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## Attorney General Gill Supports Closed Trial

"The good thing about a closed trial is that discretion and fairness are used in considering the consequences of the verdict," stated Jim Gill, Attorney General of North Carolina Wesleyan College, in defense of a closed court system. Gill also said that a closed trial can prove beneficial to the defendant by restricting bad publicity in a controversial case.

On open courts, the Attorney General said that they were personally humiliating to the defendant. "Most times an atmosphere of a circus is found in open courts. All the gossip seekers are there, and the crowds often influence the jury in a case. If a lot of the defendant's friends are in the court room, they could alter the verdict in the case."

"The one good thing about an open trial is that the defendant has a chance to clear his name publicly, as in a case of slander."

Gill also said that the major disadvantage of a closed court is that the public is unaware of the proceedings of the trial and cannot understand the workings of the court. "The court can also get a bad image of someone who is convicted in a closed court session tells his friends that his rights were violated."

Attorney General Gill concluded by saying, "The freshmen don't have to be cautious all their lives, but they just need to use a little common sense. I'd rather scare them to death, than ever see them in the court room."

## James Ranney And Gearhart Are Promoted

Four faculty members at N. C. Wesleyan received promotions and six others were granted tenure by action of the Board of Trustees at its annual meeting held here on the

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## SGA To Share Wealth

Right:  
JESS  
BLACKMAN,  
former SGA  
President



Former Student Government President Jesse Blackman announced Friday that the SGA and the Administration had finally reached a settlement in their negotiations concerning the revenue from the pool tables in Wesleyan's Stu-

dent Union. Wesleyan's Business Office will divide each monthly check for the pool table income, giving seventy-five percent to the SGA and twenty-five percent to the college.

The Administration agreed to establish a separate account in the college Business Office in the SGA's name. This account will be a continuing account with each year's balance being carried over to the next year, enabling each new administration to begin the year with a slight advantage where expenses are concerned. The SGA's share will be deposited to the account within five days after the receipt of the check, as the Administration guaranteed.

The Administration also guaranteed that the Business Office will insure that all withdrawals against the SGA account would be paid promptly within the monthly accounting period.

The SGA, in return, agreed that the SGA President would appoint an advisory committee to cooperate with the Dean of Students to determine the distribution of the SGA's percentage of the revenue.

Finally, the SGA consented to make the above proposals retroactive to cover the money presently in a bank account off campus, giving the Administration a share of the revenue received from the recreation room last academic year.

## Pearsall Elected Board Chairman

Rocky Mount: Thomas J. Pearsall was elected new Chairman of the Board of Trustees of North Carolina Wesleyan College and Guy E. Barnes vice chairman at

the board's Annual Meeting here Friday, May 16. E. E. Adkins was reelected secretary. All are Rocky Mount residents who have long been prominent in civic and Wesleyan affairs.

Newly elected Board Chairman Pearsall, a prominent Rocky Mount businessman and former Speaker of the House of Representatives, succeeds Luther W. Hill of Tarboro, who has served as Wesleyan's board chairman since October 1956. Mr. Hill has led in the growth and development of the Methodist senior college from its establishment to its fully accredited stage today. Dr. Thomas A. Collins, Wesleyan's president, reported the election of Judge J. Phil Carlton of Pinetops; Hon. Allan Barbee of Spring Hope; A. Leroy Jameson of Williamston; and the Rev. Dermont J. Reid of Henderson to the Board of Trustees.

## Dean Moore Announces New Faculty

George Corlett Armstrong and his wife, Dr. Alin Hiken Armstrong, will join the faculty at N. C. Wesleyan in September, according to an announcement from Dr. Jack W. Moore, academic dean of the college here. Each will become an associate professor of humanities.

Dr. Armstrong brings to N. C. Wesleyan twenty years of teaching experience in drama, speech and literature. She has taught acting at the Stagecraft Theater School in Glenco, Illinois; English and humanities at Kendall College in Evanston, Illinois; and speech and oral interpretation at Roycemore School for Girls, also in Evanston. For the past ten years she has taught drama and English at San Francisco State College's graduate school.

Following his college studies, Armstrong joined the faculty of San Francisco State College as drama instructor and has taught there continuously since 1956, rising to the rank of associate professor of drama. He participated in interdisciplinary humanities courses including painting, film, literature, drama and poetry. His specialty is 16th, 17th and 18th century English and modern world dramatic literature.

He holds membership in several professional theater associations, is on the Board of Directors of the Grace Cathedral Players and is technical consultant for the St. Aidan's Auditorium. He received the James D. Phelan Award and a Merit Award for Design while studying at the California school of Fine Arts.

Dr. Irving E. Gray, Professor emeritus at Duke Uni-

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## News Summary

By DON HENCHEL

A faction against the newly formed Brazilian Government declared that they would exchange U. S. Ambassador C. Burke Elbrick for fifteen political prisoners taken by the Brazilian Government. Later on in the week Elbrick was returned after being pistol-whipped by his captors.

Dr. James A. Pike, a former Episcopal Bishop of California, was found dead on a ledge in a kneeling position, two miles from the Dead Sea. He was killed after he apparently fell from a cliff above. Pike was presumed dead after searching parties gave up looking for him in the Dead Sea area.

The U. S. has so far honored the cease-fire declared by the Viet-Cong and the North Vietnamese in observance of the death of North Vietnamese President Ho-Chi-Minh. South Vietnam has rejected the truce. Further complications

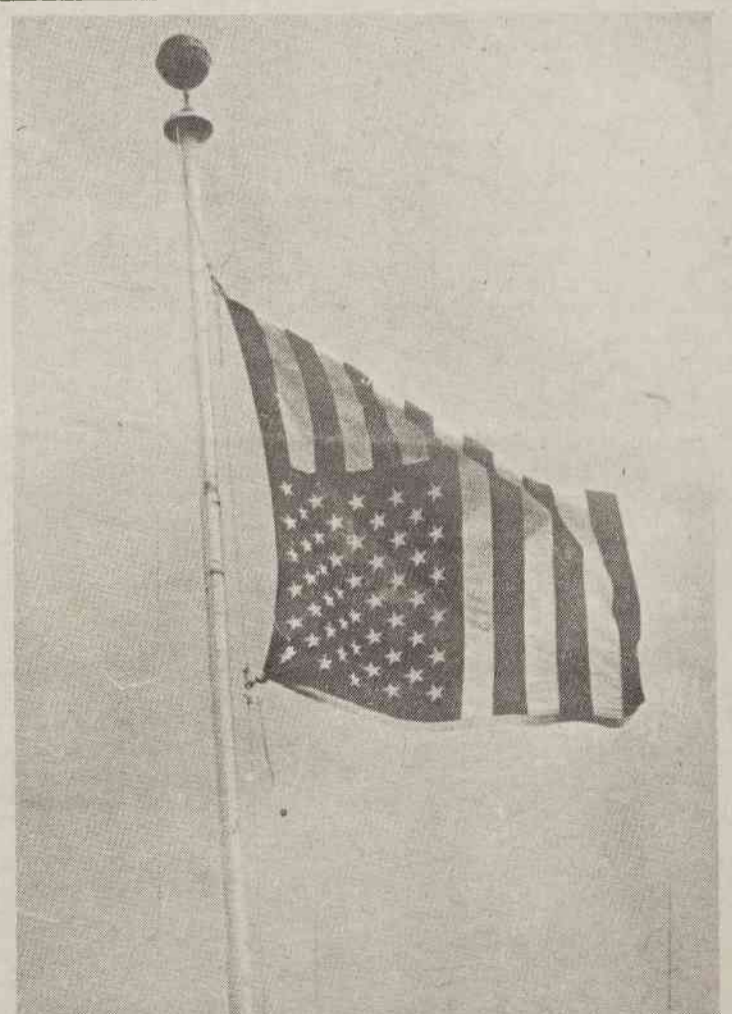
will follow because of the American desire to honour the cease-fire.

Premier Kosygin on his way to the Ho-Chi-Minh funeral conferred with Prime Minister Indira Ghandia. He talked with Mr. Ghandi for 50 minutes while his plane was refueled. He said, as reported by the New York Times, "Our relations are progressing steadily and will be further strengthened."

The Indian Government sent Foreign Minister Dinesh Singh to Ho Chi Minh's funeral.

A Cuban note accusing a Mexican diplomat stationed in Havana of spying for the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency was rejected by Mexican officials. The Cubans requested that Mexico, the only Latin American nation with an embassy in Havana, turn the diplomat over to Cuban officials wavering his diplomatic immunity.

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Pranksters last week chose the flagpole, located prominently in front of the Administration Building, as the object of their activities.