Idea of race-based IQ stirs controversy

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the evidence."

Just as the actual book sparked controversy, the presentation made by Carstens about Hernstein and Murray's research in the book also generated comments and concerns from those present.

According to Dr. Rick Watson, "Carstens did an excellent job of summarizing the research that is represented by *The Bell Curve.*" But while acknowledging "our makeup and our behavior is going to be partly influenced or determined by our genetic background," Watson criticized the book by noting, "The mistake the Hernstein and Murray make is to think that large groups of people have a genetic makeup in the same way individuals do."

He also expressed his belief that, although the authors claim they are not trying to promote stereotyping, "pseudo-scientific discussions of group intelligence promote stereotyping."

Using an example of an astronomer who wanted to study the characteristics of planets, Watson said that it would not be logical for the astronomer to include data from comets, moons, or meteors.

Watson went on to say that "when you study races, especially

in the United States, you cannot limit your sample because the genetic makeup is so diverse. It's like lumping every heavenly body in your study when you are only studying planets." He said this inability to "clearly limit your sample make any conclusions you draw about the intelligence of a race automatically faulty."

These points were also ad-

dressed by Dr. Hugh Corbin, who felt that "trying to define the intelligence of any one group is an exercise in futility." He further cautioned, for many of the same reasons noted by Watson, that "any scale of intelligence that talks about a pure African-American group is unscientific."

He also approached the subject by saying that "everywhere

the revolution of the Right is denying, ignoring, and abandoning attempts to increase the poor economic status of African-Americans or blacks," and that "it would be more fruitful to look at poverty as a cause of the African-American achievement deficit."

Corbin also noted that "the chances of the test being culture free or unbiased is very slim."

Business office promotes two

Kim Sparks has been promoted to the position of Controller and Lori Moore has been promoted to Accounts Receivable Manager.

Both promotions are effective on Dec. 1, announced Belinda Faulkner.

Sparks has been with the college for eight years and has served as Business Office Manager for the past five years.

"She has done an outstanding job in that office and has successfully managed many challenges including (but not limited to) our telecommunications transformation and our administrative computer conversion/implementation," Faulkner said.

Sparks now oversees student accounts, Perkins loans, cashiering, office services, and communications. She has been an active participant on many task forces and committees. She has served on Managers' Group and has been an active leader/facilitator in Team Wesleyan.

She is active in the community, as well, serving on the Board of the American Red Cross and completing the Chamber's Leadership Rocky Mount Program. In her spare time she has been pursuing her degree in Accounting which she will receive in December.

Moore has been with the college three and a half years as Student Accounts Representative.

"During that time Lori has demonstrated exceptional people

and service skills in handling students' accounts," Faulkner said. "She has mastered the new administrative computer software and has acquired a high level of knowledge in the intricacies of financial aid as it pertains to students' accounts."

In her new position Moore will oversee the Student Accounts Representative position, and will take on more reporting, reconciling, and statistical analysis responsibilities associated with Accounts Receivable.

Moore is also pursuing her degree in her spare time.

These two promotions leave a vacancy in the position of Student Accounts Representative. A position vacancy announcement will be placed on the bulletin board in the Human Resources area.

Sports

Women's soccer team honored

The North Carolina Wesleyan College women's soccer team received Honorable Mention honors in Athletic Management's Atalanta awards program in the category of "Successful Teams."

The category awards women's athletic teams who exemplify the positive values of today's women's sports and honors ath-

letic programs which are taking the extra step to ensure the success of women's sports at their institution. The award process was open to all collegiate and high school women's athletic teams in all divisions.

"This is a tremendous honor for our team and athletic department," said head coach Rob Donnenwirth. "This award is special because we preach values such as character and integrity, but many times it is just wins and championships which are recognized."

Athletic Management magazine named the award after the Greek mythological figure Atalanta. Atalanta was famous for being the best athlete in Calydon. She was the fastest runner in Greece and a hunter with great courage and skill.

The awards will be profiled at length in a special Women's Athletics section of the November 1995 issue of Athletic Management

Bishops fall in overtime

The Battling Bishops finished their season with an exciting overtime loss to powerhouse Greens-

The Battling Bishops and the

Volleyball tourney begins

The volleyball team enters the Dixie Conference tournament as the fifth seed.

The Volley team defeated Shenandoah; 15-3, 15-11, and 16-14, while losing to CNU; 5-15, 6-15, and 7-15 going into the tournament.

Toni Ninni is third in the conference in blocks (.62 per game) and third in service aces per game (.80).

Pride each attacked very well but neither team could find the net despite many chances. The Pride were able to break it open in the over-time periods as they netted three goals.

The Bishops finished the season at third in the conference behind Greensboro and Methodist.

"We really improved from last year," said head coach Chris Apple. "We are now able to compete with the top teams in the country."

Jason Lockerman (8G, 6A) and Chris Petrini (8G, 4A) finished seventh and eighth respectively in Dixie Conferences scoring.

Tolley second in points

Senior Amy Tolley finished her career second in the N.C. Wesleyan record book in career points (65), assists (23), and games played (74) for the women's soccer team.

She also is tied for third in career goals (21) and single season assists (8). Freshman Aija Patokoski also tied for third in single season assists (8).

White defines focus

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series and the lighting of a Christmas tree in the lobby.

During the meeting, Dr. White emphasized team work and how important it is to bring Wesleyan together, to make it better, and get it under control. He asked for help from all faculty members.

"We can take control of this college, and we must take control of it," he said at one point.

A recreation center for students to enjoy is at the top of Dr. White's list of things to accomplish. He stressed his belief that students need to be heard and something must be done about their concerns. He was very concerned about the retention rate of students.

Dr. White introduced many ideas which have been discussed about a New Student Day in the spring. This would be the opportunity for all high school students who were accepted by Wesleyan

to come and witness life on campus. They could meet current students, professors, and have their questions answered. By "rolling out the red carpet," as Dr. White put it, he hopes this day would help bring in more students and increase the number of freshmen the following fall.

Also important to Dr. White are not only current and future students, but alumni as well. He said that Wesleyan's alumni are, for the most part, not involved in the college. He feels this is because of a lack of pride for Wesleyan. Dr. White said the alumni involvement needs upgrading and that if it could be improved, perhaps the revenue could get a boost with their assistance.

Finally, Dr. White stressed the need to put pride into current Wesleyan students so that in the future they can continue giving to the college willingly and help Wesleyan to keep growing.