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## Wesleyan pushes for place in system

### Community beckons for 'UNC-Rocky Mount'

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ROCKY MOUNT — Cheers of "UNC-Rocky Mount!" rang out Monday night at N.C. Wesleyan College, as community members rallied together in support of the addition of the school to the 16-campus UNC system.

The Dunn Center for the Performing Arts exceeded its 1,000 person capacity, with some people forced to line the walls or wait in the lobby.

"Let them wait 10 minutes! Let's fill this place up!" shouted Eddie Baysden, CEO of Rocky Mount Area Chamber of Commerce.

Rocky Mount Mayor Fred Turnage, a supporter of the measure, said the effort has the potential to make higher education more accessible to poorer counties in Eastern Carolina.

"This particular effort is much bigger than

Rocky Mount," he said. "A lot of children in these 11 counties are not in the position to pay the tuition for a private school like Wesleyan."

Turnage said that 65 percent of North Carolina's poorest counties reside in Eastern Carolina and that making Wesleyan — a four-year liberal arts school with 2,200 students — part of the system would bring jobs and revenue to the area.

Leslie Vandiford, a senior at Wesleyan from Farmville, said students support the measure, especially in-state students who would be able to pay in-state tuition if the school becomes public.

Whether Wesleyan will join the system depends on how the UNC Board of Governors responds to recommendations made by a five-person committee. The N.C. General Assembly passed a provision in the state budget this summer calling for a \$50,000 study on adding the school to the system.

Jim Phillips, chairman of the board, said the results of the study will not come until spring.

"If the study shows that's a good idea and that it's good for the state, we would seriously consider it," he said.

Leaders are set to meet with Wesleyan administrators in January, and Monday's event was an effort to show the wealth of community support.

Wesleyan President Ian Newbould said that the college will not take an official position on the issue until the study results are available, but that he recognizes the overwhelming support of the community.

"The college isn't saying 'take us over,'" he said. "But the college represents the community in many ways."

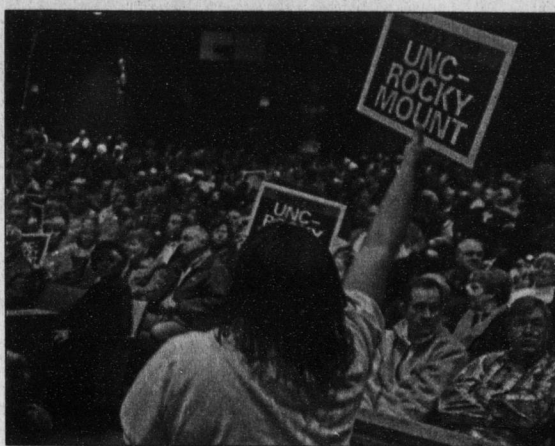
Attorney General Roy Cooper, a Rocky Mount native and speaker at the event, said the idea of UNC-Rocky Mount is a giant step in trying to solve the economic problems that plague Eastern Carolina counties.

"To make a real difference, you've got to think big. UNC-Rocky Mount is thinking big," he said.

Rocky Mount and surrounding communities must show that the addition would add to the system, not just benefit from it, Cooper said.

"UNC-Rocky Mount is a spark that can start

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DTH/LAUREN COWART

Jennifer Evans, a senior at Wesleyan College, helps pump up the crowd in Rocky Mount at a rally Monday that was attended more than 1,000 supporters.

## The cultural gift of giving thanks

BY COLIN CAMPBELL  
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For some UNC students, Thursday isn't just about giving thanks, it's about learning what it means to celebrate an iconic American holiday.

International students who hail from locations across the globe often can't make the trip home for a five-day break and use the time to get a taste of stateside culture.

Of the 105 countries represented in the student population, the countries with the highest number of students at the University are China, Korea, India and Canada, in that order.

The department with the most foreign students is the Kenan-Flagler Business School. Sizable numbers choose to study economics, computer science and biostatistics.

Nic Peat, an international student from New Zealand, is going to spend Thanksgiving with his roommate's family this year in Wilmington.

"I'm assuming we're going to eat turkey or something like that," he said, adding that much of his knowledge of Thanksgiving comes from movies.

Peat is one of 1,340 international students who are at UNC this semester.

These students have an array of options during Thanksgiving Break, said Diana Levy, assistant director for programs at the Office of International Student and Scholar Services.

The most popular choice is traveling around the country, she said.

Walter Linden, an exchange student from the Netherlands, said he plans to travel to an American friend's home in Ohio. They will be accompanied by another international

student.

The group plans to take in some sites in Michigan and Ohio during the trip.

Linden said he looks forward to experiencing United States traditions.

"I think it compares with how we celebrate Christmas," he said of his country.

Ten requests were made for on-campus housing during this year's break — a number typical for Thanksgiving, said Rick Bradley, assistant director of housing.

"It's not just international students but any out-of-state students who need to stay over such a short break," Bradley said.

Of the 10 students staying in temporary break housing in Odum Village, five are international students, Bradley said.

Other international students have local host families and conversation partners who take them in during the break, Levy said.

Those who have the opportunity to go home with friends said they are looking forward to the holiday. Some said it will be their first direct encounter with American family life.

"It sounds really cool," said Melissa Smith, a student from Britain. "There hasn't been very much hype. I thought there'd be more."

Smith will spend Thanksgiving with her American boyfriend and his family before visiting Charleston, S.C., this weekend.

Peat said his international friends at UNC are going home with their American roommates if they have one. Others are visiting locations such as New York and Miami.

"Students like to have the cultural experience of a Thanksgiving dinner," Levy said.

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### FEAST BEFORE THE FEAST

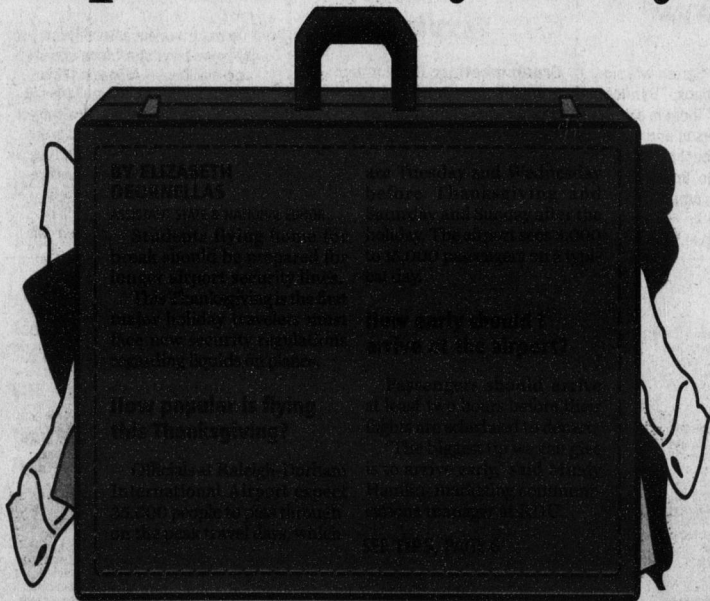


DTH/LEAH GRONNING

Jesse Prentice-Dunn, a senior public policy major, raises a biscuit to his mouth Monday evening at Carolina Indian Circle's annual Thanksgiving Dinner held in the Student Union multipurpose room. The

two organizations that co-sponsored the event, the Old Campus Upper Quad Residence Hall and the Residence Hall Association, purchased the food from K&W Cafeteria. Attendees were asked to donate two canned-food items.

## Tips before you fly



## Averbuch grows into skin, game

BY DAVID SUITS  
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When Gloria Averbuch saw her 12-year-old daughter leave their New Jersey home for the first time, it was to the North Carolina's women's soccer camp.

"Like every little girl in the country who played soccer, she was fascinated by North Carolina," Averbuch said. "(But) no one could have imagined how great (her experience) is now."

In fact, ACC Offensive Player of the Year (and Top Drawer National Player of the Year) sophomore Yael Averbuch couldn't imagine herself playing the sport

### ATTEND THE GAME

What: NCAA Quarterfinals vs. Texas A&M  
Time: 1 p.m. Saturday  
Location: Fetzer Field



Sophomore midfielder Yael Averbuch quickly is cementing her place as one of the Tar Heels' key contributors.

I'd like to try this."

So Averbuch signed up to play soccer the next year, and, though she didn't know a shin guard from a goalpost her first practice.

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### announcement

#### HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Pile on the gravy, and cut that meat, it's time for turkey day. We are set to resume publication Monday.

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**LOOKING BUFF** County commissioners weigh public comment on stream buffers

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**ON THE INSIDE**  
A production of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" will debut in Pittsboro, giving audiences an inside look at life inside a mental institution.

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**GREEN DEBATE**  
As greenspace becomes an increasingly larger issue in Carrboro, the Board of Aldermen get ready to consider a plan for the development of land.

### this day in history

**NOV. 21, 1984 ...**  
The women's soccer team wins its first NCAA championship game, defeating Central Florida 2-0 in Orlando. The championship is the first for NCAA women's soccer.

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