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## Search for Dean nearing end

By KAROLYN BRAUN

Months of searching will come to an end by the end of next week when President John White announces North Carolina Wesleyan College's new Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College following a visit to the campus by three finalist candidates under consideration by the search committee.

Bob Bussom, the current Vice President and Dean, has held the position for three years after

agreeing to serve "temporarily" for one year. The search for his successor was delayed by the resignation of College President Leslie Garner because Bussom felt the college could not afford also to lose a vice president.

With the induction of White this year, the search began last fall to replace Bussom. A Dean Search Committee was put together consisting of eight people — six faculty members and two students, headed by Dr. Kenneth V. Finney.

The committee conducted a nationwide search, receiving and reviewing 121 applications. After a month and half of reviewing applications, 17 applicants were picked and out of those seven were selected for interviews. Out of the seven, the final three candidates were chosen.

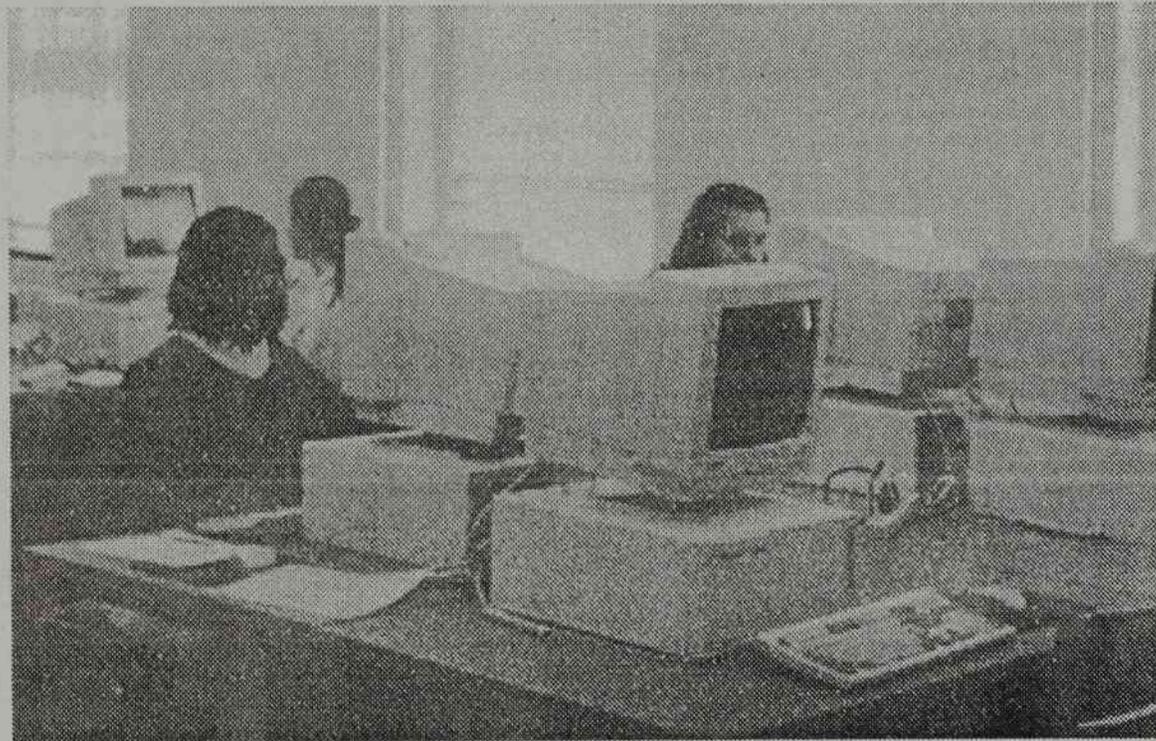
The three candidates are arriving within the week to be shown around the campus and will be talking with the committee and students. Their names were not made public, but the committee

said each candidate possesses an earned doctorate, an excellent record of teaching, a substantial body of scholarship in a core discipline of liberal arts, and have been tenured.

They were also selected for their demonstrated strong leadership abilities and strong commitment to the practice of liberal education as a moral enterprise as well as a "sound, bold vision of liberal education especially as it relates to general education and the freshman experience."

The Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College is the chief academic officer of the college and responsible for administering the academic program. The vice president reports directly to White and serves on the President's Council with the other college vice presidents.

Scott Cuviallo, one of the students on the search committee, said "this decision will affect North Carolina Wesleyan's future for the next four years."



COMPUTER LAB GROWING MORE POPULAR FOR STUDENTS — AND THIEVES.

## Students line up to surf 'Net

By MOLLY McCLUSKEY

We've all seen them. That group of people who seem to have their bodies permanently seated in front of the library's computers. We used to call them nerds. But these people aren't doing homework. They're surfing the Internet.

One girl said to her friend when leaving the library computer lab, her eyes glowing, her limbs in the beginning stages of atrophy, "I can't wait to come back tonight."

Technology seems to have

swept NCWC. However, the drawbacks remain. The first is that there are only so many computers. Students who were on e-mail take time away from not only their studies but away from the people who were waiting for use of the computer with more nobler means.

So what happens now? Night after night, students wait for computers in the library or in the computer lab. The computer lab often has more people during free time than it would during a class. The distinction is a hard one to make.

It seems as though more people

are visiting the library simply for the Internet. Librarian Kathy Winslow sees nothing wrong with this.

"The Internet is a resource. Several times student find something on the computers we couldn't have found otherwise," she says.

How then do we determine who is using the Net for homework purposes and who isn't?

"We really can't," Winslow confesses. "We can, however, determine who has been on-line and

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## Series of thefts strikes campus in recent weeks

By KIM CURSEEN

North Carolina Wesleyan College has been plagued by a series of thefts, victimizing the Computer Lab, Honors Lounge, and Bookstore.

The Computer Lab has been the target of two crimes. In the first incident, over a weekend in February, a monitor, keyboard, and mouse was stolen. Professor of Computer Science Leo Bishop said the computer was taken through an unlocked window.

The Rocky Mount Police Department investigated the crime but have no suspects. Bishop said it is the responsibility of Campus Security and his lab assistants to make sure the windows are locked. Following the incident, the labs have now been secured with restraints.

Asked how the \$2,000 computer would be replaced, Bishop said "We will not be able to replace the computer until the next budget year." He said the cost of the computer is less than the school's insurance deductible, so the theft will have to be absorbed by the computer department.

The second incident in the Computer Lab took place on March 4. Two individuals were seen running to and through the east exit of the Braswell Building at 3 a.m. by a cleaning staff member who was clocking in. Bishop and Kim Sparks both said that two computers were stacked near the east exit of the Braswell Building. The computers had been taken from the Computer Lab.

Campus Security was notified and Rocky Mount police are investigating, but do not yet have any suspects. Sparks said the college "has been looking into doing advance security of that area."

According to two anonymous sources related to the Bookstore, an incident of monetary theft took place before Spring Break. Bookstore manager Rachel Dix confirmed that an incident had taken place and is currently being handled by the campus judicial process.

But she refused to give any details of the theft and said the judicial process was confidential. She also refused to comment on

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