

Johnston Fellows visit Washington

By NICOLE COX

The second-year Johnston Fellows embarked Sept. 14 on a two-day trip to Washington, D.C., to participate in the 1992 Chamber of Commerce Washington Issues Seminar.

The seminar, sponsored by representatives from four congressional districts, was designed to expose members of the cham-

ber to important issues before Congress and give them an opportunity to interact with top congressional leaders.

Rep. Tim Valentine of the Second District arranged for nine Wesleyan students to attend the seminar with the Rocky Mount chamber.

The fellows began their trip with a visit to the James M. Johnston Trust, providers of their

scholarships. They also did some sightseeing around D.C. before attending a reception the first night at the Russian Federation Embassy. The reception gave chamber members and their guests an opportunity to meet with each other as well as meet members of the Russian delegation.

"Dinner at the Russian Embassy was a cultural experience," said fellow Tim Elmore, adding,

"It was a lot of fun." After the reception, the fellows took a night tour of the city.

The second day, the fellows journeyed to the Cannon Caucus Room for the seminar. They were greeted by various representatives, then welcomed the first speaker, Rep. Lee Hamilton, who spoke briefly about U.S. foreign policy.

NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin spoke next about his goals for the administration, and then Rep. Patricia Schroeder, a supporter of higher education and health care reform, addressed the group.

Following Schroeder, House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt stressed that America needs to take care of its deficit, health care, infrastructure, and education to "get back on track."

The next speaker was Sen. Jay Rockefeller from West Virginia, an advocate of strong energy policies and the use of alternative fuels.

After lunch, attendees were addressed by Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve Sys-

tem. Greenspan spoke about the current recession, noting that "we are in a healing process; the recession is almost over."

Following the seminar, the fellows went into the House of Representatives gallery to watch Congress in action. Many were surprised at the proceedings.

"I couldn't believe the disorganization," said fellow Delinda Lee. "Nobody was paying any attention to the speakers."

Jason Mathews agreed. "It was crazy," he said. "They all rushed in to vote without listening to what anyone had to say."

The Wesleyan students concluded their trip with a stroll down the mall to the Smithsonian, and the long van trip home.

Michael Sanseviro, director of the Johnston Fellows Program, felt the Washington Issues Seminar trip was very worthwhile.

"The trip to D.C. afforded the fellows a once in a lifetime opportunity to interact with political leaders and observe the political process in action," he said.

Matt Snyder summed up the two-event event as "a wonderful opportunity and a great experience."

New professor sees potential in NCWC visual arts program

By CECILIA LYNN CASEY

Is art important to a good education? Everett Adelman, North Carolina Wesleyan's new Art Professor, believes art is a basic ingredient for a college education.

"One of the reasons I wanted to teach at Wesleyan was because there was the opportunity to develop a meaningful arts program here," he said in an interview. "I want to show students that art is connected to all aspects of a liberal arts education, and through studying art other areas become more interesting.

"I also am very interested in helping students in developing their own personal abilities," he said. "As I become aware of students with an interest in art, I hope to work with them and nurture their talents to the fullest."

One way that Adelman helps his students to bring out their interests in art is by having them talk about art.

"In my Art Appreciation class I show slides one day, then the net class I have them come back and ask two questions that they have prepared from the last class. People have ideas about things, and talking about them helps to uncover exactly what they are," he said.

When Adelman was asked

what he thought about Wesleyan's new policy of writing intensive classes, he said, "I'm all for it! Writing is a skill that can be fun, not to mention how necessary it is. It is a skill that cannot be replaced; it is one of the most primary skills there are. Writing is a more direct way of communicating than visual arts. Artists today have a good sense of word meaning, and use this to help with their art."

When asked what was the most

important thing he wanted to do while at Wesleyan, Adelman again stressed the fact that Wesleyan has a great potential for a strong visual arts department.

"There is an opportunity to introduce an interdisciplinary arts program here as well," he said. "Most people see only the traditional side of art and culture, but they need to know that there is a more friendly, and more recognizable, side to art as well."

Students join in 'Big Sweep'

By NICOLE COX

Students and people from the Rocky Mount community gathered Sept. 19 at the Wesleyan Student Activities Center for Big Sweep '92, an annual project whose goal is to clean up North Carolina's beaches, lakes, and rivers.

The Rocky Mount area "sweepers" met at 9 a.m. at the SAC to receive information about Big Sweep and to get location assignments. Every participant was given trash bags, protective gloves, and cards to record the types of trash collected.

Following a few tips on disposing of waste, sweepers were

given various assignments, such as Battle Park, the reservoir, two canoe trips on the Tar River, and Englewood Park, all of which were sites of extreme pollution. A scuba team also cleaned City Lake in conjunction with Big Sweep.

According to CLEAN Team Director Jan Manning, who organized Rocky Mount's Big Sweep effort, about 135 people participated in the Saturday event, including 35 from Wesleyan and seven scout troops. Manning was very positive about the group's success.

"According to tally sheets at least 97 bags of trash were collected, as well as 1,000 pounds of stuff that wouldn't fit into bags," she said. Some of the items found included a full kitchen sink in the Tar River, a water heater, mattresses, blankets, clothes, and shoes.

The scuba team at City Lake, which is cleaned every day, even collected a full bag of trash.

Following the three-hour clean-up, Big Sweepers met back at Wesleyan for a cookout spon-

sored by Hardee's and Coca-Cola.

Although participation from the Wesleyan community was less than last year, community service director Rev. Kirk Oldham was "really pleased with the number of Wesleyan people." He noted that this is only the second year that Wesleyan has participated in

Big Sweep, and added, "If we keep doing it every year, hopefully participation will continue to grow."

Oldham was also pleased with the success of the event as a whole. "Everyone had a good time and got a lot of work done," he said.

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