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**BIG DAY FOR WESLEYAN** — Volunteers count pledges during the Sept. 9 "A Day for Wesleyan" fundraising campaign, which this year raised \$316,785 for the college. (Photo courtesy of the Rocky Mount Record.)

## Fundraiser exceeds target

By WINDY CHAMBLESS

"A Day for Wesleyan," the annual fund-raising drive which solicits donations from both the greater Rocky Mount business community and the faculty and staff of the college, has raised \$316,785 to date. The total, which eclipses the goal of \$315,500, falls short of last year's record \$338,000 contribution.

Mr. William Kincheloe, president of Wildwood Lalmp Company and chairman of this year's campaign, is happy with the drive, which took place on Tuesday, Sept. 9. "I am extremely pleased with the outcome of the campaign. We reached the goal we had set; we are very proud of what the workers accomplished," Kincheloe said.

Achieving the goal was a

matter of some concern, according to Richard Dollar, Vice-President for Development at Wesleyan.

"Because of economic conditions, competition with other philanthropic concerns in the community, and the general mind-set for giving in the community, we were deeply concerned with our ability to make our established goal of \$315,500."

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## Fritz serves dual role

# Search for president continuing

By TOM RIVERS

The 1986-87 year has begun for North Carolina Wesleyan College and the search for a president, originally intended to end with the announcement of a new president June 30, is still in progress.

The search, initiated last fall upon the resignation of veteran president S. Bruce Petteway, could go on until possibly next July before the position is filled, according to J. Phil Carlton, chairman of the Presidential Search Committee and chairman of the Board of Trustees.

"There seems to (have been) a sort of uneasiness," said Dr. Ken Finney, faculty chairman, about Wesleyan's operating in a presidentless fashion. But until such time a president is appointed, Carlton said

the committee feels acting president, Academic Dean Stephen Fritz, can handle the responsibilities of the job. Fritz was given the full powers of the presidency while continuing to carry out the responsibilities of the office of Academic Dean.

"We feel we have chosen the best alternative at this time," said Carlton. But as faculty representative Dr. Allen Johnson pointed out, Fritz is still being considered for the president's position by the committee.

"I am very excited to be named acting President," Fritz said. "I see considerable potential for the college, the mood of optimism is real, and it (the mood of optimism) is critical to building a new foundation for the college."

Fritz, however, is concerned

with the problems of one person trying to be both Academic Dean and acting President. "One person cannot do both jobs well. I think we need someone in the Dean's office," he said. "It is my intent to get on with being the president of the college."

Carlton attributed the problem of finding a good president not to any one thing but to a series of problems. "We have set very high standards for a small young college and we want a person who is adept at administration, finance, fund-raising, and academic affairs, and there are very few people like that in this world."

Initially the search committee received approximately 300 to 400 applications for the position, which the committee narrowed down to a select few for serious consideration.

# Wesleyan enrollment up by 178

By MARK CRUM

Enrollment statistics released on Sept. 12 by the Registrar's Office show a 42 percent increase in enrollment of new students over figures from last year. Total enrollment for the Fall 1986 semester is at 1,323 compared to a total enrollment of 1,145 in the fall of 1985.

The number of dormitory residents is 355, a significant increase from last year's figure of 294.

This fall Wesleyan increased the total number of day students from 478 in the Fall 1985 semester to 558. The full-time day total increased from 426 to 515 students. The total number of students enrolled in the Wesleyan extension program increased from 571 in the Fall 1985 semester to 645 this fall.

One important statistic about this year's entering freshman class

is the fact that the average SAT has not declined but has remained the same as in years past. According to Carl Pagles, Dean of Admissions here at Wesleyan, the average SAT score should be between 790-800 once all of the figures have been computed. Pagles attributed the increase in enrollment to a new system of recruiting, better development of prospects, and less traveling than was done two years ago; Wesleyan spent more time recruiting students from North Carolina and Southern Virginia. According to Pagles, there was a significant increase in the number of prospective students. Pagles said that 44 percent of those students who applied to Wesleyan enrolled the largest number to enroll in ten years.

Even though it's early in the year, Pagles expects next year's freshman class to be even larger than this year's freshman class.



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