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What attracts coaches to Wesleyan?

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Head men's soccer coach Tony Ferrell announced to the men's soccer team on Jan. 15 at 8:30 p.m. in the gym locker room that he would resign on Jan. 29.

After all the hard work, effort, and commitment put into the soccer program at Wesleyan, why is he resigning? What kept him at Wesleyan for nine years? Who will be the next men's soccer coach? These were some of the questions that were left blank not only in the players' minds but

also in the minds of people in the administration, faculty, and staff at Wesleyan.

Looking back at Tony Ferrell and other previous athletic coaches at Wesleyan the question is what keeps the athletic coaches at Wesleyan? How long do most male and female athletic coaches stay? And why do male coaches stay longer than female coaches?

The average length of service of all the coaches since 1961 is three years and four months. The average length of service of mens soccer coaches since 1964 is six

years. Men's coaches stay at Wesleyan almost twice as long as female coaches do.

Bill Music, the first head men's soccer coach, who was here from 1964 until 1970 had a losing record each year.

Al Horne, head men's soccer coach at Wesleyan from 1971 to 1977, and also with a losing record each year, said, "I stayed at Wesleyan for six years because I loved the college atmosphere at the time and I loved the sport. It was rewarding to me because I saw the student-athlete mature."

The next coach was Rick Helms and he stayed as the men's soccer coach in 1978 and 1979, Raymond Bauer, Professor of Physical Education said, "He stayed at Wesleyan for only two years because he had problems in his personal life and in the athletic department."

Tony Ferrell said, "I stayed nine years because I loved the game and because of the good relationships I had with my players. I also built the program from scratch. I think though, that it is time for me to move on. The offer

as a sales representative for Beechum Laboratories in Fayetteville was good, and financially I had to think about my family, as well."

The women's soccer program was started in 1984 by Bill Music and the average length of service for a woman's soccer coach is two years.

Why do men's athletic coaches stay at Wesleyan longer than women's athletic coaches do?

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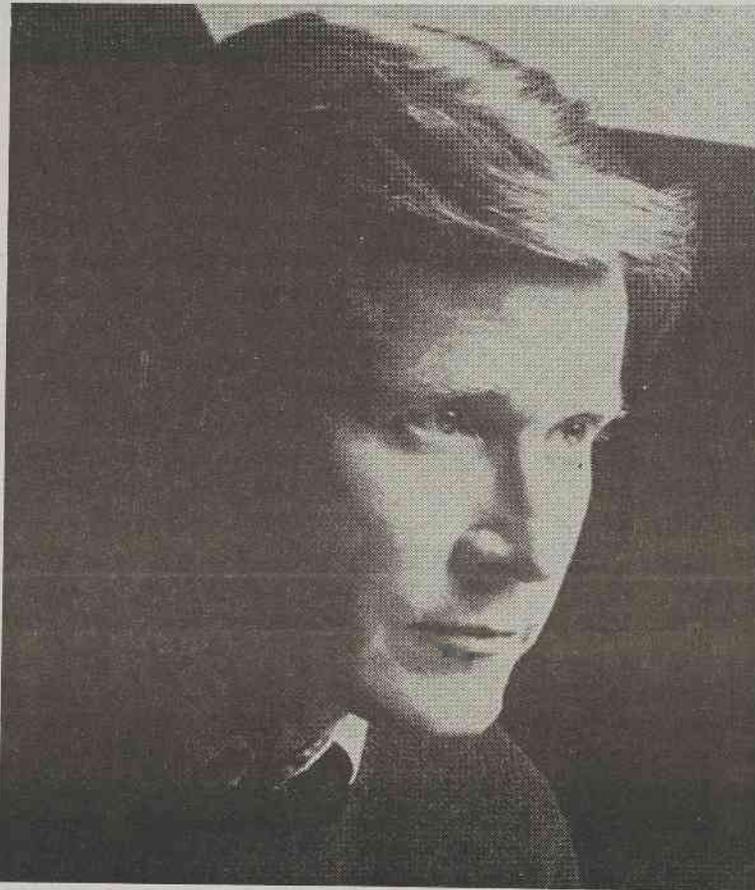
Pianist ends this season of arts series

The North Carolina Wesleyan College NEW Arts Series presented pianist Ralph Votapek, gold medal winner of the first Van Cliburn International Piano Competition on Thursday night in concert at First United Methodist Church in Rocky Mount.

NEW is an acronym for Nash-Edgecombe-Wesleyan, representing an invitation to all area residents to attend local performances by internationally-known musicians.

Votapek is a classical pianist who is a regular on National Public Radio networks and on public television. He has appeared with hundreds of orchestras throughout the world, including the Boston Symphony Pops Orchestra and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, and has recorded on the RCA, Cambridge, Time-Life and Concert-Discs labels. Votapek's talent has been enjoyed throughout Europe and the Americas.

This concert was the finale of a successful season for the NEW Arts Series at Wesleyan. Plans are now being made for the 1989-90 season. For season ticket information, contact the Office of Development at North Carolina Wesleyan College (Courtesy of NCWC P.I.)



SEASON ENDS — Pianist Ralph Votapek performed last night in the final concert of this year's NEW Arts Series.

College hosts literary series

North Carolina Wesleyan College is hosting a literary series entitled *3x3: Postmodernist Prose*, featuring lectures and readings by three of America's leading experimental writers - Paul Metcalf, Michael Rumaker and Fielding Dawson.

Metcalf, known for his juxtaposition of personal and historical voices, lectured and read Wednesday on poets Charles Olson and Charles Reznikoff. Metcalf is the author of *Genoa*, which examines the life and work of his great-grandfather, Herman Melville.

Rumaker, a fiction writer who has spoken of the story as "a map of the unconscious, its terrain and peopling," will describe his

experiences while at Black Mountain College. He will also read from his own work. Both the lecture and the reading will be held on Wednesday, March 29.

Dawson will discuss the life and work of William Carlos Williams and read from his writings on Monday, April 17. The "memoir-fictions" of Dawson include *Tiger Lilies*, *An Emotional Memoir of Franz Kline*, *The Black Mountain Book* and *The Greatest Story Ever Told*.

All of the events are being held in the browsing room at the North Carolina Wesleyan College Library, with lectures beginning at 3 p.m. and readings at 8 p.m. There is no admission fee.

19 inducted into Phi Eta Sigma

Nineteen new members were inducted into Phi Eta Sigma in a formal initiation.

Freshmen inducted were Robert Baker, Elizabeth Bookhardt, Robin Exum, Melissa Joplin, Chun Ling Kao, Robin Parker, Neela Redford, Clyde Corales.

Sophomores inducted were Cindy Burris, Lynda Calhoun, Alison Peterson, Mark Peterson, Gwen Brinson, Carol Barwick, Patricia Breland.

Seniors inducted were Ava Jefferson, Johnny Mitchell, James Hood.

Phi Eta Sigma, a national

freshman scholastic honor society, is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies. It was founded at the University of Illinois on March 22, 1923.

Its goal is to encourage and reward high school scholastic attainment among freshmen in institutions of higher learning.

Freshmen men and women who attain a scholastic average of or better than 3.5 are eligible to join.

David Poole is President of the Chapter, Christine Adams is Secretary, Melanie Bolling is Senior Class Representative for 1990, and Dr. Steve Ferebee is Faculty Advisor.