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Adding to the artifacts collection

Joining Wesleyan President, Dr. Les Garner (left), and Dan Gail (right), adjunct science professor and curator of the new Pre-Columbian art and artifacts collection at Wesleyan, are (from left) Dr. Harry Fish and Major Harvey Thomas, who recently made the first two donations to the collection. Dr. Fish presented a ceramic whistle from Guatemala, while Thomas donated a pair of arrowheads from North Carolina. The collection, which has been steadily growing, will soon be on display.

Anderson resigns as WPE coordinator

By CECILIA LYNN CASEY

Dr. Vivienne Anderson has resigned as coordinator of the Writing Proficiency Exam, and Dean Marshall Brooks will be the coordinator this semester on an interim basis.

Anderson, director of the writing program at NCWC, decided to hand over the position of WPE coordinator to someone else in order to devote more time to the writing program.

She became coordinator in 1988 and has helped to make some important changes in the WPE. Anderson started a workshop to help students become familiar with the test and go over strategies that would help the students to do their best.

When asked about other changes in the WPE, Anderson said that at first there was nothing to read before the test and that students had to go in and write about a subject that was intro-

duced to them only minutes before they had to write. She said that when students could read about their subject first, the pass rate went up.

This combination of using the workshops and being able to read about the subject first seems to work well. Last semester 71 percent of all those who took the WPE passed. Dr. Chris Carstens said that "It's the highest rate we've had."

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Authorities investigating two break-ins

By NICOLE COX

During the night between Saturday, Jan. 11, and Sunday, Jan. 12, North Carolina Wesleyan College was the victim of two break-ins, one at the Elizabeth Braswell Pearsall Library and another at the Resident Director's office in the Student Activities Center.

Suspects have yet to be found. Deborah Pittman, director of Campus Security, said campus security officer Ellie Rouse observed two suspicious males running behind south hall to the back of the college around 5:50 a.m. Sunday. Rouse chased the suspects but lost them in the woods.

At approximately 6:30 a.m. the same two suspects were observed at the north end of Edgcombe Hall, carrying items stolen from the library. The suspects dropped the stolen goods and ran towards the northwest corner of the campus when approached by Rouse. This is the last time the suspects were seen.

Rouse contacted Rocky Mount police, who came to the college to investigate the situation. They recovered several stolen items, such as telephones, scissors, and

disks totaling nearly \$2,500. However, a Toshiba television has not yet been recovered. Nothing was stolen from the Resident Director's office.

Broken glass and blood were discovered in the library and Student Activities Center. This finding prompted police to check the hands of resident male students for serious cuts and blood. However, after discovering no substantial amounts of blood on the floors in any of the residence halls, police called off this portion of the investigation. Fingerprints were also obtained from the library and Student Activities Center, but they are of no use until police detectives have a suspect.

Concern over the break-ins has prompted many students to inquire where security officers were while the break-ins were taking place.

"Unfortunately, we cannot be everywhere at once," Pittman said. "When security has to go break up a party or a fight, then there is no one to cover the rest of the campus. We just can't get it all."

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WESQ now hopes to air by late February

By DELINDA LEE

Due to unforeseen delays, new radio station WESQ 90.9 FM will be unable to meet its goal of going on the air in January, but Vice President for Development Tim McDowell says the station hopes to be operational by the end of February.

Asked whether many problems had been encountered while try-

ing to get the station operational, McDowell exclaimed, "All we have had is problems!"

Waiting for several vital pieces of equipment to be delivered and having to deal with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) are just a few of the difficulties experienced.

"Working with the FCC is a problem because it is such a large bureaucracy," McDowell elabo-

rated. "It is hard to get a specific answer to your questions."

Putting a radio station on the air is a very complicated task. Since this is Wesleyan's first attempt at running a radio station, there are not many people on campus who have experience in broadcasting. That inexperience has played a part in the delay.

"I have several boxes of equipment and I have no idea

what it is," McDowell said.

Despite this, McDowell is not worried, he confidently explained that the college has an engineer, a consulting engineer, and a radio consultant helping to put the pieces together.

The type of music format to be used has still not been decided. The two types of music requested by the community have been classical music and jazz.

McDowell revealed that the college is currently negotiating with two other radio stations to "simocast" their broadcasting, re-broadcasting what the other station broadcasts.

If the station choose this route, McDowell speculated, "we will probably have classical during the daylight hours and then at night

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