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Wesleyan opens site in Durham

North Carolina Wesleyan College held the grand opening Wednesday of its new Adult Learning Site classroom facility in Durham, near the Research Triangle Park.

Located at the corner of Miami Boulevard and Alexander Drive, this site will compliment NCWC's existing course offerings in Raleigh, designed to serve the needs of working adults who seek a bachelor's degree.

"From our Raleigh locations, North Carolina Wesleyan has been helping working adults in the Triangle earn their college degrees for almost 20 years," said N.C. Wesleyan President John White. "The success of our program leads us to open the Durham site for the convenience of our many students there. We are responding to the demand for such programs by adult learners and their employers."

At the Durham site, the B.S. in Business Administration will initially be offered, with other programs to be added within the next year. Designed to meet the needs of working adult learners, most classes will be offered on

an accelerated, facilitated learning format, known as ADVANTAGE.

This learning format is based on the facilitation of applied knowledge involving students in participatory activities, group discussions, written exercises, projects and presentations. ADVANTAGE classes are offered on five- and eight-week sessions with one four-hour evening class per week.

The fall semester at the new Durham site includes three sessions. Students were able to register for one session or all three at the same time. During this first session, classes are offered in accelerated five- and eight-week formats, and also in the non-accelerated, 12-week format. Although the grand opening was this week, the site opened Aug. 17 and classes began Aug. 24.

Since 1979, NCWC has offered undergraduate classes in Raleigh. Programs currently offered include the B.S. in Business Administration, B.S. in Computer Information Systems, B.S. in Accounting, and B.A. in Justice Studies.

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Hurricane Bonnie blows through campus but causes little damage

On Wednesday, Aug. 26, North Carolina Wesleyan College was a flurry of activity. It had everyone anxious with anticipation of the prospective arrival that evening. But what was all the excitement about? Who was this, some new student? A new faculty member? Who?

No, the cause of all the commotion and activity was Hurricane Bonnie. This huge storm, stretching almost 400 miles across at one point, had been bearing

down on North Carolina for the last three to four days. And now, with winds in excess of 120 mph, she was almost here.

Fortunately, because classes were not starting for another week, the Wesleyan campus was almost empty. The first-year students were not due until Friday. Upperclassmen were due back on Saturday and Sunday. The only students on campus were the resident assistants, the members of the men's and women's soccer

teams, the volleyball team, and a handful of others, back for other reasons (one came back early from Kinston to help the post office with a large mailing for the admission office).

The College was pretty well prepared. The approximately 80 students were moved into two of the large residence halls, Nash and Edgcombe. The students brought pillows, comforters, and flash-

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NCWC faculty adds faces over summer

This summer saw the addition of a number of new faces on the faculty of Wesleyan. They are:

Dr. Erica F. Kosal, assistant professor of Biology, earned her BS degree from Michigan State University and her MS from North Carolina State University. Dr. Kosal received her Ph.D. just this past May. She has been an adjunct for the last three years at Meredith College while complet-

ing her doctoral degree. She will be teaching biology and environmental science courses.

Dr. Kosal enjoys teaching a lot. When asked what excited her most about being at Wesleyan, she responded that she "likes the small class size because of the potential for exploration into new activities in lab, and the interaction with students."

Deborah H. King, visiting as-

sistant professor of Education, earned her BS and MA degrees at East Carolina University where she is a doctoral student. She was the principal at the New Hope Elementary School in Wilson and previously at Contentnea Elementary School in Kinston.

Dr. Richard Stafford, associate professor of Theatre and director of the Wesleyan Theatre, joins North Carolina Wesleyan

from Piedmont College in Georgia where he was Chair of the Department of Speech and Theatre Arts. He earned the BS degree from Stephen F. Austin University, the MA at the University of Texas at Tyler, and the Ph.D. at Texas Tech University. In addition to directing many theatre productions, Dr. Stafford has published several novels.

Karin L. Zipf, assistant pro-

fessor of History, earned her BA degree at Wake Forest University and MA at the University of Georgia. Zipf says she is excited to be teaching at Wesleyan because it means she is back home (in Eastern North Carolina).

Zipf also said that she is "excited about the opportunity to teach American history, discuss-

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