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KATHY WINSLOW GIVES BLOOD DURING CAMPAIGN.

Blood drive on campus has disappointing total

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Even though there were door prizes, freebies, and lots of good food, North Carolina Wesleyan College's response to the Spring Blood Drive on March 2 was a little disappointing.

There were several factors which may have affected the turnout. Many of the students had been suffering from cold and flu symptoms which prevent people from donating. The Red Cross is very particular about the health of the donors. They won't even take blood from people who have been tattooed or pierced in the last 12 months, which is another factor that eliminates many college students.

Also, attendance in the Fall had been bolstered by the support of faculty and staff who encouraged classes and teams to donate. This was really effective since almost 70 units of blood was collected.

Even though the various residence halls and student organizations were encouraged to compete for a pizza party as a reward for the highest percentage of volunteers, the total donation for this drive was only 29 units.

The Gospel Choir had the highest percentage of volunteers of all the student organizations and they have already enjoyed a Pizza Hut feast.

The Wellness Center will continue to work with the local chapter of the American Red Cross and the Wesleyan community can look for more blood drives next Fall and Spring.

Nurse Holly Fairley said that "this is not just a good deed, it might be the difference in whether someone lives or dies. We (at the Wellness Center) appreciate everyone who donated or tried to donate or who volunteered to help."

On Feb. 25, when the Student Government Association Senate met to decide on the Spring budget, they also decided to approve a proposal from Pam Gourley for \$1,200.

The proposal from Gourley, inadvertently left out of last issue's article, was a request for funds for Wesleyan community

Staley lecturer visits Wesleyan this week

The Staley lecturer for this year is Dr. Linda McKinnish Bridges, associate professor of New Testament and Greek at the Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond.

She will be speaking on the topic of "The Contours of Celtic Christianity" in the Powers Recital Hall at the Dunn Center at 8 p.m. this Wednesday, March 24. She will also be preaching at a Celtic Chapel service Wednesday at noon. Her sermon will be entitled "The Pilgrim Way."

Bridges received her degrees from Meredith College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. She has taught at several seminaries and colleges. She is an ordained Southern Baptist minister.

She is the author of *The Church's Portraits of Jesus* and she has contributed articles to various publications including *Perspectives in Religious Studies*, *Interpretation*, and *Review and Expositor*

Bridges has served as a missionary in Taiwan and has been a minister to youth and minister of music in churches in North Carolina and Kentucky.

She spent a year on sabbatical in Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. Her current research interests and writing projects include the role of women in the ancient Celtic tradition and the influence of the Fourth Gospel on the Celtic Chris-

tian movement. Other interests include narrative and sociological studies of Biblical Literature, with special focus on the Gospel of John.

The Staley Distinguished Christian Scholar Lecture Program is a project of the Thomas F. Staley Foundation of New York.

This Lectureship was established in the Fall of 1969 by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Staley of Rye, New York, in memory of their parents, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Staley and Judge and Mrs. H.H. Haynes.

The Thomas F. Staley Foundation is firmly persuaded that the message of the Christian Gospel, when proclaimed in its historical fullness, is always contemporary, relevant, and meaningful in any generation. To this end, the Foundation seeks to bring to the college and university campuses of America distinguished scholars/artists who truly believe and can clearly communicate the Christian gospel to students.

Thomas F. Staley was a grandson of Major D. Reynolds, elder brother R. J. Reynolds. Major Reynolds was a convinced evangelical who, as a young man, underwent a conversion experience that led him to leave the tobacco business.

Both of Staley's parents were evangelicals, especially interested in the foreign missionary move-

ment. His mother particularly urged him to become a minister of the gospel. As a senior in college he persuaded her that he could do more for the Lord as a businessman.

Staley went on to become a founding member of the brokerage firm Reynolds and Company, which eventually merged with Dean Witter to form Dean Witter Reynolds.

Faithful to his heritage, Mr. Staley supported his church and various philanthropic enterprises. Yet he felt there was much more he could do if only he could focus his resources. In 1967, after consultations with religious leaders such as Norman Vincent Peale and Billy Graham, he decided that one of the greatest needs of the day was the strengthening of the small Christian college. Thus was launched the Staley Distinguished Christian Scholar Lecture Program.

The Thomas F. Staley Foundation is a private, nonprofit organization, established to administer funds to further the evangelical witness of the Christian church, with a particular concern for college students. Deeming the cause worthy and the need great, the trustees of this Foundation will support men and women who truly believe, cordially love and effectively propagate the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the historical and scriptural fullness.

SGA approves funding request

members to attend the Southern Regional Orientation Workshop.

The funds allow Gourley and four students to attend the workshop. As the proposal states, "by attending, they (the attendees) can bring back orientation ideas from which future Wesleyan students can benefit."

She said the request for SGA

funding of a Student Life activity was unusual but became necessary because of the recent freeze on administrative/staff funding.

In more recent SGA Senate news, the Senate met on March 8 and March 15 but were able to conduct any business as quorum was not reached in either case. Agenda business that has been

postponed includes requests for funds from Sisters of Distinction for \$1,425 and Club Dramatica for \$2,154 as well as discussion about the proposed Constitutional revisions.

The next scheduled SGA Senate meeting was held this morning in the Browsing Room in the Library.