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Trustees name DePauw dean as Wesleyan's fourth president

Dr. John B. White, of Greencastle, Ind., has been elected as North Carolina Weslevan College's fourth president.

The College's Board of Trustees announced Dr. White's election following its Feb. 24 meet-

White is currently Dean of Academic Affairs at DePauw University, where he has served for the past 18 years. Presidentelect White is also professor of philosophy and religion at DePauw and has been honored as Professor of the Year five times.

"Dr. White will make a splendid president," said Leon A. "Lindy" Dunn Jr., chairman of Wesleyan's Board of Trustees. "He is a superbly talented person and will provide excellent leadership as the College enters the 21st century. We are extremely pleased to have such a supremely qualified person as our next president."

White holds a Ph.D. in Religion from Duke University, where he was elected into Phi Beta Kappa. He earned a Master of Divinity degree from Duke, summa cum laude. His undergraduate degree is from Emory & Henry College, a United Methodist Church-affiliated institution.

White served as Assistant Director of Admissions and Coordinator of Academic Advisement at Emory & Henry from 1975-76. He went onto become Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at Kansas Wesleyan University, where he taught until he joined the DePauw faculty in 1977. In 1981, White became DePauw's Faculty Development Coordinator. He was appointed

Associate Dean of the University in 1985, a position he held for five years before assuming his current post as Dean of Academic Affairs

Mack B. Pearsall, a Wesleyan Trustee and chair of the Presidential Search Committee, said, "Colleges are undergoing fundamental changes that will create opportunities for institutions that have bold, effective, and innovative leadership. John White is just such a leader and we look forward to the dawning of a new era in Wesleyan's history."

Dry Wesleyan awash in alcohol use

By AMY LYNN BRAYTON

DR. JOHN B. WHITE

... New Wesleyan President

Drinking on college campuses is being brought out into the open more. A recent study done at North Carolina Wesleyan College indicated that in the 1994 fall semester 30 percent of all writeups were alcohol-related, according to Pam Gourley, assistant dean of Student Life.

In an anonymous survey done in South Hall, the freshman dor-

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89 residents, only four do not drink. Michael Rouse, RD of South Hall, said about this survey, "It

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does not surprise me." He said, "I feel that students today, regardless of age, drink in excess and irresponsibly. I did not drink like the students today when I was an undergraduate student." His reason, he said, was because,

"I felt I did not have to be intoxi-

cated to have fun."

Deborah Pittman, director of security, says the biggest problems with drinking on campus are "underage drinking, vandalism, and juvenile behavior." After all that has happened with alcohol related write-ups she has found it "hard to view the students as adults." Pittman says "the issue is not how old one is, but how responsible one is."

During the random door to

door survey done in South Hall at Wesleyan four questions were asked. Have you ever been written up for alcohol? If so what were the consequences? Do you think drinking at Wesleyan is a problem? The last was just asking for additional comments. Of the people surveyed there were eight females and nine males. The ages ranged from 18-21. Out of this group there was a total of four write-ups for alcohol, two of

which were for one person.

Many students say there is a small drinking problem on campus. One 18-year-old from New Hampshire said, "We do it a lot, but no more than any other college. Unless people are really obnoxious there is no need for a write-up."

The one student who was written-up twice did four hours of (Continued on Back Page)

Finney gets second Leadership Award

Dr. Kenneth V. Finney, professor of history at North Carolina Wesleyan College, has won the 1995 President's Leadership Award, his second leadership award during his 22-year tenure at Wesleyan.

The central focus at Wesleyan is on good teaching and good scholarship," said Dr. Herman E. Collier Jr., Wesleyan's interim president. "Professor Finney's project is a rather creative approach to enhancing his effectiveness as a teacher, while making the study of history more appealing to his students."

For his Colonial Latin America course, Finney plans to use this monetary award to produce a needed supplementary text that would enable students to grasp the reality of the culture and history at that time. He will endeavor to create a series of biographical "slices" of key historical figures, focusing on a key event in their lives.

These biographical sketches will be collected into a workbook (Continued on Back Page)

DR. KENNETH FINNEY

Trustees increase tuition five percent

By KIM CURSEEN

North Carolina Wesleyan College's Board of Trustees will raise tuition by five percent for the 1995-96 academic year.

The increase in tuition will be \$628 according to the announcements sent out by the school to the parents of students. The hike in tuition is due to inflation and sky rocketing prices of services that the college has to provide.

Some are concerned that the increase in tuition is due to the new Fine Arts Center Wesleyan

currently has under construction, but the Dunn Center is funded by a capital campaign that is separate from the college's operating budget.

Wesleyan appears to be in tune with the pulse of private colleges across the nation. According to USA Today's Dennis Kelly and Tammara Henry, private colleges are on average increasing tuition by five percent to six percent for the next academic year. Private schools have freedom to raise tu-

