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Student government reorganized

By SHIRLEY SMITH

The Community Council of North Carolina Wesleyan College is about to undergo a major change this year. The first change will come in its name. The Community Council of Wesleyan will become the Student Government of Wesleyan.

As the name suggests, "this organization will be composed of and run by Wesleyan students, minus faculty, staff, and administration"

says Leslie Freeman, the President of the "new" Student Government. That this change will give students more responsibility is just what Wesleyan needs, agrees Steve Cohen, who says that "this is how it should be, students don't go to faculty meetings so the two should be separated."

The Student Government is composed of the Executive Staff, which consists of the President, Leslie Freeman; Vice-President, Pam Wooten; Secretary, Diane Ciasca; Treasurer,

Johnny Francis. Other groups and organizations are in the senate. Some of these are the Presidents of the Senior, Junior, Sophomore, and Freshman classes. Other people involved are the Resident Hall Presidents and the Presidents of all of the major organizations on campus.

Steve Cohen stressed that the main purpose of this organization is to give the students a say-so about what goes on on this campus, to voice complaints and disagreements.

Cohen also said that "...any students who don't voice their opinions in the meetings should not bother to let any complaints come out of their mouths!"

Freeman informs us that once the meetings get started there will be periodic meetings for all students.

"In fact," says Freeman, "we are trying to find ways to include commuters, maybe by electing two representatives to relay what happens at each meeting. We could also send all

commuters newsletters to keep them involved in what's going on."

To show how serious this organization will be, Freeman says that "Any organizational president that doesn't attend the meetings regularly or send a representative will have to go inactive." Pam Derrick, Director of Housing, agrees that this organization should be taken very seriously, mostly because it will give Wesleyan students more responsibility and an active say-so in campus affairs.



POET ROLAND FLINT SIGNS AUTOGRAPHS AFTER READING. (PHOTO BY NCWC)

Poet captivates reading audience

By MICHELLE KENNEDY

Roland Flint was the inaugural poet for the Eleanor Hoyt Smith Memorial Reading held at Wesleyan on Friday night, Oct. 16. For one hour, Flint captivated his audience by reading poems from his book *Sicily*, published by North Carolina Wesleyan Press, and from a manuscript he is preparing for publication.

Flint first read his poetry at Wesleyan in the fall of 1977. A little over a year ago, Wesleyan presented him with an honorary degree. The friends, faculty, and students were glad to once again have Roland Flint

as a guest on the Wesleyan campus.

The occasion for Flint's reading is one that is very dear to the hearts of the Wesleyan faculty and friends, Eleanor Hoyt Smith, the mother of Dr. Terry Smith, was extremely fond of poetry readings in the library. Therefore, in memory of her, a fund was established which would bring poets to Wesleyan to read their works. Thus, the first annual Eleanor Hoyt Smith Memorial Reading.

The common theme which runs through Flint's poetry is man dealing with life. The poems are based on real life situations rather than fantastical illusions.

Flint began his reading with "For Gabriel's Hands," a poem which vividly describes the birth of a child. Some other poems he read are "Are You In Town Too," "At Bernard's," "Love Which Alters," "Nocturne," and "The Gift." He ended his poetry reading with a hilarious account of a man's frustration at trying to crack open an impenetrable oyster. The poem, "His Oyster," though comical, is a wonderful picture of real life. It was an excellent ending to a night of learning about life. Flint's poems gave the listeners the chance to experience life all over again and to understand that poetry is about life.

Wesleyan College forms small press for publications

By LISA STELL

North Carolina Wesleyan is developing a small press. According to Dr. Leverett Smith, the college has been printing various items for approximately ten years, and is now looking into upgrading it to become an official college press.

Lots of investigation is being done to find out where Wesleyan fits in the publishing world. Since Rocky Mount is in the Coastal Plains region, Smith expects more publications to be centered on that subject. Dr. Stephen Fritz, NCWC's Vice-President, who originated the idea of a press in 1984, said there were four broad areas of focus: (1) literature in the fine arts, (2) the Coastal Plains region, involving local and regional history, (3) things dealing with private education, and (4) Christian viewpoints. He and Smith are not sure, however, which one of these areas to choose as a focal point. Smith said the main question to be asked is, "Do we want to put the time and money into it to become an official college press?"

The first piece of work published by the Wesleyan College Press came out last Friday, Oct. 16. It was entitled "Sicily," by guest poet Roland Flint. The next piece to be printed by the college press will be a book, due out in the spring. Publishing a writer's work is "a sensible thing to do," Smith said, because the writer

will be more dedicated to coming to Wesleyan and reading his works. Fritz said he expects two more publications between now and the fall of 1988. Also being considered for publication is some sort of journal, but the viewpoint for it has not yet been decided. Prior to October 16 everything published at Wesleyan was done under the name of "Friends of the Lion" Press.

Fritz believes the college is ready for a project such as this. As an observer of the Pikeville College Press in Kentucky, he saw it become very successful in fulfilling an important niche in the world of publishing. The main focal point of the Pikeville College Press was Appalachian Folk Culture. Along this line, Fritz would like to see the Wesleyan College press become as successful as reputable as Pikeville.

Although still in the developmental stage, Fritz believes the press would do a variety of things: (1) provide a vehicle to promote learning, (2) make an important statement about our college — such as the desire to be an educational leader, and to show total commitment to higher learning. If the press continues to grow, and it should, Wesleyan will gain a mark of distinction and could become a real leader among small colleges. "I am personally very confident that as the press emerges, it will become everything we want it to be," Fritz said.