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HOMECOMING ROYALTY — Sophomore Linston Tery and junior Laura Hilbert were this year's Homecoming King and Queen.

Wesleyan enjoys week of Homecoming events

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Pride and excitement was felt throughout the N.C. Wesleyan Campus during its week of Homecoming, Oct. 6-9.

On Wednesday, Homecoming took off with a talent show cosponsored by Black Student Association and Greek Council.

A pre-talent show mixture began prior to the night, which gave the student body an opportunity to mix and mingle with B.S.A.'s executive board leaders for the 1999-2000 school year. Many were in amazement of this year's attendance at the talent show: a large percentage of the student population.

Support from the audience through laughter, praises and applause's created a comfortable atmosphere for the contestants. Judges, unlike the past, were students along with Coordinator of Greek life, Shauna Irwin.

The judges narrowed down the winners to third place, "B.F.P." Marilyn Johnson, Allan Upham and LaTisha Gray, sang several selections from both the new and old school. This group could be said to have been the highlight of the talent show because of their energy and ability to get the audience enthused and involved.

Second place winner, Carl Thompson did a solo act, playing two characters of a boyfriend and a girlfriend. In this one act, the girlfriend finds out that her love has a STD.

The 1999 talent show-winner went to Moquisa Brown who danced to one of the famous rapper Missy Elliot's latest hits.

Several students participated this year and through all the acts, each was given the chance to show that their individual talent goes beyond the classroom.

The second night of Home-coming week started on Thursday, Oct. 7. For the first time, students were able to take pictures, in an unusual but different way.

Two representatives from a photography company set up a little studio, similar to ones in amusement parks like Kings Dominion. This took place in the Hartness Center. There were over one hundred options to choose from for "Amazing Fantasy Photos." After all there is nothing wrong in imagining you are someone else every now and then.

Friday, Oct. 8, was a memorable night for many because of the Homecoming dance, which took place in the Hartness Center. The dance was sponsored by Campus Activities Board (CAB).

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Alumnus enjoys work as police officer

By MICHELLE OLSON and MEGAN WARD Staf Writers

North Carolina Wesleyan alumni Robert Kenneth Capo began working for the Whitakers Police Department this past August.

Originally from Clifton, N.J., Bob always knew he wanted to be an officer of the law.

"When I was a kid, I used to play with plastic cuffs and I would practice on my grandmother," he said.

Bob graduated from North Carolina Wesleyan with a degree in Justice studies in May of 1999, while still attending Nash Community College's Police Academy. He graduated from the academy in June of 1999 and began working as a patrol officer in Whitakers.

He worked five days straight during Hurricane Floyd and the floods. During his relief efforts, Bob worked traffic, distributed water, ice, baby diapers, and food.



BOB CAPO

Bob worked with the National Guard to help rescue numerous people who were stranded from the floodwaters as well.

"It was quite a learning experience and an emotional time. Everyone came together to help," he said.

Bob has found his new career to be a rewarding experience.

"It's great when you gain the trust of people in the community, especially juveniles," he said.

Helping young adolescents

cope with the pressures of drugs and school has become very rewarding for Bob. His experience has helped Bob make new friends and meet people he would not ordinarily meet.

The hardest part about being a police officer seems to be safety.

"You have to be careful. It can be a very dangerous job," he said.

Dealing with drug addicts, murders, and domestic abuse can get very precarious. It is extremely important to follow procedure very closely. But Bob must also attend to each call diversely and sometimes in a special way.

"Every situation is different and that is what makes it exciting. Sometimes you have to be a friend, or a priest, or a social worker, but you have to show your authority too. You just never know what's going to happen," he said.

Bob plans to go into the Army this winter in hopes of attending Officer Candidate School. He also hopes to further his education in Justice Studies.

Get ready to enjoy some spooky stories

North Carolina Wesleyan College will play host next week to the Rocky Mount Arts Center's "Tarside Tales," a family-oriented folklife and storytelling festival.

The free event, scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 30, is cosponsored by the Arts Center and the College, and funded by a Grassroots grant from the North Carolina Arts Council.

"Tarside Tales" incorporates performance, demonstrative, and audience participation elements. From 1:30-2:45 p.m. and 3:45-5 p.m., traditional storytellers from a variety of backgrounds will perform in front of the Braswell Building.

Horse and buggy rides, traditional folk craft demonstrations, and kids paint-n-play will take place on the front lawn of the college from 12:30-1:30 p.m. and 2:45-3:45 p.m. The grounds will be decorated with entries from the "Tarside Tales Pumpkin Carving/Decorating and Scarecrow Building Contests."

At 7 p.m., the performers will gather at the Braswell Building. There, the storytellers will each tell a favorite ghost, spirit, or otherwise spooky tale. Some bleacher seating will be available. The audience may bring blankets and lawn chairs.