



**CLASS AT CONSOLIDATED DIESEL** — Cleve Whatley, N.C. Wesleyan College adjunct professor (left), teaches Principles of Management at Consolidated Diesel in Whitakers. Wesleyan's Adult Degree Program has expanded into Consolidated Diesel and Northern Telecom in Research Triangle Park for the convenience of its students.

## Wesleyan offering courses 'on-site' at major factories

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in a non-work atmosphere, but feels there would be a "broader scope" if employees from other businesses were included in the class. He has attended classes with other companies' employees and feels they help to give "alternative feedback."

### Loan programs offered in state

Three educational loan programs for North Carolina residents attending colleges in or out of state and for non-residents attending colleges in North Carolina are available through College Foundation, Inc.

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However, he feels these problems are minor when compared to the convenience of taking a class at the work site. Foster is working toward a degree in business management. He said "it is easy to jump into class" when he does not have to drive, and will take more classes if they are offered in his field.

Matthew Solomon, manager of advanced manufacturing and engineering, is a "strong proponent" of the program. The convenience, elimination of travel, and "excellent on-site resources" make the class perfect for him. Solomon is working toward a BS/BA and will take more classes if they are offered. He said the program "fits right in" with his schedule.

On Monday nights at 5:30 p.m., 18 Northern Telecom employees assemble for Business 105, Marketing. Sherry Casey, a Wesleyan student at the campus extension in Raleigh, helped to organize this class.

"Everyone is very enthusiastic about the class. Many of the students enjoy the convenience of not having to drive someplace in order to take classes and because the class comes to them, they don't have to worry about parking, or fitting in with traditional students," she said.

Northern Telecom is a convenient location for them — most simply have to step out of their office — and offers a comfortable atmosphere. According to Casey, the idea came about because employees were interested in career development. However, because of business obligations, it is difficult for them to leave work in Research Triangle Park and drive to the campus extension in Raleigh in order to take the class. The convenience of the class itself almost guarantees that the program will continue and grow.

Harrison said that while there are "no plans for expanding into other businesses" in the Rocky Mount area, she hopes to "continue classes at CDC."

Wesleyan's campus is convenient for most other businesses' employees in the Rocky Mount area, but CDC operates on a "different time structure."

Plans for expanding the satellite program in Raleigh are underway. The campus extension will soon offer a computer course at another Northern Telecom site, and expansion into all seven Northern Telecom sites in Raleigh is possible.

"I am very pleased with the program, and the students are quite happy with the experience," Harrison concluded.

## Illegal drug usage down on campuses

The number of college high school students who use illegal drugs sharply declined in 1990, a nationwide study has contended.

Students' consumption of alcohol remains at about the same high levels of prior years, the annual survey by the National Institute of Health and the University of Michigan also found.

"Clearly our young people are gradually moving away from nearly all forms of illicit drug use," concluded Lloyd D. Johnston, the survey's director and a social scientist at Michigan.

Researchers found that about one-third of the 1,200 college students surveyed had used an illicit drug in the past year.

One-third of high school students asked also reported they had used an illicit drug during 1990.

By contrast, last year's survey found that 50.8 percent of all college students and high school seniors had used illicit drugs in 1989.

"We are seeing a continuing decline in the proportion of these populations who are actively using any illicit drug, as well as in the proportions using a number of specific drugs such as marijuana, cocaine, crack, stimulants, and sedatives," Johnston reported.

Students' use of alcohol is declining much more slowly than other drugs.

In 1990, 75 percent of college students surveyed said they had consumed alcohol during the past month, down from a high of 83 percent in 1982.

While students apparently are using illicit drugs less frequently, Johnston added it's not because drugs are hard to get.

"Our data strongly suggest that

### Colleges coping

Schools as diverse as St. Mary's College in Maryland and Yale University have announced drastic new measures to cope with funding crises.

St. Mary's unveiled efforts to save about \$600,000 that included disbanding summer programs, laying off 13 people, and reorganizing its Public Safety department. Yale laid off half the staffers at its Career Services office.

"It's disastrous," said University of Pennsylvania Vice President Marna Washington of Gov. Robert Casey's proposals to half funding for some state campuses.

most of the decrease among young people in their use of marijuana, cocaine, crack, and PCP is due to a change in their demand for these drugs, not a change in supply," he observed.

Students "have increasingly come to see the use of these drugs as dangerous, and probably as a result, peer acceptance of such use has diminished considerably," he said.

However, it's too early to become overly optimistic, Johnston warned.

"We must not lose sight of the fact that even today a significant fraction of our young people are involved with these drugs, and that there still remains much to be done," he said.

### Recession beginning to bite at bookstores

The recession is starting to affect college bookstores, various campus store managers report.

Some report sales are declining. Like troubled off-campus stores trying to lure customers, some are discounting the prices of the wares they sell.

"We're operating at the bare minimum here," said Elizabeth Santerre, manager of the Quinebaug Valley Community College in Danielson, Conn., where classes have been cancelled because of budget problems.

To attract more customers, the Harvard Co-op offered a 10 percent discount on textbooks in October. This semester, the store is discounting some paperbacks 10 percent.

Most others, though, say economic conditions are less of a factor in their fiscal health than enrollment is.

At community colleges, moreover, enrollment typically increases when the economy weakens, so many bookstores there actually are anticipating increased sales.

"It takes a while to filter in," said Gene Trout, general manager at Rutgers University in New Jersey. "We're more affected by the university's situation. As long as enrollment is up, we don't feel the effects."

"I really haven't seen any change at all, as far as people spending money," added Teresa Jones, bookstore manager at Independence (Kan.) Community College.