications to date compared to 272 applications as

of March 20 last year.

According to Carl Pagles, director of Admissions, the prospect file has doubled this year, which he attributed to "an exceptional staff working together with a mutual concern for success."

The college has implemented

many mediums to reach prospective students, such as high school magazine advertisements, college days, Methodist Church recommendations, and encouraged visits to the NCWC campus.

The college has formerly reached out to students all over the nation, but now targets the

majority of its efforts to a 150-mile area surrounding Rocky Mount. Pagles noted that 70 to 75 percent of Wesleyan's current students are from this area.

With this in mind, the Admissions Office hopes to reach out to approximately 7,500 prospective students this year. Of the 7,500 prospects, 600 to 650 will

apply to the school and around 50 percent of those will actually enroll.

Pagles said, "I am very pleased with the level of activity in admissions this year, but just as important, I am even more excited over what that means for the college's future years."



ACTIVE PARTICIPATION RESULTS IN LASTING FIXTURE ON OUR LOVELY SCHOOL — On Sunday, students conducted groundbreaking ceremonies in support of Student Life's plan to build a swimming pool. One student commented, "We felt this was a good way to give a boost to Dr. McKita and his staff." The Student Life Office was unavailable for comment.

College Defends Use Of Students For Protection

By REGGIE PONDER

Wesleyan's campus security force consists mainly of Wesleyan students trained on campus by Security Director Rohan O. Naraine. Naraine and Dr. Carleton McKita, Dean of Students, feel this force is adequate for Wesleyan's security needs, although other small southeastern colleges contacted by *The Decree* prefer non-students with more training.

McKita says, "I'd rather have a higher security budget. Within our budget constraints, I think we do a good job." Naraine says, "We're doing the best we can."

McKita feels there are some advantages to using students for security, noting, "They (students) know the student body. They know who's a stranger and who isn't."

McKita argues that using better-trained security guards would not eliminate security problems. "The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has a police force that would rival some good-sized towns, but they still can't prevent all crimes," he says.

Naraine and McKita point out that members of the security force are not trained to intervene in dangerous situations. McKita says members of the force are "not expected to confront dangerous situations. They are trained to report those situations and get help if needed." Naraine says, "They

know who to call in case of emergencies." McKita says, "The Nash County Sheriff's Department will respond very quickly to us."

Naraine, who replaced Jim Van Roekel as Director of Security after Van Roekel's resignation earlier this semester, received his training and experience in the military. He is responsible for training new members of the security force.

Naraine says, "When they (new members of the security force) come on, they get a briefing on what is expected of them. They are trained for three to five days before they start."

Naraine considers it important for students to assist security by reporting anything suspicious. Naraine says, "If anyone sees something suspicious, they should contact the RA or RD so they can contact security on the walkie-talkie."

Security tries to protect women on campus by providing escorts. Naraine says, "We try to give escorts as best we can." Naraine gives advice on how women can help protect themselves, saying "Don't walk on your own; walk in groups. Walk where you can be seen; walk where it's light."

Deans of Students at several small southeastern colleges prefer extensively trained, non-student security guards to campus-trained students.

Jenie McDill, Dean of Students at Erskine College in Due

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1986 Spring Symposium Studies Genetics' Role In Human Affairs

On March 18 and 19, North Carolina Wesleyan College held its annual Spring Symposium. This year's symposium was concerned with "Genetics and Human Affairs."

Each year the college sets aside two days and cancels classes so that students and faculty can attend the events.

Every year a different academic department is put in charge of the symposium. According to Dr. Himanshu Navangul, the department wanted to choose a subject that would both inform and enlighten the Wesleyan community.

Variety was the key to this

year's symposium. Those attending had their choice of films, lectures, and panel discussions. Speakers ranged from professors of major colleges and universities to members of Wesleyan's own faculty. Navangul said that the department had to come up with interesting and different ways of presenting the material.

Judging from student reaction and participation, the panel discussions were the most popular of the offered events. Junior Mark Immler said, "In just a few days we learned something that could prevent a possible genetic catastrophe, which would affect

our lives drastically."

But student reaction was not all positive. David Fieldman noted, "Overall, the symposium was beneficial, but at times it got monotonous." Dr. Navangul agreed that the event was beneficial and that some student complaints will always be present.

Navangul said that the main goal of the symposium was "to bring awareness to people who don't know" about the problems of genetics and "raise the awareness of those people who already know" about them.

"A lot of people will be facing these problems in the future," Navangul said.