

# WFU Prof Presents Report

A paper on the relationship between churches and community life in Gastonia was presented by a Wake Forest University professor in San Francisco this weekend at a meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion.

Dr. John Earle, chairman of the department of sociology and anthropology, made the study with Dr. Dean Knudson, sociologist at Purdue University, and Dr. Donald Schriver, a professor of social ethics at the Chandler School of Divinity of Emory University. The paper is titled "Religious Institutions in Mass Society: The Church and Community Life in Gastonia."

Earle describes the report as "a second generation study." He says that, "despite the fact that Gastonia has become more urbanized and more cosmopolitan in the past 30 years, the church is still very much alive and performing a variety of functions, most dealing with the individual's ability to cope with the stresses of modern living." 10-17-72

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