

Fire in wiring leaves half of campus dark

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and TIFFANY PAGE

Late last week anyone driving onto campus saw that half the campus was completely dark, as Wesleyan suffered a blackout on Jan. 28.

At approximately 5 p.m. an underground wire caught fire and caused a partial blackout of the campus. South Hall, Edgcombe, and the gymnasium all lost power. Much confusion followed as students tried to discover what had happened.

It was not until later that night that the problem was identified, and the residents of South and Edgcombe were forced to spend the night and part of the next day without electricity. Several students were seen crowding under the emergency lights working on homework and socializing with their friends in an attempt to make the best of the situation.

Watson Electric had experienced a slight delay in repairs while waiting for the replacement wire to arrive from Charlotte. Electricity was finally restored at 8 p.m. on Jan. 29.

Student Life was helpful in trying to accommodate residents while the problem was being fixed. Security was notified to allow resident students into North and Nash so that hot showers could be taken and refuge sought. Several activities were arranged to entertain students, such as movies and popcorn in the Student Activity Center. A series of memos were also sent out periodically to keep students up to date on the situation.

"Students on the whole responded real well to the emergency and cooperated real well

with us," said Cheryl McKenzie, director of Housing.

Each Resident Hall tried to make things easier for the students by ordering in pizza and arranging a system of 7 a.m. wake-up calls for those who needed to get up early for morning classes. Resident Assistants in Edgcombe admitted to being a bit apprehensive of trouble happening during the blackout, but said that things went pretty smoothly.

Others around campus were helpful in assisting the students of South and Edgcombe. Many in North and Nash opened their rooms to friends. Library Director Al LaRose even offered to keep the library open if need be, and two security guards as well as all Resident Directors and Resident Assistants were on duty the entire time.

Students' reaction to the situation was mixed. Many felt angry at the inconvenience while others took everything in stride.

"I felt as if I was imposing on the other students by having to take a shower in their dorm," said student Angela Wright.

Student Jessie Johnson commented, "Although many people blamed the blackout on Student Life, it wasn't their fault. They did as much as possible to make people comfortable and to resolve the problem."

Still others said they felt ill informed about the occurrence and said they wished they could have known specifically what was happening.

"I think the administration could have been honest to us about what was going on," said student Matthew Snyder, "instead of just saying they were 'working diligently' to solve the problem."



JESTER HAIRSTON

Hairston to conduct Choral Invitational

Jester Hairston, internationally known composer, conductor, and entertainer best known by current audiences as the character Rolly Forbes on the NBC television program, "Amen," will be guest conductor of the 1992 North Carolina Wesleyan College Choral Invitational on Feb. 21-22.

Dr. Maria Manzo, assistant professor of choral music and founder of the annual festival, is particularly excited about having the 90-year-old musician on the Rocky Mount campus.

"Mr. Hairston's arrangement have been sung by countless church, school, and professional choirs for nearly half a century," said Manzo. "This music is an important part of the fabric of our culture, a part of our history."

The Choral Invitational brings together high school choral students and their conductors for an intense two-day workshop, which culminates in a mass choir concert.

The mass choir concert will be Saturday, Feb. 22, at 7 p.m. at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Rocky Mount. Tickets are \$5 at the door, \$4 in advance. Tickets for students and senior citizens with I.D. are \$2.50.

Next week's Symposium to offer global perspective

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Ensemble, "Music From Our International Community."

Thursday's keynote speaker, Dr. William Fischer, the Dalton L. McMichael Professor of Business at the Kenan-Flagler Business School at UNC-Chapel Hill, will speak at 1:30 p.m. in the Student Activities Center on "The World Economy After Communism."

Chris Wilson, professor of art at Barton College, will present "Speaking to the Eyes — Art as the Global Language" at 9 a.m. in Room 105 of the Gravely Science Building.

Also featured on Thursday will be Wesleyan honor students and Dr. Robert Bussom, Wesleyan professor of business administration, "The Competitive Advan-

tage of Nations;" Katrina Garner, caterer, "Austrian Culinary Art: Mahlzeit;" the Wesleyan Education Department, "Teaching and Learning in the Global Community;" PBS business specials, "Is Economic Nationalism Obsolete in the New Borderless World?" and "What Will America's Competitive Strategy be for the '90s?"; and Wesleyan foreign language students presenting scenes from "Le Cuvier," "Le Malade Imaginaire," and "Prohibito Suicidaise in Primavera."

As a grand finale, the Wesleyan Players will present Moliere's "The Imaginary Invalid" at 8 p.m. in Coltrane Theatre. Tickets to the play are \$3 students and \$5 general admission.

The public is invited. All presentations, except for the play, are free.

Students debate abortion

By JOANNA HOLLADAY

A group of students collaborated Jan. 30 in a debate about abortion, with more than 20 students, but no faculty, participating in the forum.

Taking the pro-life argument was James Oakley, Greg Boykin, Ken Leonard, and Julie Duerler. The pro-choice position was argued by Jessica Hause, Kay Cephus, and Julie Salkeld. Michael Sanseviro, South's RD, was moderator. After brief opening statements by both sides, the debate was opened to the floor.

The debate centered on the issue of when life begins. Both sides argued that no one knows. Pro-life advocates argued that because the time is unknown, the fetus should be given a chance to de-

velop. Opponents said that the decision, until proven one way or another, needs to be left up to the woman.

"If a predominantly male government is going to take away (that choice), what's next?" asked Jessica Hause. "I know it's sexist, but it's true."

The opponents of abortion used a variety of facts, many based on religion, to support their pro-life position. Pro-choice supporters portrayed themselves as pro-Constitution. Several students also mentioned the separation of church and state.

"Students were thoughtful," said Laura Beaver, the counselor from Student Development. "It was obviously a hot issue for the students who came. I was glad to see the attendance be what it was."

Men's Soccer Spring Schedule

March 14	Pembroke State	Rocky Mount
March 21	Radford/ECU	Jacksonville
March 28	Mt. Olive	Plymouth
March 29	Barton	Wilson
April 4	7-A-Side Tournament	Rocky Mount
April 11	Alumni Game	Rocky Mount

Women's Soccer Spring Schedule

March 11	Rochester University	Rocky Mount
March 14	Elon	Elon College
March 21	Davidson/UNC-G	Rocky Mount
March 28	Duke	Durham
April 11	Alumni Game	Rocky Mount

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