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Search for ADP director put on hold

By HASSAN JARRA

The search for a new director for the Adult Degree Program, following the earlier resignation of Ms. Valerie Meicher, has been temporarily postponed for certain administrative reasons.

Dr. Marshall Brooks, Academic Dean, gave the following two reasons for the postponement. First, Dr. Leslie Garner, President of Wesleyan College, has put a freeze on all new

positions that become open.

Brooks said, "Dr. Garner's stance on freezing positions that become open is simply this — okay, we've got a position that has become open and you've got to come back and rejustify that position. This does not mean that the position is no longer there; but, we have to be very clear as to why we need to fill this position at this time." He went on to say that he has not been given any negative signals insinuating that he cannot fill the

position in this instance.

The second reason Brooks gave was that the administration needed time to thoroughly review the entire Adult Degree Program and determine what role a future coordinator or director will have to play. To this extent the entire program is being looked into.

"The nature of the Adult Degree Program has changed; it has gone through a couple of phases since its start. The first phase was really get-

ting it started, and that was where the first full-time director helped," Brooks said. "The second phase was to bring shape and order to the program. Here again, the director played a key role. Now we are entering the third phase of the program and that is to fully integrate it into the heart of the college — that it is not a satellite, but comes from the core of the institution."

So what Dr. Brooks has chosen to do right now is say, "Hey! Let's stop

and study this program and see what we need — where we should be going, what we need to get there, and what credentials and management skills or other types of experience a new person should have."

At the same time, Brooks said, "see how we as an institution start responding to that program and start picking up the slack that's left because the director resigned."

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WESLEYAN PLAYERS — Bobby Price (left) and Matt McKown give the Wesleyan audience the news from Tuna, Texas, in the N.C. Wesleyan Players' proeduction of "Greater Tuna. Turn to Page 3 for Margaret Culver's review of the performance. (Photo courtesy of Mike Brown.)

Student behavior causes problems in NCWC library

By LISA STELL

About two weeks ago, N.C. Wesleyan's Head Librarian Ann Wilgus, issued a memorandum concerning library behavior. There had been several complaints from students who could not study or concentrate because of noisy students.

James Cockrell, a nighttime librarian, said that most of the unruly students were sent there by coaches or teachers and did not have any work to do.

The main problem with students talking in the library is that it carries so badly. Cockrell noted, "Anyone who talks, even in a whisper, it goes all around the library." He said it usually starts when people come in, greet friends and begin to talk.

"When a few chat, more chat, and the noise level rises", he said. The ones talking don't realize how loud it actually gets. Wilgus said there were two main factors that cause the noise level to reach the disturbing level. One is the small room size. Things are heard more easily and clearly. Second, the metal edges of the upstairs balcony carry sound from one end of the library to the other.

Besides the problem of students socializing in the library, there is the problem of their eating and drinking in there, too. This was also addressed in the memo. Candy wrappers and drink cans/cups are frequently found on desks and on the floor.

According to Cockrell, it once took him about an hour to clean up after the library closed.

Wilgus said the majority of disturbances occurred in the early evening hours, between 6 and 8 p.m. She said the library is quietest between two and five in the afternoon, when there are fewer people. When asked about a rumor several students had been banned from the library, Wilgus emphatically replied, "No one has been banned." She said that everyone is welcome in the library, commuters as well as resident students.

Wilgus and Cockrell both said there has been a change for the better in students' behavior in the library. Wilgus said she believed the memo helped, and that no disciplinary action was needed. "Kids will be kids," she said.

President's home undergoes repairs

By HASSAN M. JARRA

Annually, homeowners engage themselves in the task of beautifying and repairing their homes. This year, Wesleyan added a new family, President Les Garner and his wife Katrina, who in August set about the task of repairing and repainting the residence.

The work was contracted to several firms, but both Dr. Garner and Ray Kirkland, Vice President of Fi-

nance, thought it inappropriate to discuss the costs. Kirkland said, "It is part of the college's property just like the dorms, cafeteria, and gymnasium and is maintained in the same manner as the rest of the facilities."

The house has been vacant since June of 1986, when Dr. and Mrs. Petteway retired. According to Garner, "It was just time. The house needed painting and some minor repairs done."

It has been several years since the

house was renovated. The work was mostly wallpapering and painting the house and landscaping the yard. The wallpaper in some of the rooms was the original wallcovering (the house was built some 25 years ago). The kitchen was removed to provide more space.

Maintenance of the entire facility, including the president's home, is part of the operating cost of the college. Funds for operating the college are generated from gifts and grants

(about 25 percent). The rest comes from earned revenues.

Dr. and Mrs. Garner will continue to invite students and faculty over for tea or dinner in their effort to get acquainted with their Wesleyan family.

Some of their activities have already included two student/faculty teas, pizza for the freshman LSS classes, and the soccer team in recognition of a fine season.