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## Junior wins statewide Jefferson Award

Roderick L. Tillery, a junior at North Carolina Wesleyan College, was one of five people in North Carolina who were presented with the 1994 Jefferson Award by WTVD Newschannel 11.

Tillery, a Rocky Mount native, founded the Thorne-Battle Youth Center, an after-school facility. He volunteers his time, resources,

and friendship to make the Center accessible to children, while encouraging them to grow to their fullest potential.

Named after President Thomas Jefferson, the Jefferson Awards are designed to honor those who perform significant public service in their communities, most often without recognition.

The Thomas-Battle Youth

Center, located on Planters Street in Edgecombe County, was named after the late Rev. J.O. Thorne, former chairman of the Edgecombe County Commissioners, and Rev. Richard Battle, pastor of Thornes Chapel Baptist Church and Shiloh Baptist Church.

The Center offers homework help, field trips, positive role

models, and a deeper understanding of religion. Approximately 40 youth attend the Center that is open Monday through Friday from 4-6 p.m. Several members of the community volunteer their time at the center as assistant directors.

On the local level, Jefferson Award winners are selected by a panel of community leaders from

nominations submitted by area residents. Each honoree receives a distinctive bronze medallion donated by the Franklin Mint, and becomes a nominee for the American Institute for Public Service national awards. The Institute was founded by Samuel S. Beard, a former staff associate of the late Senator Robert Kennedy.

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## Neugebauer wins \$1,000 Glaxo grant

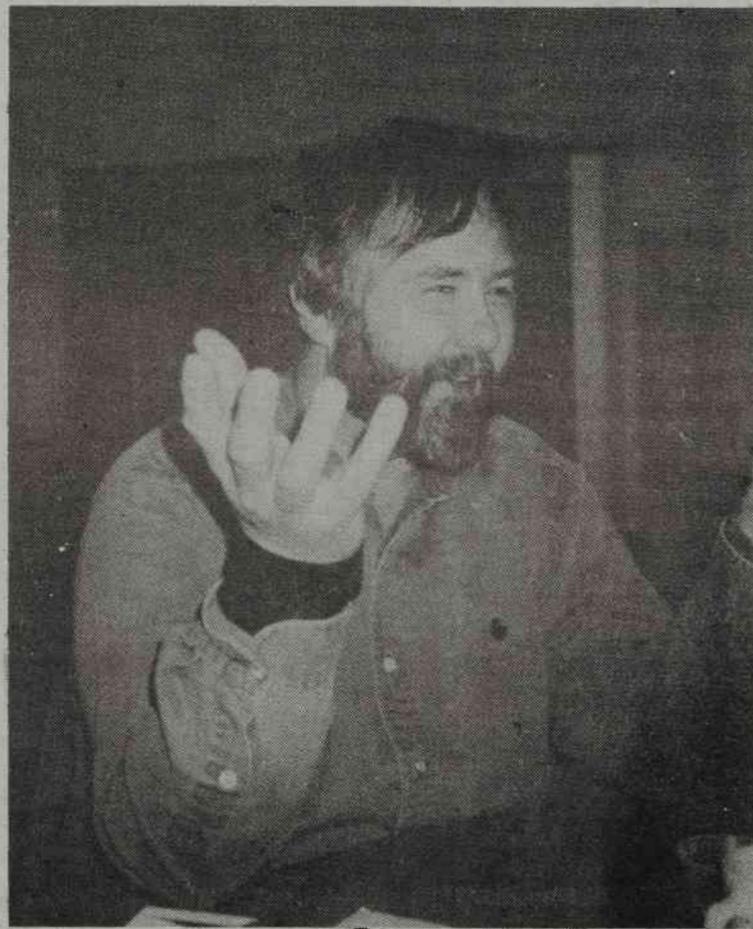
Jennifer M. Neugebauer, a rising sophomore at Wesleyan, has been selected to receive a \$1,000 Glaxo Women in Science Scholarship for the 1994-95 academic year.

Neugebauer, a chemistry major from Millersville, Md., received the scholarship for her scholastic achievements as part of Glaxo's initiative to support scientific studies by women undergraduate students at 11 colleges and universities across North Carolina.

The Glaxo Women in Science Scholars program combines more than \$250,000 in endowed scholarships with a unique mentoring program, linking each student with a Glaxo woman scientist. Selected by their schools, these scholars must have demonstrated an interest in science and maintain a grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

"Statistics show that many promising women students are abandoning scientific studies," said Dr. Charles A. Sanders, chairman and CEO of Glaxo, Inc. and chairman of The Glaxo Foundation.

"We cannot afford this loss of skill, knowledge, and energy. The Women in Science Scholars program is designed to provide young women not only with financial support but also role models who will help guide them on to successful careers that ultimately will benefit us all," he said.



**SUBJECT OF ALLEGATIONS** — Assistant Professor Mike McAllister has been the subject of student allegations related to his course, "Singing in the American Musical Theatre."

## Music class stirs multiple complaints

By CECILIA LYNN CASEY

Allegations have surfaced concerning the possible wrongdoing of Assistant Professor of Music, Michael McAllister while teaching the group study "Singing in the American Musical Theatre."

The allegations concern the lack of regular class meetings, lack of professionalism in the class room, and harassment of students.

The group study was scheduled to meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The class met for five weeks, but sources

confirm that the class has not met for a regular session since Feb. 9.

"You know, he is being paid for a class that he is not teaching," a student in the group study said.

Instead of class, McAllister and most of the students have been involved in preparation for a production of "Music and Mayhem," a musical revue. However, sources also confirm that this production was not a requirement for the class. The musical was only scheduled after a few weeks into

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## Jefferson-Pilot Professor announced

Dr. Leslie H. Garner, Jr., president of North Carolina Wesleyan College, has appointed Dr. C. Dale Therrien as the College's 1993-94 Jefferson-Pilot Professor.

Therrien, who has taught at Wesleyan since 1991, receives this honor as a recognized distinguished scholar dedicated to teaching and to the academic life of the College. He was selected

on the basis of his professional commitment to the value of liberal education and his personal character.

"Professor Therrien demonstrates a commitment to teaching, scholarship, and service that is a model for the College," said President Garner. "I am very pleased that he is honored with the Jefferson-Pilot Professorship."

Therrien, professor of biology and chairman of the science and mathematics division, taught at Pennsylvania State University for almost 30 years before joining Wesleyan's faculty. He earned his bachelor's degree in biology from St. Ambrose University in Davenport, La., and his doctorate from the University of Texas at Austin.

This year, he has directed two

projects at Wesleyan. The Glaxo Women in Science Scholars program, with which he is involved, combines more than \$250,000 in endowed scholarships with a mentoring program linking students with Glaxo women scientists.

He is also director of a DNA biotechnology project focusing on the late blight pathogen of the

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