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Idea of race-based IQ stirs controversy

By MARCY STOVER

The Fourth Monday Colloquium, "Race, IQ, and the Ideology of Group Differences: Comments on *The Bell Curve*," gave the North Carolina Wesleyan campus an opportunity to learn about a controversial book heavily criticized by the media.

The presenter, psychology professor Chris Carstens, summed up the research included in this book by saying "the causes of racial differences in IQ are unclear; the black-white IQ gap could be caused by environmental factors only, or by the joint effect of genetic and environmental variables."

Carstens said that while the book did not focus solely on the issue of race, critics have chosen to focus all of their attention on this issue.

"*The Bell Curve* is about individual and group differences in intellectual skills," Carstens explained. He noted that what the research has shown is that "The

black-white gap is found with subjects of all ages, from first graders to adults."

One of Carsten's main points seemed to be that "knowing a person's racial or ethnic identification does not tell us anything about that particular individual's ability."

Carstens said that, based on

the available research, he has personally come to conclusions that differ from those reached by authors Herrnstein and Murray.

But he further noted that he has "not found a single instance in which the authors have been inaccurate in their presentation of

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Alumnus appointed Nash RD

By GREG PURCELL

Benny Saint Romain is the new director of Nash Hall and also the new Intramural Director.

Romain is a 1992 graduate of Wesleyan and recently got his teaching certificate to teach in North Carolina. Romain was a founding member of Delta Sigma Phi and homecoming king in 1992. Romain was also Senior Class President.

Romain was the first Aquatic Director of the Roanoke Rapids Recreation Department. He came back to Wesleyan because "I've always enjoyed student life at Wesleyan and I feel that I can be a positive influence on the students." Romain said that he has "worked in the field of recreation for 10 years."



BENNY SAINT ROMAIN

Romain's future plans include getting his MAED in Sports Management and physical education.

Also new to Wesleyan is Marc Gainey. Gainey is the new Resident Director of North Hall and is taking over as advisor to the Greeks and Campus Activities Board.

White puts focus on student needs

By JESSICA BROWN

"We must begin to focus on the student's needs and wants or else all of the other plans won't make any difference, because nobody will be here to enjoy them," said North Carolina Wesleyan's president, Dr. John White, at a meeting of all faculty and staff in the new Center on Oct. 30.

Stressing the need for team work, Dr. White updated everyone who attended about upcoming events, the latest news, and future plans.

Some recent events which he discussed were the search committees, Dr. White's three new committees, and the Board of Trustees.

Meeting on Founder's Day, the search committees are trying to find people to fill the positions of

Vice President of Development and a new Dean of Adult Programs. Dr. White said that for the position of Vice President of Development, a candidate has been selected but the person's name will not be announced until later.

Dr. White's three new committees, dealing with the issues of retention, quality of life, and recreation, have begun meeting and he hopes to have them ongoing for years to come.

At the Board of Trustees meeting on Founder's Day, many issues were raised. The Capital Campaign, which is raising money for the Dunn Center, needs another \$1.5 million. In the area of student life, the idea of having Marriott give advice to help improve residence halls was discussed.

Dr. White also informed fac-

ulty and staff about his plans for the future. He announced that Dr. David Jones and Dr. Steve Ferebee will be in charge of planning the symposium in January for Dr. White's inauguration and the Dunn Center's grand opening.

The Budget Committee has decided to delay hiring someone as the Director of the Dunn Center until the beginning of the next fiscal year to help the budget. Until then, a committee is being formed to plan events in the center. Some faculty members Dr. White named as being on this committee were Pam Gourley, Vaughan Schutz, and Mike McAllister.

Some events they are already planning are the performing arts

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SGA votes to recognize Photography Club

By TEQUALEA MOORE

On Monday, Nov. 6, the Student Government Association voted to include The Black and White Photography Club of North Carolina Wesleyan College as a recognized club of SGA.

On Oct. 23, Karolyn Braun petitioned the SGA for recogni-

tion of the club. Each Senate member received a copy of Braun's proposed constitution and the Senate was allotted two weeks to read over the constitution and decide whether or not to include the Photography Club.

According to the constitution of the Photography Club, "The club's purpose is to enhance the

students artistic abilities at North Carolina Wesleyan. Along with learning photography techniques and dark room use, the club will be used to benefit the community. We will assist the *Dissenter* and *Decree* with photographic needs as well as photograph student events. The students will engage in artistic expressions

through the use of the camera and create art of their own doings, thereby furthering the mission of North Carolina Wesleyan College."

With the approval of the SGA, the Photography Clubs goals are to begin the learning process of photography and darkroom use. The current members — Karolyn

Braun, president; Jack Herbert, vice president; Kerri Shelburne and Jean Allen, secretary and treasurer; Megan Ward, and Kelly Cameron, along with advisor Will Prizio — will hold regular Monday meetings to ensure all goals are met each academic year.

At this time, no member was available for comment.