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PRESIDENTS GATHER — Acting President Stephen Fritz (left) and President Thomas A. Collins (1959-1975) unveil President Bruce Petteway's Presidential Portrait during the 30th Founders Day Convocation at Wesleyan last Friday while Petteway (right) and his wife Eleanor look on.

Fritz appoints Marshall Brooks as Acting Dean

By SANDY MITCHELL

Recently, Dr. Marshall A. Brooks, Chairman, Department of Education at Wesleyan, was named the Acting Dean of Academic Affairs for the 1986-1987 school year.

Dr. Brooks is happy about being appointed as Acting Dean. He feels that this is an opportunity to learn more about administration and to see if he would like to go into administration full time. Dr. Brooks said, "This is a critical year for the college and we have an opportunity to move the college forward. This is what I plan to do."

During his year as Acting Dean, Dr. Brooks hopes to accomplish several things. He hopes to improve services to the faculty in order to retain more faculty members. He also wants to work on serving the students better. But first he feels we must recognize the type of school we are.

"We are more than just the on campus, Rocky Mount day program," said Dr. Brooks. "We have more off campus and extension students all over regional North Carolina than on campus students, and we must realize this." Dr. Brooks' overall goal is to make the school stronger, and he feels this is the way to do it.

Dr. Brooks was chosen as Acting Dean of Academic Affairs by Acting President, Dr. Stephen E. Fritz. Although Dr. Fritz made the final decision, he consulted with several of his colleagues including Dr. Kenneth V. Finney, chairman of the Faculty Council, before selecting Dr. Brooks. Both of these men are very sure that Dr. Brooks is definitely the right man for the job.

Acting President Fritz considered the decision to choose an Acting Dean carefully, and he found that Dr. Brooks was the outstanding choice. He is trusted by his colleagues and fully committed to his new position.

Dr. Fritz said, "The Dean's office needs someone with a good sense of academics and administration, someone to meet the needs of both faculty and students, and someone who understands academic programs and how they function. Dr. Brooks de-

monstrates these qualities." Dr. Fritz seems very pleased with Dr. Brooks' performance in his new position thus far and is confident of his continued success.

Dr. Kenneth Finney agrees with Dr. Fritz' choice for Acting Dean. He has worked with Dr. Brooks for seven years and he feels that Dr. Brooks will succeed in his new position.

Dr. Finney said, "One of the dangers of an Acting Dean is they sort of hold down the fort until the cavalry gets there. Here, both the Acting Dean and President are going ahead with things." Dr. Finney also said that Dr. Brooks gets along well with everyone and is represented by both the faculty and administration.

College adds writing essay

By PAM HARRISON

The Writing Proficiency Committee, directed by Dr. Emily Meredith, has initiated a new graduation requirement for all degree-seeking students which includes all freshmen and transfer students who entered Wesleyan in the fall of 1986. This requirement is the Writing Proficiency Essay, and should be taken as soon as possible after completing English 112.

According to Dr. Meredith, the purpose of the essay is "to see how clearly people can communicate through writing." Dr. Meredith said, "The emphasis will not be placed on grammar, but how a person responds to what he has read."

The first exam will be given on Nov. 12, however, there will be more testing dates in February, April, and during the summer.

The exam will be evaluated by the seven members of the Committee, who were chosen by the Dean and Dr. Meredith herself. The seven members are, Dr. Rick Watson, Dr. Sally Craven, Mrs. Frances Harrison, Dr. Leverett Smith, Dr. Jake Owensby, Dr. Kim Nordquest, and Dr. Meredith.

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Cafeteria surveys students

By GREG WILLIAMS

A week or so ago, when you went to the cafeteria to eat, you were probably handed a card and asked to fill it out. You noticed that it was a survey on how well Saga is performing in the areas of food, quality, service, and atmosphere. You put your ideas on the survey, rated the food, and made suggestions for the improvement of our cafeteria.

According to Sybil Banford, cafe-

teria manager, the survey is conducted twice a year; once in the fall and once in the spring. The results are sent to the district manager of Saga. The survey is also studied closely here in our cafeteria.

The actual numbers were average, with higher scores going to the friendliness and appearance of the service personnel and lower scores to the areas of food quality, taste, and appearance. Mrs. Banford said that some survey card had to be thrown

out due to the legitimacy of the answers. Banford also stated that, "When cooking for a large variety of people, there is bound to be dissent in what they like."

In the past students' suggestions have netted the cafeteria a new toaster and a hot chocolate machine. Recently, ideas have gotten the cafeteria a daily soup and different meats in the deli line.

Although the daily menus are regulated by the main office of Saga, Mrs. Banford is still able to make small decisions on food choice. There are also special foods on holidays and special occasions.

Many students think that the \$1600 a year that they pay for board all goes toward the purchase of food. The majority of the money goes to buy food, but the rest of the money goes toward the cost of maintaining the cafeteria.

Mrs. Banford would like to see the cafeteria remodeled to better serve the needs of the students. If Saga is able to get a five year contract with the Wesleyan cafeteria, they would be willing to put money into its renovation.

change anyway, it's tradition. Because we have so few traditions here at Wesleyan, I feel that we should keep those few that we have alive."

In a recent memo sent to Wesleyan faculty by the yearbook staff, the desire for a name change was expressed. The name *Dissenter* was said to have "negative overtones," and the suggestion was made to change the name to something more "up-beat."

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Yearbook drops name change

By DELL LEWIS

The proposed name change of N.C. Wesleyan's yearbook was recently abandoned. This, however, was not the first attempt on the part of a yearbook staff to change the name of the *Dissenter*, and according to sources on the yearbook staff it will not be the last.

"They didn't expect so many people to be against the change," said an unidentified yearbook staff member. "I was never for the name