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Spring enrollment up from 1986

By DELL LEWIS

The current enrollment figure at North Carolina Wesleyan College is 1,309 students as opposed to 1,074 students for the spring semester of 1986. Acting President Stephen Fritz said, "It is not unusual to have a 10 percent decrease in enrollment from the fall to spring semester. "Our enrollment was only down by 14 from the fall figure of 1,323 ac-

ording to statistics from the Registrar's office. This figures indicate that the college has the potential to be operating our campus at near capacity," said Fritz.

According to Fritz, improved student retention has been the result of several determining factors.

Improved academic advising and improved developmental studies head the list. "The college is trying to be much more sensitive to student

needs and is attempting to address those needs. We have placed continued emphasis on quality programs and higher academic standards," said Fritz. "I think the students want this," he added.

Fritz also attributes the high retention rate to the students themselves. "There has been a very strong mood of optimism on campus, spirit has been positive. That has had a good effect on student enrollment."

The breakdown of total enrollment is as follows: day students 540, evening students 111, and extension students 658. These figures can be broken down farther into full-time and part-time students. Full-time student enrollment consists of 480 day students, 19 evening students, and 163 extension students. Part-time student enrollment consist of 60 day students, 92 evening students and 495 extension students.

The extension headcount is divided among the four extension campuses in Goldsboro, Jacksonville, New Bern, and Raleigh. "The extension program provides an important service to the areas that they serve," said Fritz. "We recognize the need for evening programs for the adult community," he added. Enrollment figures for the four locations are as follows: Goldsboro 180, Jacksonville 40, New Bern 61, and Raleigh 377.



SECURITY INCREASED — A Pinkerton car patrols campus as the college has increased campus security following "peeping tom" incidents late last year just before the Christmas holidays.

Committee has two candidates for President

By SHIRLEY SMITH

In the second semester of the 1987 school year, the committee is still in the process of screening applicants for the Presidency. Dr. Allen Johnson, the faculty member on the committee, says that they have two candidates on their list at the moment and that there will soon be on-campus interviews, provided that the off-campus interviews prove satisfactory. Johnson said that they have still one of the two candidates to interview before bringing them both on-campus for the faculty to meet.

"We're still looking," Dr. Johnson said. "We have reevaluated our supply of candidates, the only problem being that there are lots of persons who would like the job but just aren't suitable, and other candidates who would be an excellent choice but aren't interested in leaving their present jobs or who have just had better job offers elsewhere."

Dr. Johnson admits that he is frustrated with the way the search is going, mainly because there is no unanimity on the committee toward a candidate.

Johnson said that the college has simply given Dr. Fritz a trial year as President in order to see whether he should be appointed but that, "so far Dr. Fritz is the best person available. We are just trying to see if he's a better President than someone else available." According to Johnson the college can reasonably expect to have

a President in place by the summer, hopefully before that, maybe around the first of July.

The faculty and staff of Wesleyan aren't too happy with the way things are now, and wish for the problem to be settled as soon as possible. The chairman of the faculty council, Dr. Ken Finney said that although he could not possibly speak for every teacher here, on the whole, "most feel strongly that there needs to be some settling of the question, that the continuation of being in limbo is causing some anxiety."

Dr. Finney also remarked that the faculty feels uncertain about what to do in some situations because there is no President whose opinion they need to have about certain new programs. "They feel that they need to know these things so that they can act accordingly," said Finney.

So the main problem for the staff is "in which direction are we going?" Finney added. And the problem of whether or not the direction will change, according to Finney, "inhibits them from participating wholeheartedly in anything new."

One example that Finney use to show an idea of what he meant is whether or not the faculty should be evaluated, "each new Dean had a different idea about this over the last fourteen years." This causes the teachers to develop an I-don't-care attitude about it, said Finney, maybe the new Dean will quell some of these uncertainties."

Wesleyan boosts security

By RHONDA SHARPE

While the college does not have any new suspects in last semester's "peeping tom" incidents, they have employed additional security personnel.

Wheeler security was replaced this semester by Pinkerton Security because, "we had confidence in them," said Dr. Carleton McKita, Dean of Student Life. In addition, Dr. Marshall Brooks, Dean of Academic Affairs, said "their literature impressed me. Their people have professional training, security clearance and are trained to handle emergency situations."

The employment of Pinkerton Security has caused the cost of campus security to nearly double.

According to Ray Kirkland, Vice President of Finance, the college is paying Pinkerton \$45,000 per calendar year and that Wesleyan Security budget has risen from \$40,000 to \$75,000 per year. According to Dr. McKita, this amount does not include the cost of lock or window replacement, or the maintenance of the campus security vehicle.

The responsibilities of Pinkerton, which don't differ greatly and are a result of campus security's strength and weakness, were summed up by Dr. McKita in Wesleyan "Rationale and Assessment of Security and Proposals for Improvement" as follows:

- Parameter patrol (by foot and vehicle).

- Checking to make sure doors, windows and buildings are secure and lighting fixtures function properly.

- Recognize, be courteous and question visiting cars if necessary.

- Back up campus security.

- Be present in the case of emergency.

- Be in charge of major disturbances outside residence halls.

- Enforce traffic laws (speeding, parking, etc).

According to "Rationale and Assessment of Security and Proposals for Improvement" accessibility, knowledge of the campus and that they have interest in the well-being of their fellow students are a few strengths of campus security.

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