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Day drive generates \$337,025

North Carolina Wesleyan College's eighth annual "A Day for Wesleyan '90" campaign last week netted \$337,025, which will go towards underwriting the operating costs of the institution.

The final tally was the culminated effort of over 160 volunteers, who spent the day calling on businesses and individuals in Rocky Mount and surrounding area.

The total was announced Tuesday, Oct. 3, at a victory celebration held on the Wesleyan campus.

"The atmosphere throughout the day has been very positive," said campaign director Sylvia Parker. "All of the volunteers for 'A Day for Wesleyan' have shown great enthusiasm. They, and those who have pledged their support, believe in Wesleyan and its future, and we appreciate it.

The annual event began Tuesday morning with breakfast in the College cafeteria where volunteers were paired into two-person teams. During the day, these teams called on some 1300 prospects in Rocky Mount and surrounding areas.

Welcoming remarks were made by Jim Dickens, campaign chairman and Dr. Leslie H. Garner, Jr., president. Mayor Fred Turnage of Rocky Mount ex-

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CELEBRATION — Day for Wesleyan chairman Jim Dickens (left), Katrina Garner, and President Les Garner cut cake in celebration of a successful fundraising event last week, which raised \$337,025 during the one-day campaign throughout the Rocky Mount area.. (Photo by Sowers.)

Founder's Day ceremony to honor NCWC birthday

North Carolina Wesleyan College will celebrate its 33rd birthday on Founders Day, scheduled this year on Oct. 26.

Festivities will begin at 11 a.m. with a Convocation in Everett Gymnasium. The Hon. J. Phil Carlton, chairman of the N.C. Wesleyan College Board of Trustees, will be the speaker.

The Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, the college's highest recognition for service, will be

awarded during the Convocation ceremony. In addition, service awards will be presented to trustees, faculty, and staff.

At 3:30 p.m., following a meeting of the Trustees, a special afternoon tea will be served at President Les Garner's house. All faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend.

Wesleyan College was officially chartered by the State of North Carolina on Oct. 25, 1956.

SGA studies arming new police force

By D.A. LENTZ

During its open meeting on Sept. 18, the Student Government Association (SGA) created a number of different Special Committees to explore various issues. One of the Special Committees formed was the Security Committee, which Geoff Bowen, Freshman Class President, agreed to head.

Bowen gave his first report to SGA on Oct. 2. The major issue he was concerned with was the gun issue. Several faculty members and students have expressed concern about the possibility that the new campus police force may be armed with revolvers. Because of the controversy, SGA asked the Security Committee to determine if the students wanted the campus police officers to be armed. Bowen reported to SGA that, after taking a limited informal poll, he had come to the tentative conclusion that most students felt it would be best if the campus police had guns. He also told SGA that he planned to take a more formal poll of all the students as soon as possible.

After Bowen made his report, the SGA Senate discussed the issue. Many of the senators felt that guns were not necessary, and some suggested that a more extensive poll would reveal that most students did not want the campus police officers to be armed. The senators then discussed some alternatives to arming the campus police with guns, such as using gates to restrict access to the campus or arming the police with stun-guns.

The five SGA executive officers stressed that the campus police officers would complete standard police training before they carried any weapons on the campus. They also said that gates might not be an option because they could present a potential fire hazard.

Bowen agreed to look into the matter some more, and also said that he would ask Deborah Pittman to speak at the next SGA session.

Anyone interested in joining the Security Special Committee should speak to Geoff Bowen in room 101 South.

Residence Life trying to improve halls

By DIANE JENSEN

Residence life at Wesleyan is now undergoing a change in order to better the entire situation of the residence halls. Although certain changes have already occurred, the program will take time to be successful and productive. Tim Millerick, Director of Residence Life, a new position at Wesleyan this year, is enthusiastic and positive that the changes

planned and forthcoming will only improve residence life.

Working closely with Millerick to insure those changes are the four Resident Directors, three of whom are new this year. The Resident Directors are Tracy Sutton, South Hall; Cynthia Stacy, North Hall; Patricia Grieco, Edgecombe Hall; and Carolyn Murphy, Nash Hall. These administrators, along with Millerick, are working hard to

eventually meet a few main goals.

In time, it is hoped that rules concerning the residence halls are refined and new rules created; short and long term changes in the physical aspects of the halls are to be improved; a government in the halls is to be established to provide more of a structure and to strengthen community life within the halls; and to possibly build a broader net-

work of the faculty, to the extent where they would be more involved with students.

Certain changes along these lines have already been implemented. Students have been chosen to be Hall Representatives and these students may eventually make rules for their individual halls. The side doors are now locked after mid-afternoon until the early morning and an alarm sounds if they are opened after

open hours. An escort policy is in effect in each of the residence halls. A freshman hall has also been created to make the adjustment to college easier. These changes and many to come are being used to improve residence life.

Millerick and the rest of the administrators of residence life are interested in the response of students to the changes which have occurred.