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'Senioritis' epidemic at colleges

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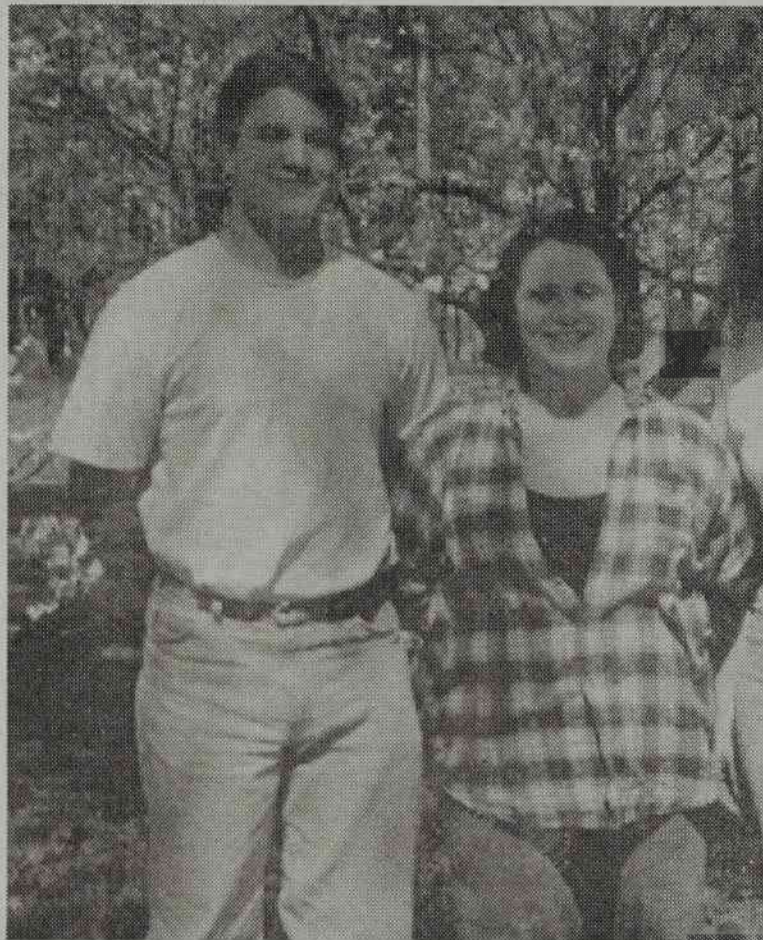
Every day, Christy McBride tosses aside her books and dreams about her summer plans to lay on Aruba's sunwashed beaches.

McBride, a University of Missouri senior, wonders how she'll make it through two more months of journalism classes until she dons a cap and gown for graduation. Not to mention, she still needs to polish her resume and line up a job for the fall.

But it seems a certain affliction is making it ... well, hard to focus. The affliction is so common among graduating students, it's earned a name — senioritis.

"Senioritis is when the brain is nowhere but on the glorious day outside, the future ahead, not on what needs to be done here

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NEW EDITORS — Following the resignation of Molly McCluskey as Decree editor, James Bell (left) and Jamie Teachey have assumed the positions of editor and copy editor.

Students not happy at housing

As the year comes to an end, it comes time for resident students to pick rooms and roommates for the next year.

The rooms and roommates are selected on a lottery system based on class standing. Seniors get first pick, etc. There were a large number of people who requested private rooms for this coming year and many were quite dissatisfied with the result.

To get a single room students had to stand in line on the morning of April 7 and sign a list at Student Life. Students began getting in line at 5:30 a.m. and these students only got single rooms if one comes available.

Many North Hall students were dissatisfied because they believe that they should have seniority over upcoming sophomores that want to live in North Hall. North Hall is listed as an upperclassmen dorm. Upperclassmen are commonly recognized as juniors and seniors, although sophomores are allowed in North.

North resident Allan Podolinsky was upset with the room selection process. He has had a private room his entire junior year and as a senior he does not have one even though he indicated that he would not like a roommate.

"I feel that I am a senior and that I have had a private room for a year now and as a senior I should be allowed to keep it. If I do not get one I will move off campus next year," said Podolinsky. This seemed to be the sentiment of many residents in the halls.

Students were frustrated because they did not know where to lay blame. One frustrated student exclaimed "that I would rather live in a cardboard box on US 301" than with the roommate that she was assigned.

Many students have taken care of their problems by talking to Housing, but many still have not. Holly Huber said that "you won't be able to walk down the halls when room swap time comes around." And most people agree.

Bishop to speak at service

Bishop Marion Edwards will be the speaker for the annual Baccalaureate service at North Carolina Wesleyan College.

The service will be held on Friday, May 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Leon Russell Chapel. The public

is invited to attend the service as well as the college's commencement exercises, which will be held the following day, Saturday, May 10, at 10:30 a.m. in front of the Braswell Administration Building.

Bishop Edwards is completing his first year as the Resident Bishop in the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. This visit will be his first to Wesleyan's Rocky Mount main campus.

'Spring Fling' described as best ever

Spring Fling 1997 is over and it seems like it was one of the "best Spring Flings ever."

According to Tequila Moore, "More students got involved with everything this year." It seems that all events went well but the favorite event of most students was the first annual Mr. Wesleyan contest sponsored by Sigma Phi Delta and CAB.

The week had a variety of events from an outdoor field day to talent competitions and Michael Winslow. Winslow was thought to be the most entertaining event of the week, but most

students thought that it was not what they had expected it to be. Kasey Griffin said that "he was not as funny as I thought that he would be, he just made noise."

This seemed to be the consensus among most all the students. They were hoping for more because of all the publicity that surrounded Winslow's show.

The outdoor field day was on Friday, April 4. There were many outdoor events for students to participate in. These activities ranged from the Velcro Wall, Bouncy Boxing, Jousting, and other types of "American Gladiator" type

events. It was a day for students to get out and get physical with their peers.

The first annual Mr. Wesleyan contest received quite a turnout. Contestants of the pageant were male students dressed in drag. They were judged on lingerie, talent, and evening gowns. This event had quite a large turnout and was thought to be entertaining by most. Some of the "girls" wore quite revealing outfits for the competition and showed more than people ever expected or "wanted to see."

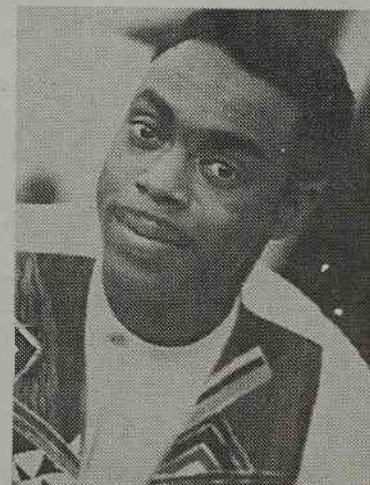
The talent competition also had

quite a few surprises as judges were sprayed with milk, treated to a strip tease, and a piano concerto among other "talents."

When all was over and done with, the winner was quite apparent. Tony "Monique" Morone was named the first Mrs. Wesleyan. This shocked some students who thought that "Porsha" should have won.

The week ended on April 5 with Band Day. Four bands entertained people from 1-7 p.m.

Overall, said Holly Huber, Spring Fling was "a great way to welcome Spring to Wesleyan."



WINSLOW DISAPPOINTING?