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Plans Made To Revise Constitution

Changes Are Proposed By SGA Committee Members



MISS ROCKY MOUNT—Helen Rose Chestnut is crowned "Miss Rocky Mount" by last year's winner, Miss Ervene Boyd. Miss Chestnut will compete in the Miss North Carolina Pageant in July.

Miss Chestnut New 'Miss Rocky Mount'

By LIBBY WALLACE

Miss Helen Rose Chestnut, a sophomore at North Carolina Wesleyan College, became Miss Rocky Mount during a breathtaking pageant presented by the Junior Chamber of Commerce here Saturday night.

Talented Helen graciously impressed the audience with her mellifluous soprano voice by singing an Italian Aria "Lungi del caro bene." She has brown hair, brown eyes, is

21 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches tall and weighs 124 pounds. The new Miss Rocky Mount received a \$250 scholarship.

First runner-up, Miss Molly Ray Browning, a junior at Wesleyan College won the honor of Miss Congeniality. Her excellent musical talent was displayed by the piano Prelude No. 14, Opus 34 by Shostakovich. Molly received a \$75 scholarship.

The second runner-up was a
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The Constitution Committee puts before you now an amended constitution. In the words of Ed Lewis, vice president of the SGA and chairman of the Constitution Committee, "Although the original Constitution has served well for three years, we are now large enough that our needs are changing.

This amended Constitution will more adequately provide for our growing needs in a more democratic way. The Constitution Committee has, after careful planning and much work, come up with the following form which we feel will be a needed improvement in all respects. We hereby present it to you for consideration and discussion. Please bear in mind that it is an integral part for you . . . the student government association."

Read it! Study it! Discuss it!

THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA WESLEYAN COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Preamble

The students, faculty, and administration with the approval of the Board of Trustees of North Carolina Wesleyan College hereby establish the North Carolina Wesleyan College Student Government Association. The Association shall be the means whereby the students of the college share in the administration and government of the college. The responsibilities herein stated are those which the college recognize as the privileges, rights, and responsibilities of the students.

Article I. Name

The name of the organization shall be the Student Government Association of North Carolina Wesleyan College.

Article II. Purposes

The purposes of this organization shall be: to inculcate into the students the principles of self-control, responsibility, and honor; to foster loyalty to the college; and to further in every way possible the best interests of N.C.W.C.

Article III. Membership

All students matriculated in N.C.W.C. shall be members of the S.G.A.

Article IV. Eligibility

1. Any person in the S.G.A. elected by the members of the Association, a class, the residents of a dormitory or any segment thereof, or by the day students to fill a position established by the S.G.A. constitution or any person appointed by the S.G.A. president which requires the approval of the Senate, are prime officers of the S.G.A.

2. Prime officers of the S.G.A. must meet the follow-

ing qualifications:

a. Have a "C" average at the time of election and maintain this average during term of office.

z. Be carrying 12 hours of academic work during the semester in which elected and subsequent semesters in which office is held.

3. No person may hold more than one prime office in the S.G.A.

4. No person on the Community Council may hold a prime office in the S.G.A.

5. First semester Freshmen do not have a grade average; however, any freshman officer must have a "C" average to continue to hold an office during the 2nd semester.

Article V. Officers

1. The Association shall elect to serve for one college year:

a. A president who is to be elected from the rising Senior class and who has been in attendance at N.C.W.C. for at least 4 semesters prior to time of taking office.

b. A vice-president who is to be elected from the rising Junior or Senior class and who has been in attendance at N.C.W.C. for at least 2 semesters prior to time of taking office.

c. A secretary who is to be elected from the rising Sophomore, Junior, or Senior class and who has been in attendance at N.C.W.C. for at least 2 semesters prior to the time of taking office.

d. A treasurer who is to be elected from the rising Sophomore, Junior or Senior class and who has been in attendance at N.C.W.C. for at least 2 semesters prior to the time of taking office.

2. The president of the S.G.A. may appoint temporary officers to fill vacancies in the S.G.A. who shall serve for a period not to exceed one month, during which time the vacancy shall be filled by the original electing agency prescribed in the constitution.

Article VI. Meetings

1. The president of the S.G.A. shall call a minimum of one all-college S.G.A. meeting each semester of the college year.

2. Special meetings of the S.G.A. may be called by the Senate of the Association or by petition of 15 per cent of the members of the Association.

Article VII. Executive Agency

1. The function of the executive agency shall be to execute the business and program of the Association.

2. The president of the S.G.A. shall be the chief executive and administrator of the executive agency.

3. The Board of Commissioners shall aid the president in executing and coordinating the business and program of the Association.

4. The members of the Board of Commissioners shall be:

a. The president of the S.G.A.
b. The vice-president of the S.G.A.

c. The secretary of the S.G.A.
d. The Chairmen of the Commissions.

e. The Director of Student Life or his appointed representative.

5. The Commissions shall be:

a. Finance Commission

b. Social Commission

c. Athletic Commission

d. Interfaith Commission

e. Publications Commissions

6. The Coordinate Board shall aid in coordinating the aims and activities of the organizations recognized by the S.G.A.

7. The members of the Coordinate Board shall be:

a. The vice-president of the S.G.A.

b. The president of all organizations recognized by the S.G.A.

8. The president shall establish such committees as he deems necessary to carry out the program of the Association. Among them shall be the Orientation Committee.

9. A meeting of the Board of Commissioners shall be called by the president at least once a week.

Article VIII. Legislative Agency

1. The Senate shall be the legislative agency of the Association.

2. The members of the Senate shall be:

a. The vice-president of the S.G.A.

b. The presidents of the classes.

c. Two members selected from each dormitory on campus.

d. Two day students, elected by the day students, and one member for every 65 day students over 125.

e. The Director of Student Life

3. The Senate shall elect a secretary who may not be a participating member of the Senate.

4. The vice-president of the S.G.A. shall be president of the Senate.

5. The Senate shall establish such committees as it deems necessary to investigate, review, or carry out matters of senate concern. Among them shall be the Constitution Committee.

6. The Senate shall meet at least once a week. A special meeting may be called by the president of the senate or by any 3 members of the senate.

7. A quorum shall be a 2/3 majority of all voting members.

8. The Senate shall consist of no more than 23 voting members.

Article IX. Judiciary Agency
1. The S.L.A. shall be the chief judiciary agency of the S.G.A.

2. The function of the S.L.A. shall be to maintain and en-
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Community Council To Amend Bylaws

The Community Council of North Carolina Wesleyan College presents to the faculty, staff and students proposed changes in the By-Laws of the Constitution of the Community Council.

These changes shall be voted on approximately two weeks hence.

BY-LAWS

I. Student Office Eligibility
1. Change from "Only those students taking twelve or more semester hours at the time of the election shall be eligible" to "Only rising sophomores and juniors taking twelve or more semester hours at the time" of election shall be eligible.

2. B. Omit "Manner of nomination and election of the new member shall be as stated for regular members."

II. Elections

3. Change from "Term of Office" to "Filling Vacancies"

A. Vacancies shall be filled by the Council at the beginning of each college semester.

B. The person filling the vacancy shall be the nominee with the second highest number of votes, not now holding an elected office in the SGA. In case the nominee is holding an elected office, the faculty shall nominate 3 persons to fill the vacancy. Elections by the student body shall follow immediately.

C. If the person filling the vacancy is a rising junior, he will be eligible for election to a full two-year term upon completion of the term now held.