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## Drug-free campuses required

In a program aimed at curbing drug use on college campuses, the Education Department soon will require all Pell Grant recipients to certify they are "drug-free" or risk losing their federal aid.

The policy, which went into effect March 18, also requires college and universities to certify that they will maintain a "drug-free workplace" in order to qualify for federal funds.

More than three million low-income college students currently receive money through the Pell Grant program. Beginning March 18, students who apply or re-apply for the education grants must sign a pledge that they will not use, manufacture or sell controlled substances during the term of the grant.

"Realistically, it's going to be an honor system," said Department of Education spokesman Jim Bradshaw.

Enforcement of the policy will be similar to the department's requirement that Pell Grant recipients register for

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OPEN FORUM — Doug Clark (left) and Dr. Marshall Brooks respond to student concerns at the Open Forum Tuesday. (Photo by Marg Buchler.)

## Open forum for students hears views

By GREG STREHMEL

On March 28 at 8 p.m. an open forum of the college was held in the Student Activities Center. The panelists included President Dr. Leslie Garner; Vice President of Finance, Ray Kirkland; Dean of Student Life, Dr. Joe Marron; Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid, Doug Clark; and Vice President and Academic Dean, Dr. Marshall Brooks. Senior Student Government Vice President Beth Hodson was the deliberator.

Sixty-two students attended the forum which really surprised President Garner.

"I am really pleased to see this many people at the forum," Garner says. Last year about 15 students showed up. It's just great that so many people showed up," he said.

The forum began with the panelists introducing them-

selves. Shortly after the introduction, the major controversy of the forum occurred, which lasted 40 minutes.

The controversy dealt with the plans for co-ed, freshman, and academic honor dorms for next year.

When asked about these plans, Marron said, "The plans for co-ed, freshman, and academic halls are far from complete. We took a housing survey and 33 percent of the students told us what they wished and wanted," he said.

"Why was the survey so general," a female student asked. "Why wasn't it more specific and why did it have just yes and no answers?"

Marron said the Student Government Association felt good about the survey.

Junior Beckey Kelley said, "If

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## Active PBL chapter means business

By DAWN MCGLOHON

"It adds challenging fun to the tedium of the academic world," says Hassan Jarra, a senior business/accounting major. "It also brings out the leadership qualities in some of us that might otherwise have gone unnoticed."

"I became a member because it was a good way to make friends and to become more involved in activities outside of class," says Ronnie Rogers, Jr., a freshman majoring in computer information systems.

These students are excited about their membership in the

very active chapter of Phi Beta Lambda, the "business fraternity," at North Carolina Wesleyan College.

Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) is a national education organization for all students interested in business courses and/or preparing for office or business education careers. PBL is the post-secondary equivalent to FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America). About half of the current PBL members nationwide are former members of FBLA.

The purpose of the organization is to provide, as an integral part of the instructional program,

additional opportunities to develop vocational and career supportive competencies. PBL also promotes civic and personal responsibility among its members.

The PBL chapter at Wesleyan is very visible, for it seems its members are constantly in motion. They may be spotted delivering walking balloons on Valentine's Day or gently coercing reluctant staff members to donate life fluid at the bloodmobile visit. Phi Beta students were out in force at the last Down East Arts Festival, where they raised \$100 for the benefit of the March of Dimes.

Concern for the community as a whole is evidenced in their involvement with area civic causes. PBL members marched to defeat hunger in this year's CROP walk, and they collected and distributed toys and food in cooperation with the Edgecombe County Department of Social Services.

PBL sponsored the First Annual Field Day for Resources for Youth in Rocky Mount. This day of food and games was held for the children in the program and their volunteer matches. PBL also organized a trip to Kings Dominion and a Christmas party

complete with Santa and presents for Resources for Youth. Funds were raised for these activities by a car wash, which PBL hopes to conduct annually.

This myriad of activities can be contributed to the resourcefulness and dedication of both members and advisers. These attributes are not found in every organization every year, but it seems that PBL has discovered the right combination for success this year with meaningful projects, motivated leadership, and concerned volunteers.

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