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Let's try to stop campus rumors

Have you ever heard a rumor passed around campus? If not, you might be the only person who has at sometime or another been missed by the Wesleyan grapevine. For this, congratulations, because you just might be the only person in this college that is minding their own business. We have narrowed the source of the North American Wesleyan rumor down to three possible culprits. They are the faculty, the students, and the Office of Student Life.

Faculty, spread gossip? You bet your tenure the faculty gossips. We do not mean that they hide in the dark corners of the library and pass information over hot tea. We mean student-teacher confidentiality. There have been many cases where one of the honorable faculty has leaked a few words about one of their students. This is unprofessional. Fortunately, this is true of only a few of the members of Wesleyan's Faculty.

The students of Wesleyan are ruthless with rumors. You can sometimes picture the cafeteria as a hair salon on a Saturday afternoon. Often the gentlemen are guiltier than the ladies. The guys and girls need to find a better pastime, a pastime that is a little more constructive, like book burning.

Rumors are forever seeping out from under the door of Student Life. Often the gossip is misleading and warped well out of proportion. For example, the time everyone thought that the Japanese were going to buy the school, or the rumor about the locks being changed on all the doors.

Misunderstandings like this would not take place if Student Life would start being up front with the student body. This is a novel idea we know, but it just might help a little. Now that everyone knows the sources, try to kill the Wesleyan grapevine.



"I HAVE SEEN THE FUTURE, AND IT WORKS!"

Symposium informative

Pollution war needs help

By DR. STEVE FEREBEE

If you are drinking Rocky Mount water, do you know where it comes from? If you know where it comes from, do you know whether or not it is clean? If you know it isn't clean, do you know what is in it? If you know what is in it, do you know how to get rid of it? Remember Perrier is no longer the solution.

Ironically, as Wesleyan attempted to educate the community and spark debate about environmental concerns, Mayor Turnage bragged about Rocky Mount's expensive new wastewater treatment plant the very morning a report sponsored by two North Carolina environmental groups announced that

Dr. Steve Muses

last year 2.5 billion gallons of untreated sewage and industrial waste bypassed the wastewater treatment plant.

Guess what local river [and drinking water source] it poisons? Flush and then drink up.

All kinds of people visited campus last week to discuss and teach. You missed moments of real drama if you didn't hear the representative from Greenpeace challenge us to think about tuna fish or the man from the Pamlico

Tar River Association say bluntly that Americans need to consume less or Dr. Wilson Oyelaran tell the story of the tin can in Nigeria. This year's symposium topic — "Our Island Earth: What Can We Eastern North Carolinians Do?" — is so dramatic and vital that it should have had crowds filling the rooms.

Instead, both the student body and the faculty sent its usual minority and failed to accept the challenges offered by the symposium organizers. I saw clearly from my class discussions that the people who did go realized how their ignorances contribute to problems which go beyond one's selfish desires.

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Trash problem needs lifestyle change

By DANIELLE MECKLEY

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the average American produces 3.5 pounds of trash every day. That means every year each person is responsible for about 1,300 pounds of trash. Statistics like this are as abundant as they are staggering. But for every problem there awaits a solution; the trash problem is not hopeless.

The problem with trash is that it is getting more and more expensive to take care of. The expense comes from shipping trash to landfills that are far away. To solve the expense problem is easy: build waste management facilities in every community. But this isn't a very attractive solution. So with more trash and less place to put it community leaders and everyday citizens are realizing that the waste must

stop. This is possible if everyone takes a good look at what they buy and what they throw away.

A few students here at North Carolina Wesleyan College have already been doing so and playing a part in solving the trash problem. NCWC's newly formed Honor Student's Association voted unanimously for a recycling project as a community service. The plan is to establish a bin exclusively for paper in the

Braswell Administration Building which members of the Honor's Student's Association would then take to the recycling center. Carey Knupp, member of the organization, believes this is a worthy community project "because it will help students become more environmentally conscious."

Setting examples for correct trash behavior has become widespread. In area elementary

schools there is a program in the social studies and health classes to teach young students about the dangers of trash. Judy Boyd, freshman at NCWC who has taken a special interest in this project, believe "if they become environmentally aware of the need to recycle and to not pollute then perhaps they will have a chance of saving our world."

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