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## 'Peeper' leads to tighter security



PEEPING TOM DRAWS ATTENTION — Reporter Denise James of WTVD Channel 11 News interviews students on Nov. 19 following a reported sighting of the Peeping Tom on campus. (Photo by Johnny Francis.)

By DELL LEWIS

North Carolina Wesleyan College has increased security and hired a consultant to evaluate its present security force in the wake of a rash of peeping tom incidents in both women's dorms on campus, according to Dean of Student Life, Dr. Carleton McKita.

The college has hired Wheeler Security from Nashville to help patrol the campus. "I signed a contract with them on Nov. 18 and they will be under contract until the end of the semester," McKita said. "One man has been added from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. and he is relieved by another man from 1 a.m. to 9 a.m.," McKita added. In addition, Wesleyan's regular security force, which consists of students, continues to patrol.

A consultant from the Pinkerton Security Agency is presently reviewing the campus security system. While McKita hesitates to make any judgments before the consultant's review is completed and while McKita feels that our present security system is "adequate," he also thinks that "we could have professional people" on campus. In fact, McKita asked for additional funds for security last year, but his request was turned

down because of budgetary reasons. According to McKita, the college budget was tight last year and there were simply no available funds for campus security.

While things were understandably quiet on the campus over the Thanksgiving holiday break, matters on the issue came to a head on Nov. 19 when it was reported that the Peeper was on campus. A mob scene quickly developed, with both males and females carrying clubs and baseball bats. In addition, residents of South Hall searched the woods on campus for signs of the individual.

Concerned Wesleyan students called WTVD channel 11 news. Reporter Denise James and a cameraman came to the campus that evening and interviewed both students and McKita.

James was given complete access to all information, according to both McKita and NCWC Director of Public Information Joyce Bonomo. "I was not trying to orchestrate anything," McKita said, "but I was concerned that nothing totally inaccurate was said."

McKita received "a lot of calls

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## Pre-registration increases

By SANDY MITCHELL

North Carolina Wesleyan College held pre-registration for the 1987 spring term November 10 through the 14, and the numbers received by the registrar, Mr. C. Cliff Sullivan, show a increase in students pre-registered for this spring's classes over those pre-registered last spring.

According to the data gathered by Mr. Sullivan, there has been a 5% increase in the number of students who pre-registered over the past two years. For the spring term of 1985 and 1986, only 71% of all NCWC's students pre-registered. This year a healthy 76% of all students pre-registered for spring classes. Mr. Sullivan said, "I am very pleased

with the increase and the hard work shown by the faculty during the week of pre-registration. They are responsible for the large number of students who pre-registered."

Mr. Sullivan said pre-registration is very beneficial to the students because it usually allows them to get in the classes they want, and it keeps them from having to stand in lines so long. Pre-registration also allows the college to estimate tuition revenue for the spring and it helps the college to determine if they need to drop or add a section of a course.

Mr. Sullivan said he is working on a way to shorten the registration process. Students will have to meet with their advisors and determine their schedules. After this, if the students have pre-paid, they will not have to wait in long lines. They will be ready for classes.

According to graduating Senior, Thomas "Sleepy" Taylor, "classes needed for graduation are offered at the same time. This makes it hard to graduate on time." The Registrar's Office does their best to accommodate all of the students here at Wesleyan, But sometimes students are inconvenienced and bumped out of classes

that was effective Nov. 1, 1986."

Seniority has not been taken into consideration however. "The purpose of this action was to insure that minimum pay be established in each rank, and that faculty who were making minimum pay schedule does not address the question of seniority. At this point, it was important to establish minimums and to bring faculty up to those levels. There is simply not enough money to go around to address every need. It is my hope that

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## Board of Trustees accepts new salary scale for faculty

By PAM HARRISON

The Board of Trustees has recently approved Acting President Stephen Fritz's salary scale for the faculty.

The minimum salary levels for full-time faculty members are \$17,000 for instructors, \$19,000 for assistant professors, \$22,000 for full professors. According to Acting President Fritz, none of the faculty members are below minimum, "We have raised all of them, there are no full-time faculty making less than minimum in their particular ranks, and

## Be alert for strangers

To N.C. Wesleyan Students:

The weeks just before the Thanksgiving break were frightening and made us aware of how easily someone can get on the campus and enter residence halls at very unexpected times.

In response to this, we have added to our own security force the services of Wheeler Security through the remainder of this semester. We are consulting with security specialists to assess the best ways in which our students can be safe and feel safe.

Also, the women's residence halls will remain locked later into the morning and persons entering residence halls after 6 p.m. will (if not recognized as students) be asked to verify their identity.

Automobiles that do not have a current Wesleyan parking decal may be stopped after 11 p.m. and the drivers asked to produce verification of identity.

One thing is certain. A very important element of security at N.C. Wesleyan is a student body that is alert to the presence of strangers and immediately notifies security or other members of the Student Life staff if that person is in the wrong place at the wrong time or gives evidence of not belonging here.

Carleton P. McKita  
Dean of Student Life