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'Day for Wesleyan' next week

H. Kel Landis, III, city executive for Peoples Banks and Trust Co., has been named general chairman of the "A Day for Wesleyan '89" fund raising campaign, set for next Tuesday.

The annual campaign provides funds which help underwrite the current operations budget of North Carolina Wesleyan College.

Last year, the September drive

brought in over \$331,357 for the College. Landis feels the campaign this year will be as successful.

"I am very pleased to chair this year's "A Day for Wesleyan Campaign," he said. "In supporting Wesleyan College, we as a community not only support a high quality educational institution, but also a College which has as part of its mis-

sion the desire to increase its position as an integral part of our region and its economy."

"We are very excited about Kel Landis chairing the "A Day for Wesleyan" campaign this year. He is part of the new generation of community leaders in our area who have the vitality, strength and commitment a campaign such as this needs. Under

his leadership we are certain this campaign will be an overwhelming success," said Sylvia Parker, campaign director.

A Rocky Mount native, Landis received his B.S. and M.B.A. degrees from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

Landis is very active in commu-

nity affairs. He is currently on the board of directors of the Rocky Mount YMCA, the Rocky Mount Area United Way, the Program for Excellence in Education and is president of the Tar River Region of the American Lung Association. He is also a member of the Rocky Mount Rotary Club and the Rocky Mount Chamber of Commerce.



BUSH VISIT — Vice President George Bush (center), flanked by N.C. Gov. Jim Martin (left) and U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms, makes a point during his visit to the N.C. Wesleyan campus two weeks ago. (Photo courtesy of the Spring Hope Enterprise.)

Laugherys host fundraising reception for Vice President

By DELL LEWIS

Overcast skies, and periodic rainfall did not deter approximately 300 people from attending the \$500 per person fundraiser held for George Bush at the home of Jack and Helen Laughery on Aug. 30.

The private reception was held just prior to Bush's visits to the Bendix Corporation and to North Carolina Wesleyan College. Jack Laughery, Chief Executive Officer of Hardees serves as finance chairman of Bush's state campaign. His

wife, Helen, active in the Republican party, served as a North Carolina delegate to the GOP convention in New Orleans.

"We had known for some time that they (the Bush campaign) would make a couple of visits to the state," said Mrs. Laughery. "As finance chairman for the campaign Jack believed there was money to be raised and votes to be gotten," she added.

However, "Jack didn't stomp and scream," she said. Mrs. Laughery indicated that her husband had sent "little memos," and made a few

phone calls, only "occasionally," as to why this area would be a worthwhile stop for them.

Mrs. Laughery feels that Bush's visit "show his interest in the rural areas, not just the urban areas." In addition, "the visit was also a statement of Bush's conservatism. He was here to help give that message and also to ask the people to spread that message for him," said Laughery. "We've gotten wonderful feedback. The day after his visit, I got a

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Campus hosts Vice President campaign stop

By DON RHODES

Republican President nominee George Bush spoke at the NCWC campus Aug. 30 before an estimated 4,000 people.

His message was standard campaign rhetoric, but Bush did not forget that almost one quarter of the crowd were students, as he called Wesleyan an "outstanding campus" and stated that "young people deserve representation."

Ostensibly, Bush visited Rocky Mount because of the financial lift for his campaign, and the extent of Hardee's contribution was indeed noticeable. Cale Yarborough, NASCAR driver for the Hardee's team spoke during the ceremony and several Hardee's booths were selling hamburgers, biscuits, and drinks to the pines, with all of the profit going directly to the Republican party.

If one message stood out among the rest, it was a criticism of Gov. Michael Dukakis' veto of a law in Massachusetts requiring all teachers to lead their class to the Pledge of Allegiance every morning. During the rally, the pledge was recited no fewer than three times.

Also speaking Tuesday were Rocky Mount Mayor Fred Turnage, Governor Jim Martin, Senator Jesse Helms, and candidate for Lieutenant Governor Jim Gardner. With the exception of Helms, all had a slightly different message from George Bush.

All mentioned economic development for Eastern North Carolina

and Jim Gardner and Jim Martin both spoke out against the secret meetings of the North Carolina Legislature.

Clearly, Governor Martin made his case for better schools, jobs and roads. Martin supported both merit pay and the career ladder for teachers and also pushed for his strategic corridor of state highways.

Vice President Bush, who spoke for 16 minutes, also mentioned economic development, but he was merely standing on the Reagan administrations record of the past seven and half years. Bush stated that the "bottom line is jobs — 17 1/2 million jobs" which have been created during the past two presidents terms.

Bush also blamed the Congress for the tremendous budget deficits, stating that anyone who understands the system should know that it is the Congress, not the President, who makes the budget. He used the budget deficits to support a line-item veto for the President, stating "if Congress can't balance the budget, let the President do it."

Computer club forms

A new Computer Club has been established at Wesleyan by Alex Koohang for all interested faculty, staff, and students, and the first meeting will be held in two weeks.

Dues are \$1 per semester. Membership applications are available from Koohang, Bob Lewis, Marilyn Vick, or Sharon Keel.