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Rehearsing "The Rock," one of the a one-act plays to be presented February 4-6, Bob Thompson, Jim Keeter, Maria Gargano, and Ann Lauchner study lines. Photo by Christopher.

## Students Present Petition Requesting Contract Renewal

By JULIA ROBINSON

Student dissatisfaction continued this week over the administrative decision not to renew the contracts of two Humanities instructors. Four students and Dean of students Allen Cordts presented to President Collins a petition requesting that the issue be reconsidered. The students met with Dr. Collins last Thursday in an effort to inform the President of the student feelings concerning the dismissal. The petition contained approximately 330 names.

Dr. Collins responded to the challenge by stating that the decision was prompted by financial crisis and refuted the statement that the academic standards would be lowered. He pointed out that the student-faculty ratio would remain lower than 15 to 1 even with the dismissal of those instructors.

He further stated that the chapter officials of the American Association of University Professors, Drs. Baxter, Johnson, and King had requested a reconsideration of the decision last week. At that time Dr. Collins told them that no final decision had been reached.

He also told the student representative that the final decision had not been made, and would not be made until the case could be reviewed.

The four students, Ed Gunter, President of the Senate, Julie Robinson, DECREE Editor, Doug Kozlowski and Gary Christopher indicated that their concern was constructive. They proposed to organize a student recruiting service in an attempt to increase enrollment to allow

Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Mann to remain on Wesleyan's faculty.

Ed Gunter requested that President Collins and Academic Dean Jack Moore attend the Monday Senate meeting in order to explain to interested students the present financial situation, and to answer questions concerning the decision not to renew the two contracts.

The time for this meeting has been changed from the regular 7:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## Fraternities List 1971 Pledge Class

The end of rush period was announced recently by the representatives of the Inter-Fraternity Council. All bids were to have been turned in to Mr. Lowenthal's office January 18. The two fraternities and the sorority have released the names of the pledge class of 1971.

The Brotherhood of Alpha Belta Chi has eighteen pledges within their new class. The Alpha Delta Chi Brotherhood added Doug Ashton, Richard Campbell, Rick Davenport, Dillard Dixon, Ron Drumheller, Lewis Graves, Elliot Harrell, Mat Harris, Tom Henderson, Jimmy Lynham, Joe Neal, Ed Rand, Neal Roper, Martin Saunders, Chip Sewell, Rich-

ard Sinclair, and Robert F. Thompson.

The Pi Epsilon sisters named Celia Burch, Kathy Thompson, Debbie Jennings, Lisa Cox, Martha Hemmingway, Betty Jo Bryant, and Christy Fulcomer to their pledge class.

Among the young men on campus, Joe Crockett, Bill Cameron, Dave Schrader, Bart Schaffer, Bill Manson, Bob Lauranxon, Ray Barmer, Steve Schmidt, Jeff Hoagland, Scott Logan, Dave Grissom, Willard Wake, Steve Russell, Chris Pollock, Tim Chase, Bruce Edwards, Steve Newcombe, Burke Suter, Ed Taylor, Rick Keiper, Herb Henney, and Harlin Lewis pledged Nu Gamma Phi.



Wesleyan students were surprised Sunday morning to see an effigy of Coach Chancey hanging from the flag pole. See editorial comment in this issue.

## Brantley Addresses Directors, Discusses SAAB Elevator Efforts

In the spring of 1968, Mr. C. V. Mothershead, a history professor at North Carolina Wesleyan College, local businessman, and disabled veteran, agreed to meet with the disabled students then studying at the college. Our common concern was the installation of an elevator at the college. Our immediate concern was the determination of the appropriate means by which such an elevator could be installed. True to the American tradition, we organized. "Students Against Architectural Barriers" became the student organization through which we channeled our energies. I hasten to point out that the word "Against" is not a negative term regarding our efforts. The disabled students of North Carolina Wesleyan are against antiquated architectural designs and in favor of modern architectural efficiency which provides the administration. Support from the administration was encouragingly extended. I might add that in spite of the dilemma of tight money and all the effects of an inflationary economy, support from the college Administration has been consistent.

During March of 1968, Students Against Architectural Barriers mailed over 200 letters to area residents seeking the necessary funds. S. A. A. B.'s immediate goal was set at \$6,000. The students worked under the assumption that North Carolina Wesleyan would match their \$6,000 with the remaining two-thirds of the initial price quoted - that price being approximately \$18,000. Within a year, S. A. A. B. had raised nearly \$7,000. Subsequent gifts have raised the elevator fund to a total of \$15,000. Our efforts have not been exclusively local in nature, for gifts have come as far away as New York City and Durham, N. C.

In October of that year, a team of architects visited North Carolina Wesleyan to study the existing elevator shaft in hopes of installing an elevator to be functional by the Winter Semester of 1971. It was unfortunately discovered that the existing shaft could house an elevator measuring only 3 feet, 8 inches by 3 feet, 10 inches. To appropriate funds for such a small elevator would indeed be shortsighted. Such an ele-

vator could service only a portion of the disabled students and would be a false attribute to the college. Disabled students contemplating study at North Carolina Wesleyan would, in essence, be misled by such a small elevator with its apparent utility. Furthermore, North Carolina Wesleyan would be placed in the position of offering an elevator that could not meet all the demands of its disabled students. A decision was thus made to work toward the installation of a larger and more functional elevator. Such an elevator will cost approximately \$23,000. Considering the last price quoted and the amount of money presently available, the elevator fund lacks \$8,000.

It would be a tragic comment if North Carolina Wesleyan stopped short of installing an elevator. Disabled Students currently take an active interest in most all phases of campus and academic life at the college. This interest is inspired because North Carolina Wesleyan provides more physical aids than the average college.

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President Thomas Collins listens as students present petition. Photo by Christopher.