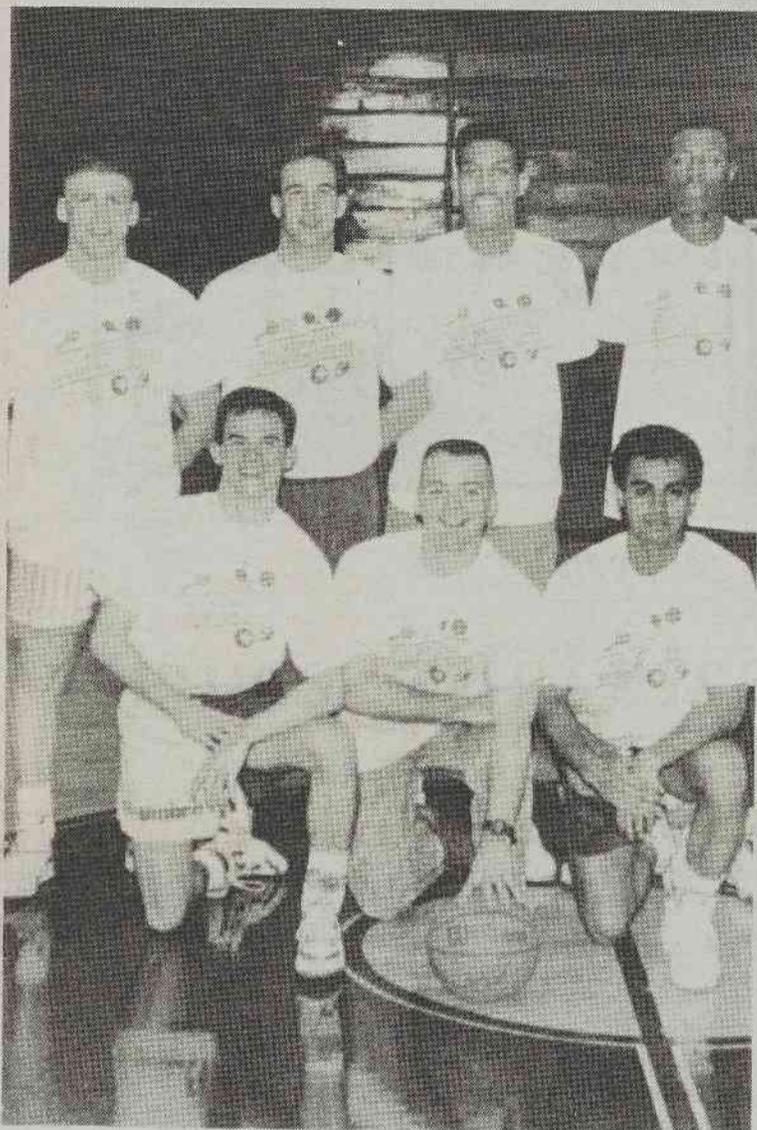


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## Hoop champs

North Carolina Wesleyan College's intramural basketball season recently concluded, with the Army ROTC Team winning the championship. The members of the winning team are (front row, from left): Frank Roach, Billy Sasser, Tai Husain. Back row: Danny Ginn, Kory Webster, Brian Baker, and DeMarilyn Warren.

## CPCED gives aid in job placement

By SYLVIA BROWN

North Carolina Wesleyan College offers its students assistance with job placement through the Career Planning and Co-operative Education Department.

This department has the students future careers at heart and helps them to have an edge on other college graduates.

Ms. LaRue Elliott, director of CPCED, said, "We place an emphasis on career planning because I think it is important for all students at Wesleyan to have a basic foundation in developing job search skills and that kind of thing that will come out of the Career Planning Offices."

CPCED meets the career planning needs of students through the career planning program.

"I can't stress enough our real desire to be available to and supportive of the students of Wesleyan," she said. "I don't want us to be affiliated with or associated with an elite group of students."

The CPCED provides students with assistance in the following areas: collecting credential files, career guidance, job

search skills, on-campus workshops, descriptive literature about employers and careers, resume guidance, in securing major-related work assignments, interview skills, locating part-time and temporary employment, interviews with prospective employers, and help with graduate school awareness.

"The ideal path for students to follow when pursuing assistance in career planning is the four-year plan," said Elliot.

"This plan takes students through four years of planning their futures," said Kathy Smith, CPCED's assistant director. In the freshman year students are tested to help them find a major.

This testing collects information from every area of the student's life to show possible job clusters that they fit in. Elliot said "It is important for people as freshmen, when they are coming into college not be distressed if they for instance not know what they want to major in."

For sophomores and juniors, the CPCED will help students find jobs related to their majors. These jobs can be either an in-

ternship, a co-op experience, parallel or alternating employment.

"An internship often is short term and unpaid," said Smith. In such a case, she said, Wesleyan attempts to provide the students with some form of compensation.

A co-op experience usually is at least a semester long, is paid, and must provide some form of experience for the student.

Elliott said, "Often times a student will have several job offers from potential employers by the end of their junior year." The key is that a student must seek help.

Asked how many seniors are presently seeking the assistance of CPCED, she said, "At present we are involved with career planning for about 50 seniors but if you were to ask me April 15, I probably would tell you all."

"The major factor in determining employment after graduation is cost but jobs are available in any state. If a student knows of a company he or she is interested in, the CPCED will get in contact with them for that student and start the program. Most students pursue employment near home," said Smith.

## Popular poet visits campus again

By DANIELLE MECKLEY

A friend is someone you've known for years, someone you're comfortable with. A friend understands your frustration. He talks to you about life, death, and sex. A friend can make you laugh as well as make you cry. According to the reactions of his latest poetry reading, Roland Flint is a special kind of friend to the people of North Carolina Wesleyan College.

Flint lives in Washington, D.C. where he teaches literature and writing at Georgetown University. He has received several

prominent awards for his poetry including Georgetown University's Edward B. Brown Award for faculty excellence in 1972 and the Corcoran Gallery's first Poetry Award. On March 21, Flint gave a poetry reading in the Browsing Room in the NCWC library.

Flint has been visiting NCWC for 13 years, and can be considered an old friend. On this visit, he talked about subjects such as sex, divorce, love, childhood, work, and alcohol through his poetry. The atmosphere was lively and relaxed. His limericks were answered by laughter and smiles.

The poems about dying love and the death of loved-ones were answered by sympathy and understanding.

Carey Knupp, a freshman who had never attended a Flint reading before, said she "enjoyed it, and that it was the best reading so far this year."

In his introduction, Dr. Leverett Smith, coordinator of the Flint reading, claimed NCWC "likes Roland for a lot of reasons." Three years ago NCWC awarded Flint an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters.

Of his six books written, North Carolina Wesleyan Col-

lege Press published one entitled *Sicily*. Flint responded to his relationship with NCWC by saying it is "always a pleasure to come to Rocky Mount."

Flint's next book, *Stubborn*, is soon to be released. According to Flint, the argument of the book is to show a positive side of stubbornness. He read several poems from this book as well as from his older publications.

Flint's style of poetry is very personal, according to a review given in 1976 of his first book *And Morning*. The review says Flint "writes with an easy and conversational flow."

## Phi Eta Sigma inducts eleven

On March 15, North Carolina Wesleyan College's chapter of Phi Eta Sigma, the national freshman honorary organization, inducted the following new members:

Marianne Bond, Judy Boyd, Dhanna Chesson, Pat Edmunds, Jodi Harris, Carey Knupp, Danielle Meckley, Christy Skojec, Amy Taylor, Emonique Wooten, and Katherine Wright.

Elected as officers of Phi Eta Sigma were: Christine Adams, president; Amy Coggins, secretary; and Jonna O'Neal, senior advisor.