

Editorials

Used Bookstores

Classes to prepare, papers to grade. Students to animate, Michael Jackson specials to ignore, a dreary wet winter to endure, teases of spring to savor, war to abominate. With so much to worry about, we might be forgiven if we look for diversion. But most movies are meaningless, television is a pounding nationalistic drum roll for war, and music is only sporadically interesting. So I rummage through used bookstores. I remember my first used bookstore. When I was in college, I stumbled into a dark musty shop stuck between a hippie used clothing store and a Laundromat. I went in because I saw a book I was familiar with but in an unfamiliar edition. I can still feel the heavy air, smell the incense, and

hear the rock music. I wandered in just to look, but when I left I possessed a beautiful edition of Hermann Hesse's Siddhartha (a favorite book in those years), a couple of books on Buddhism, and two new friends. Fred and Ed (I'm not kidding) ran this store. They were thirty something, long-haired, beard wearing, sandal-footed, John-Lennon-glassed genuine freaks. They looked as if they had trucked out of a Zap comic book (find some of those in a used bookstore). Many a wisecracking college student must have thought that these two hippies would be an easy mark. But Fred and Ed knew books – and customers. If you didn't want to buy a book, Fred and Ed believed in the power of books to

change lives, and they had an uncanny ability to size up a customer, dig around in one of the piles of often stained but readable books, and pull out a jewel that you just had to read. A friend of mine still talks about the day she went in, met Fred and Ed, talked for maybe five minutes, listened for ten, bought a book on a



Greek mathematician, and took her first step toward becoming a math historian. She teaches at a Virginia University and still has the book. Another time I took a neighbor of mine to Fred and Ed's

because he needed some extra cash more than he needed some of his books. I went with him because he said he needed to leave with cash, not with other books. I was supposed to help. That morning Fred and Ed were just opening, so we thought this would be a good time to move in and out. They looked at my friend's books – mostly Latin American poetry – and offered him a lump sum. He accepted, but then they went around him and told me that a book they just knew I wanted had come in. And by the way, had we read this by this Peruvian poet; a famous professor had just brought it in. They had us both. We bought. Fred and Ed treated each book in the store with respect both because each book has a story. We know

you'll like this book; listen to this passage. This guy's a genius; this is the only English translation in town. If you like that, wait until you read this. Take care of this book; you'll want to give it to your children. Since I graduated and moved away, I have always sought out used bookstores everywhere I have lived and visited. I often find knowledgeable people who love books. For years, I would periodically visit Fred and Ed as well; but they sold the store in the early 1990s, and Fred died last month. Even the store is gone now. But I still read some of their books, and when I need respite from the commonplace or from the horror of everyday life, I still seek out the people and the books of small used bookstores.

Move-In Policy for Fall 2003 School Year

ALL STUDENTS must have their fall 2003 invoice (statements) cleared by the Business Office and must secure an official student class schedule ("pink slip"). Pink slips will be available at check-in at the Hartness Center. Without a pink slip, you will not be allowed to:

- 1) Move into the Residence Hall
- 2) Attend any classes
- 3) Purchase books
- 4) Obtain a college ID card
- 5) Eat on a Wesleyan meal plan

FALL 2003: CENTRALIZED CHECK-IN WILL BE IN HARTNESS CENTER

Hartness Center check-in dates for the fall 2003 semester:

- Soccer and Volleyball TBA
- Orientation Leaders/RAs August 13, 8:00am-5:00pm
- WesBridge August 13, 12:00-5:00pm
- Freshmen Students August 20, 12:00-4:00pm

- students who have not completed placement August 21, 8:00am-12:00pm

- students who have completed placement
· Returning Students August 24, 1:00-7:00 pm

NO EARLY MOVE-INS WILL BE ALLOWED!
Resident Halls will not open early for check-in.

NCWC Recognizes Work Study Students

Each year colleges and universities across the country recognize the importance of the student work experience during National Student Employment Week. Student employment offers students career-enhancing opportunities, the ability to develop skills relevant in any career, and better preparation for the job market upon graduation.

It is appropriate to set aside a special week to draw the awareness of others, both on campus and off, to the contributions student workers make in the multitude of roles they fill. This year will mark the first year that North Carolina Wesleyan College has designated a Student Employee Recognition Day. On May 1, 2003 (Reading Day) from 1:00-3:00 p.m., work study students and their supervisors will be invited to attend a small social that will include a buffet of sweets and treats. Following, students and supervisors will have the opportunity to register to win a gift basket!

In addition to the Student Employee Recognition Day, NCWC will participate in a Student Employee of the Year Award nationally recognized and sponsored by the National Student Employment Association. In order to qualify for this award, the student must be enrolled at NCWC as least part-time and must have completed or is expected to complete a minimum six months of employment in his/her present position between 6/1/03 and 5/31/04. The Financial Aid Office will provide supervisors with nomination forms that will be evaluated by selected staff and faculty members. Based on criteria, one winner will be selected and named North Carolina Wesleyan College Student Employee of the Year and have the opportunity to be considered for the State award, and possibly the Regional and National Student Employee of the Year award(s) as part of the National Student Employment Association. Nominations will not begin until late Fall semester.

Please join me in saying "Thank You" to those who make student employment possible!

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