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Presidential finalists to visit campus

The three finalists for president of N.C. Wesleyan College have been invited to campus during February in separate visits, announced Mack B. Pearsall, chairman of the Presidential Search Committee.

The presidential prospects, selected by the committee during January after interviews off-campus with eight semifinalists, are:

- Dr. Joel R. Stegall, vice president for academic affairs at Shenandoah University in Winchester, Va.

- Dr. Daniel A. DiBiasio, interim vice president for student affairs at the University of New Hampshire in Durham, N.H.

- Dr. John B. White, dean of academic affairs at DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind.

During their visits, each candidate will meet with representatives of various constituencies of the college as well as meet interested members of the college community in public receptions in the Student Activities Center.

Stegall will visit campus Feb. 8-10, with his reception scheduled for Feb. 9 at 4 p.m. DiBiasio will visit Feb. 12-14, with his re-

ception on Feb. 13 at 4 p.m. White will visit Feb. 14-16, with his reception scheduled for Feb. 15 at 4 p.m.

"The purpose of these visits are twofold," Pearsall said. "First, it will provide a setting for us to know the candidates better. Second, and perhaps of even greater import, it will provide an environment for us to acquaint candi-

dates with Wesleyan and the opportunities that are ours."

Pearsall said interested members of the college community are invited to fill out response forms, available either near the meeting location or from the president's office, and return them to the president's office within 24 hours

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MAJOR DONATION — First Citizens Bank of Rocky Mount presents their second payment on their contribution to the Capital Campaign to be used for the Dunn Center for the Performing Arts. Pictured are (from left) Steven P. Wicker, FCB senior vice president, business banking manager; Dr. Herman E. Collier Jr., president of NCWC; Frances R. Harrison, member of FCB board, associate vice president for adult degree programs at NCWC; and Marshall W. Stowe, FCB manager of retail banking.

Forum focuses on King legacy

By GREG PURCELL
and CECILA CASEY

North Carolina Wesleyan College held its sixth annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Forum celebration Jan. 16 in the Leon Russell Chapel.

The speakers for the forum were Johnsie Gant, executive director of the United Way in Rocky Mount; Singrid Bonner, staff member at North Carolina Wesleyan College; Kimberly Curseen,

Junior Biology major at North Carolina Wesleyan College; Holt Clark, Junior Religion and Psychology majors at North Carolina Wesleyan College; and Dr. Chris LaLonde, associate professor of English at North Carolina Wesleyan College. Dr. Rick Watson, professor of History at North Carolina Wesleyan College, was moderator.

The topic of the forum was "The Dream: Where Do We Go From Here?" In attempting to an-

swer this complex, yet seemingly easy to answer question, Gant said to "reflect back on the dream, which was equality, where the color of one's skin would be irrelevant." This dream that so many believed in and followed with every fiber in them seems to have slipped away and as Gant said, "The dream has been forgotten."

In identifying some reasons for this happening Gant said that

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SGA meeting stirs criticism for inactivity

By GREG PURCELL

The North Carolina Wesleyan College Student Government Association held its first meeting of the 1995 Spring semester Jan. 23.

The only event of the meeting was the election of a new Senator at Large and a new Secretary. All this with a skeleton crew for SGA.

The new Senator at Large is Preston Rouse and the new Secretary is Allen Beasley. The position of Senator at Large was open due to a graduation in December and the position of Secretary was open due to the student transferring.

When asked if excited about the new position Rouse said, "It makes me want to squirt!" Beasley said, "I am as excited as you can get for an SGA position."

The meeting ended after the other items on the agenda fizzled out. The budget was not brought before the body of SGA, due to an incomplete budget request by the Dissenter.

After the meeting ended several members of SGA seemed to be upset by the lack of action at the meeting. One member, Alan Felton, said, "I woke up at 4:30

a.m. in order to drive back to N.C. from Washington, D.C. to attend the meeting (thinking the budget was going to be discussed). I think we could be doing more. In order to get more student interest, SGA should reach out to the student body. We have to be guided by the Executive board in order to do that."

Tim Louk said, "SGA would be a productive organization if it had some goals. It seems to me that SGA is there more for show than to actually accomplish something."

An anonymous source said, "Two things presently plague the SGA the most. First, is a lack of focus and a firm sense of direction. Second, is a chronic lack of support on the part of the students; that support is essential in accomplishing anything meaningful."

Patrick Brannan said, "Sure SGA lacks student involvement, but what organization at Wesleyan doesn't? The question is what is SGA going to do about it. The leadership comes from the executive board, especially the President. SGA needs to reach out and involve the students more."

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