

STUDENT Life

CANNON FOUNDATION
GRANTS NCWC \$100,000
FOR SCIENCE

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North Carolina Wesleyan College has been awarded \$100,000 by the Cannon Foundation to assist with renovation and expansion of its science laboratories. The grant follows an anonymous gift of \$1 million to Wesleyan's science program a year ago, which has initiated plans for major improvements in laboratory equipment and science facilities.

"We are indeed grateful for this generous gift," said Wesleyan President Ian Newbould. "In the past five years, the number of science majors at Wesleyan has more than doubled. We have an excellent faculty with the knowledge and desire to make a difference in the lives of their students. It is exciting to imagine what we will be able to offer our students, both science majors and non-majors alike, with state-of-the-art equipment in our biology and chemistry labs."

The Cannon Foundation was created in 1943 by Charles A. Cannon, one of North Carolina's most noted industrialists. Over the past decade, the foundation has supported Wesleyan with generous gifts for its Dunn Center for the Performing Arts, Quality of Life Campaign, and for flood relief after Hurricane Floyd.

"The Cannon Foundation's support of Wesleyan over the last decade clearly demonstrates their commitment to higher education in our state," said Newbould, "and for that we are very grateful."

THROUGH IRISH
EYES

By Maria Walsh

Since I got here at the end of August, I have been asked many questions about my background: growing up in Northern Ireland, why I came to Rocky Mount and North Carolina Wesleyan College and going to university in Northern Ireland. This is my chance to tell you all about my experiences growing up throughout a period of conflict and what it was like. I feel that many people here in America have the perception that Northern Ireland is a dangerous place to live and still believe that there is a war in progress. At the minute, in Northern Ireland there is relative peace. By this, I mean there is a ceasefire by both Nationalist and Unionist paramilitary organizations. There have been many breakthroughs over the past ten years and Northern Ireland has come a long way.

In Northern Ireland there are two main communities, namely the Nationalists who are mostly Catholics and the Unionists, who are mostly Protestants. Nationalists want to become one with the Republic of Ireland, whereas Unionists still want to be part of Britain. I was brought up in West Belfast in an area called Twinbrook. This is a Nationalist area; there are very few Protestants who live here. I was brought up going to schools that were all Catholic, and I didn't really meet anybody from different communities until I was around 13 years old. This was when my school would go on activities with Protestant schools in order for us to realize that there are

people with different backgrounds from our own. This is when I became even more aware that my country was different from other countries. On television we would watch sitcoms from America and I often wondered why they did not talk about war like we did. From growing up in Northern Ireland, I have realized that just because we are brought up differently doesn't mean we have to hate each other. I love the fact that many of my friends are Protestant because 20 years ago this was unheard of in Northern Ireland; now it has changed.

I have experienced a lot in relation to the conflict in Northern Ireland, but not to the same extent as my parents. My parents were both brought up in the midst of terrorist bombings, shootings, rioting and also curfews that were imposed by the Paramilitaries. They watched as friends and family members were murdered or imprisoned throughout the 1970's. This was a bad time in our history; however, we have come a long way and this is not the case anymore. I have also seen the destruction that conflict can cause and I feel this is why many people my age in Northern Ireland want to move on and make people aware that times have changed.

Northern Ireland has become a bigger attraction to foreigners as we have so much history and so many beautiful places to visit. Many large companies are investing in Northern Ireland and making it a vibrant, beautiful place to visit. This is largely to do with the fact that there is ceasefire and also due to the friendliness of the people who live there.

So when people ask me why I came to Rocky Mount and North Carolina Wesleyan College, it is largely because I knew I would meet such a broad range of people with many different backgrounds. I also knew that it was a chance for me to tell people about Northern Ireland, how much it has changed, and that it is not the war zone that people think it is.

INTERNET EVOLVES
IN WAKE OF MUSIC
SWAPING SUITSby Matthew Fordahl
AP Technology Writer

SAN JOSE, California (AP) - Just as Prohibition drove drinkers underground in the roaring '20s, the music industry's crackdown is pushing many song swappers away from the open Internet and into what amount to cyberspace speakeasies.

These high-tech Cotton Clubs usually require users to be trusted or at least know someone inside. The files being traded, instead of out in the open, are encrypted - the 21st century equivalent of hiding bathtub gin under a fake floorboard.

Internet file-sharers are operating much like any society that falls under attack. And the very technologies they are using as shields have

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LEARNING THE
ALPHABET

By Chequena Morris

On December 1, 2003, the NCWC Black Student Association presented a program entitled "Learning the Alphabet". Held in the Carlton Board Room, this was an educational and informative session on the National Pan-Hellenic Council Fraternities and Sororities.

The session was dedicated to the sisterhood. Advisor of Greek Life, Erica Braman, let the female know that whatever sororities the students wanted on campus the school supported them.

The sororities that were present were Zeta Phi Beta, Delta Sigma Theta, and Sigma Gamma Rho.

Each of these organizations gave a brief history of itself and what they each expect of their pledges. Each sorority needs to have at least 5 girls interested in pledges to become official and it is a 30 day intake process.

BULLOCK COMBINES BEAUTY WITH BRAINS

By Maria Walsh

North Carolina Wesleyan student, Ashley Bullock, took part in the Miss North Carolina USA pageant 2003 in Highpoint on the 24th and 25th of October 2003. Ashley placed as a State finalist in the pageant won by Ashley Puleo, a dental student at University of North Carolina Dental School.

Ashley is currently a senior at Wesleyan and has been an active student in her four years here. She has been an orientation leader for the past two years as well as a Supplement Instructor for psychology. She is also the president of the Psychology club and is on the Resident advisory board as well as the SGA committee.

Ashley has been a four year recipient of the Helen Minton Scholarship for outstanding academic and community service for the Rocky Mount area; she has also won various leadership awards and has maintained a 3.0 GPA. She has also made the president's list in the past.

Ashley has been competing in beauty

pageants since she was thirteen and stopped when she was eighteen. She recently decided to compete again.

Ashley decided to compete in order to 'build self confidence and character.' She says that 'it is a way to appeal to a large audience as I can be heard on issues that are important to me'.

When asked about the recent debates surrounding beauty pageants such as the idea that they are exploitation of women, Ashley suggested that 'important people know it is not all about glitz and glamour' she went on, 'Personally those that do feel this way need to remember that all they see is what is represented on television and also remember that those who have won in the past have been influential to their communities and helped with charities, after this, beauty is disregarded.'

Ashley financed her campaign through a number of sponsors throughout the Rocky Mount area, 'Inco Inc, Hing Ta Restaurant, Salon Avant Garde, Garry Hodges Photography, Lewis Advertising, State Farm Insurance, The Nagel Family, Western Sizzling, Carney and Company, Rocky Mount

Motors, Rick Davenport, Rocky Mount Chamber of Commerce and of course my family contributed.'

Wesleyan did not sponsor Ashley, 'Unfortunately NCWC did not financially contribute to the pageant but the faculty, staff and student body as a whole has been very supportive.'

I was present at Ashley's big night and Ashley did us all here at Wesleyan proud and was a great ambassador for our school, she looked fantastic and has a lot to be proud of.

Ashley added, 'Beauty is within and as a representative of Wesleyan and Rocky Mount I realize the impact I can have and I plan on utilizing that to not only enrich other people's lives but to enrich my own. Some of the best knowledge I have gained is not from a book but from the experiences with other people.'

