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## Candidate for Dean pays visit

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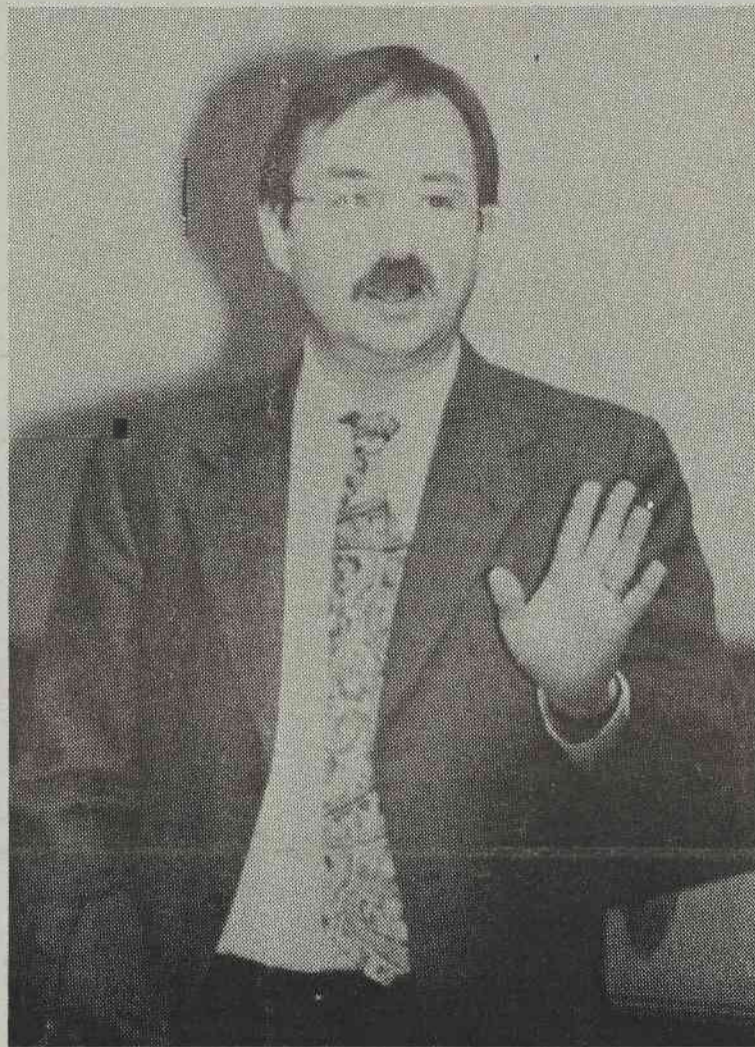
Dr. Margariet Briujn Lacy, native of the Netherlands, visited the campus of N.C. Wesleyan College Feb. 10-11 as a candidate for Academic Dean.

Lacy matriculated from the University of Kansas with both her masters and doctorate in French. She is now at North Dakota State University where she is a professor of French and fills the position of Associate Vice President of Instruction.

Lacy was very responsive in an interview and had many ideas to express. The college first impressed her as being neat and cohesive. While her impressions later did not change, they became more clear.

"Only so much can be learned in two days, however words and subjects such as writing proficiency, curriculum development, and retention came up repeatedly," she said, noting that if she were offered the position and accepted, she would uncover the details and "do her homework."

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## Spring symposium

Dr. William Fischer, a professor of business at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, discusses "The World Economy After Communism" during Wesleyan College's 1992 Spring Symposium, held Feb. 12-13 on the theme, "Understanding Life in the International Community." The two-day event included lectures, demonstrations, and discussions.

## 'Gold War' poses threat to U.S. role

By CHRISTY SKOJEC

When Dr. Roger Levien lectured last week on "Winning the Global Game: A Tale of Four Countries" to a standing room-only crowd at North Carolina Wesleyan, the audience heard a shocking view of the United States' declining role in the world economy.

Levien, corporate vice presi-

dent for the Strategy Office of Xerox Corporation, reviewed a 90-year span of the economic security of the U.S., the former Soviet Union, Japan, and Europe as part of the Spring Symposium.

Levien described this security in terms of two global competition — the acknowledged and addressed Cold War and the unacknowledged and unaddressed

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## Symposium poorly attended by faculty

By JAMES OAKLEY and JOHN FENTRESS

A survey conducted by *The Decree* shows that faculty participation at last week's Spring Symposium was at best only 63 percent and as low as four percent for any given event.

Of 12 events attended by re-

porters, faculty participation ranged from 29 members, or 63 percent, at each day's keynote speech, down to two members, or four percent, at some events.

"The faculty need to make a commitment," said Academic Dean Marshall Brooks. "If the symposium is important enough,

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## Debate spirited over King's significance

By MARION BLACKBURN

A day of tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. ended with a solemn candlelight poetry reading and spirited faculty-student forum on the significance of the slain civil rights leader and the national holiday in his name.

The forum proved true to its billing as an open discussion of "What is it about Dr. Martin Luther King that warrants a national holiday?" Panelists and audience members joined in an exchange marked by one woman's memory of a civil rights demonstration and another's insight into what those demonstrations accomplished.

The rousing consensus was yes, King's anti-segregation campaigns and non-violent techniques merited a national observance, but was tempered by disapproval of the exploitation his name offers retailers and the fading pursuit of his ideals in the United States.

Panelist Dr. Steve Ferebee opened the forum with his own memories of the segregated South. To an early query about King, Ferebee was rebuffed with the description that King was a "black commie troublemaker" who "riled up otherwise happy negroes and then left town," he said.

Ferebee, professor of English, said his study of King uncovered

the larger goal behind the civil rights protests.

"I realized that poverty was the real issue. That was a real revelation to me at the end, that Dr. King was saying that's the problem all over the world," Ferebee said.

One panelist was Janice Silver, former assistant to the college president, Dr. Leslie H. Garner. King, she said, became and lived the change he sought in others.

"He was a prophet who came into this world to deliver a message of peace, of love," she said. "What gripped the world was not so much the message but the divine, fearless power that sustained the message."

The holiday's significance notes not just the man but also the dream of hope he offered, he said.

"This holiday will serve as a type of glue to bond all societies of our culture together," she noted. "Freedom is not a gift. It is acquired if it is pursued incessantly."

Junior Shindana Bowen said the King holiday is a yearly reminder that the country must continue to work against hate and prejudice.

"He knew that revenge was not the answer. Instead, Dr. King persuaded this world that the way was to dissolve all hatred," she said. "Everyone knows that there are still problems in the American system. There is still hatred among

us. So now where do we go from here?"

Senior Alan Felton enlarged the discussion to criticize continued class and race divisions based on poverty, and linked the country's global injustices to King's opposition to the Vietnam War.

Equality has no meaning, he said, where there is not equality of access. Felton echoed Ferebee's remarks that poverty was King's true adversary.

"Dr. King transcended the title 'civil rights leader' and addressed the more fundamental economic questions dividing the country," he said.

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