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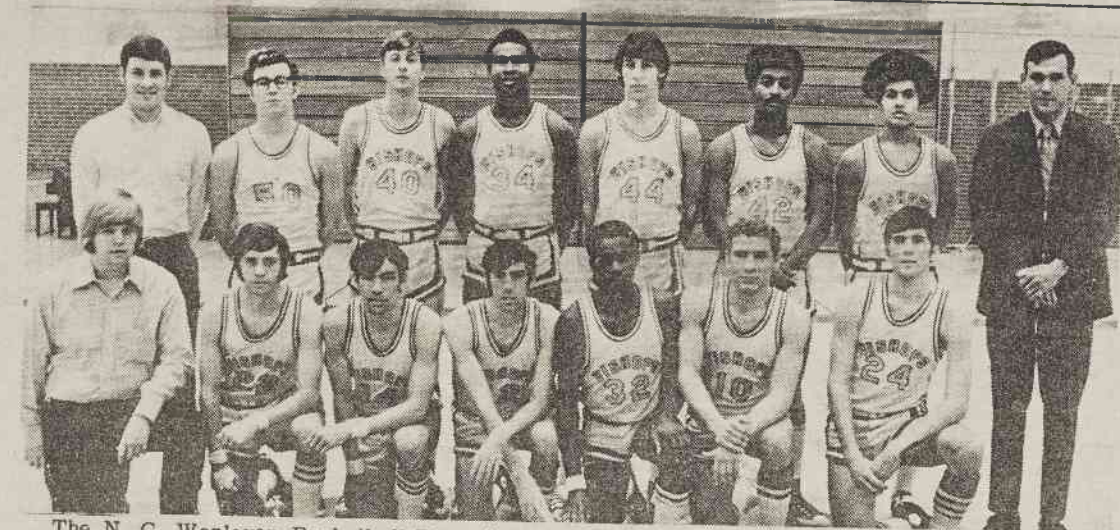
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The N. C. Wesleyan Basketball Team (1st Row) Charles Rogers, Trainer, Swish Hummer, Bob Lauranzon, Nick Luran, co-captain, Jake Barnes, co-captain, Jim Culbertson and Bill Manson, Jr. (second row) David Saunders, manager, Hilton Martin, Bruce Franks, Willie Mitchell, Burke Suter, Ron Penny, Richard Alsberry and Coach Neal Chancey.

## N. C. Wesleyan To Host DIAC Tournament On Feb. 18-20

North Carolina Wesleyan College will host the eighth annual Dixie Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Tournament here February 18th, 19, and 20th.

The Dixie Conference is composed of seven teams in North Carolina and Virginia. They are: Lynchburg 9-2, Methodist 7-3, Greensboro 7-4, North Carolina Wesleyan 5-6, UNC-G and St. Andrews 4-6, and Virginia Wesleyan 0-9.

Every year a different school in the conference hosts the tournament with the profits divided among the seven schools. This is Wesleyan's second opportunity to host the tournament in the past seven seasons. It is an advantage to play on one's home court not only because of having practiced on it all of the time but because of the fans. They play a very important part in a game.

It is interesting to note that

in 1966-67, the last season that Wesleyan was host, Lynchburg, the regular season champion, won the tournament. Wesleyan finished fourth. Five years later Lynchburg is again the probable DIAC regular season champion and at the time of this publication Wesleyan is again in fourth place.

Wesleyan has been very inconsistent this year although this could be attributed to several factors including sickness, injuries, academics and team dissention. Almost all of these problems have been solved and the Bishops are very strong contenders for the tournament crown. In their last few home games the Bishops lost to the first and second place teams by a total of eight points and defeated the third place team by five points. This is not a team to be looked at lightly.

The Wesleyan Bishops have

great team boosting the best win output in the history of the school. The Bishops are going to be in the tournament and they are going to make Wesleyan proud simply because they are a team that doesn't know how to give up.

## Sigma Omega And Sigma Phi Delta Pass Board Of Review

Sigma Omega, a men's social fraternity, and Sigma Phi Delta, a women's social sorority, appeared before the Board of Review last Monday to ask for approval of their respective constitutions. Each new organization was approved. Sigma Omega, under the leadership of Bruce Wright, Joe Vinson, Dennis Hayek, Bob Thomp-

son, Marshall Old, and Jim Keeter, had been approved by the Senate and was approved by the faculty on the following Tuesday. Soon plans will be submitted to the Inter-Fraternity Council for a rush period and pladge period after mid-term break, Bruce Wright announced that Mr. Richard Kagey had accepted the position of Sigma Omega faculty

advisor. Sigma Phi Delta was originally founded by Brenda Logwood, Kathy Garrick, Vicky Sewell, Carol DiBlasi, Anne Matthews, Linda Williams, Barbara Blanton, Debbie May, Sandy Snyder, Lorrie Thompson, and Debbie Sink. The sorority's stated purpose is to provide more social life on campus. Their advisor is Dr. J. M. Purser.

## Friday Night Power Failure Surprises Many NCW Students

By WILL THOMPSON

The moment it happened, Wesleyan seemed caught in suspended animation. One second all was the normal bustle of a Friday night, then as if time screeched to a halt, everything froze; students-bewildered, were caught in a pitch-black instant that was to last eight hours.

At approximately 8 p.m. Friday evening, a short in the underground power lines of the college caused a black out that may be remembered by many for a while to come. It came as Wesleyan players readied for Friday night's performance, and as the Bishops grappled Lynchburg in Everett Gym, cheered on by approximately 150 students. The first blackout

was only momentary but after only 30 seconds of restored light, barely enough time to sigh with relief, Wesleyan was plunged again into darkness.

Undaunted by this turn of events, the Bishops' Cagers moved to Rocky Mount Senior High School's gym, where the game began. The production of "Three by Three" had to be postponed until Sunday night, and the actors and actresses began the task of removing makeup in the dark. In less than an hour's time the parking lots were empty and an estimated 3/4 of the student body had abandoned the darkened campus.

Meanwhile, maintenance crews and VEPCO Power Company employees began a te-

dious search of the underground wiring to determine the cause of the blackout, which was localized to the campus area only. This involved a great deal of pumping, as the utility pits were flooded from the recent rains. Finally the cause was found: a failure in the water proofing of a connector box resulted in a short which shut down all power. When the cause was found, partial power was restored until repairs could be made.

Visiting freshmen, who were on campus for the week end were shown that life at Wesleyan can be pretty unpredictable. As one prospective student remarked: "... Do they always turn out the lights this early?"

## '71-72 SGA Budget Gets Full Support Of Senate

The Wesleyan student Senate approved the entire SGA budget as proposed by Tom Snyder, SGA Treasurer. After filling the appropriate forms with Mr. Floyd Sawyer's office, the budget will be submitted to the Administrative Council. This student budget for 1971-72 will be incorporated into President Thomas Collins' proposals to the Board of Trustees who will vote on the budget next May.

The budget contains a total request for \$25,100 or \$38.62 per student (on a basis of 650 students). Last year's budget was \$1,925 under the new proposed budget; the rise between the budget is \$2.97 per student. The President has previously announced that tuition costs will rise at Wesleyan next year;

however, a review of the percentage of the money given by the school to the SGA shows that the SGA budget represents only 1.6% of the total amount paid to the school by students.

## Dean's List

Recently Dean Moore's office released the revised Dean's List for the fall semester. To be included as Dean's List Students are Bennett Connley, Dan Turner, Ed Rampersaud, and Molly Levine. Elizabeth Dozier was omitted from the Dean's List as published by the DECREE.

To qualify for the Dean's List a student must post a 3.2 quality point average during a semester.