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## Proposal for facilities still on hold

A story in the March 19 issue of *The Decree* announced the possibility of Wesleyan's building a pool, intramural gym, or a party barn, according to the Student Life Office. It is now October, 1986, and there are no new student facilities on campus.

According to Dr. Carleton McKita, dean of Student Life, he had proposed a list of some long-

range needs for student life at Wesleyan to the Board of Trustees of the college at the August, 1985, meeting. The needs consisted of a part-time clinical psychologist, either a radical renovation of the student union or to upgrade the student union to provide up-to-date facilities for dining and relaxation, an auxiliary gymnasium, or a swimming pool.

These needs were "reaffirmed" at the spring meeting of the trustees.

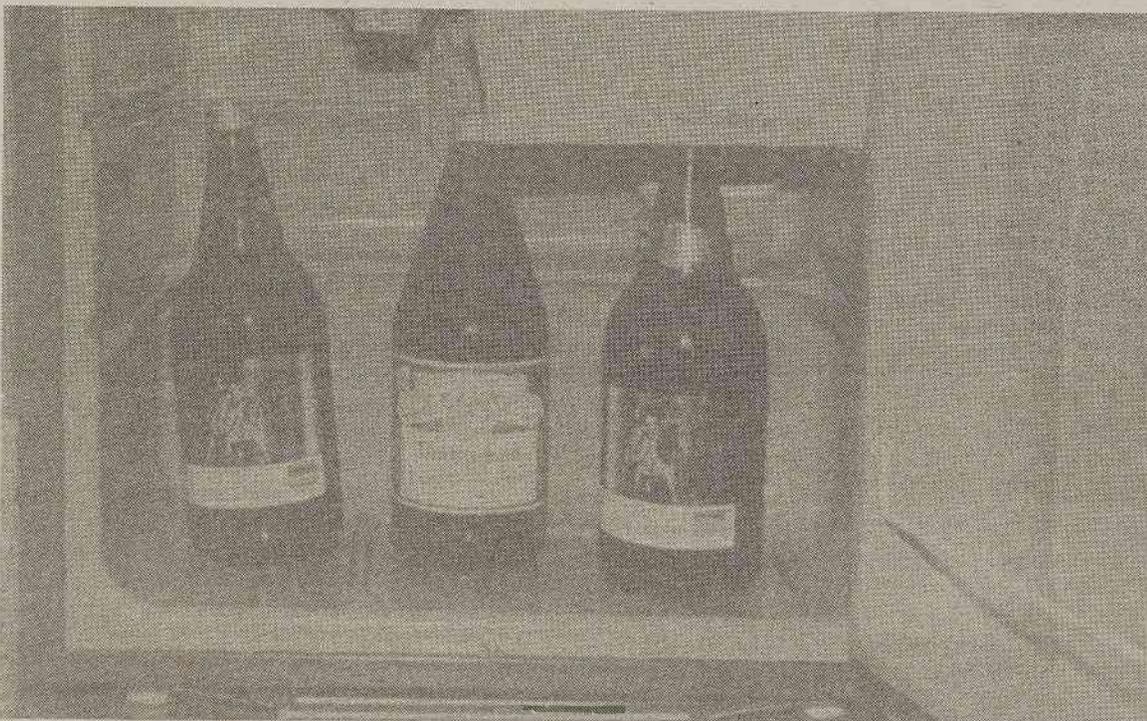
In a special meeting of the Development Committee of the Board of Trustees, the request for these needs was tabled. The request was tabled because the committee felt that any such physical improvements to the college should fit into the long-range plans of the college and that

the new president should have his own adjustment to the plan.

According to McKita, "These issues are very much alive for us." He also said that "the dramatic increase in the number of resident students puts more emphasis on adequate recreation and social facilities."

The administration has looked into the possibility of building a

pool, but officials want to make sure that if a pool is built, it would be feasible for the college. The administration, however, is not against building a pool but wants the best interest for the students, faculty, and staff. If an auxiliary gym would be better suited for the students and more feasible for the college, then this is what the administration intends to do.



**NO MORE BEER** — Under new state law and by Wesleyan policy, new dorm policies this year have prohibited any alcohol in dormitories. Several other rule changes have been made this year.

## Dorm rules made stricter

By LINDA SMITH

There were several changes in the dorm rules for the 1986-87 academic year, but Dr. Carleton McKita, dean of Student Life, said there is also strong enforcement of existing rules to provide more order in the dorms.

One of the rules that is being most strongly enforced is the underage drinking rule. Effective Sept. 1, it became state law that no one under the age of 21 shall purchase or consume alcoholic beverages. This "no drinking under the age of 21" policy has also been adopted by the college, and is being enforced in the dorms. However, the college at the same time, according to page 37 of the college catalog, "disapproves of the use of alcohol and controlled

substances."

The open house rules in the dorms have also been slightly altered from last year. Open house hours are now from noon to 11 p.m. on Sunday through Thursday and from noon to 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. Pamela Derrick, director of housing, feels the new rules will place more responsibility on the students but also give students more freedom.

Another change in the dorm rules is the length of quiet hours. Last year, quiet hours began at 10 p.m. and lasted until 8 a.m. For this year, quiet hours have been changed to 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. Cindy Bovee, resident director of Edgecombe Hall, feels the change in the rule will give the dorm more of a study atmosphere.

A new approach is being taken towards vandalism in the dorms this year. According to Derrick, any vandalism reported in the dorms will be charged to the entire dorm if the person responsible for the vandalism does not confess to doing the damage. This policy is used at many other schools other than North Carolina Wesleyan.

"It has always been in the room contract, but it has never really been enforced," said Derrick. Jim Bennington, resident director of South Hall, feels vandalism is everybody's responsibility and it should be put to a stop. "As long as you are a student here, this is your home. The students should respect their dorms like they would their homes," he said.

## College finished fiscal year with \$350,000 deficit

By DELL LEWIS

N.C. Wesleyan's 1986 fiscal year ended Aug. 31 with the largest budget deficit the college has experienced in the last 11 years, the college has acknowledged.

But Acting President Stephen Fritz quickly pointed out that the approximate deficit of \$350,000 was not caused by an underestimation of projected expenses. "Our expenses were almost exactly what we predicted them to be," he said. "Income was down due to a decline in enrollment and a subsequent shortfall in tuition."

The college is dependent upon tuition for 70-80 percent of its annual operating budget of roughly \$5 million, with the remaining 20-30 percent coming from private donations. The only government funds the college receives are restricted for the use of Co-op under the Title VIII program, a five-year grant that diminishes each year.

The college borrowed from its endowment in order to balance the budget. "We didn't borrow the money publicly," Fritz said. "We took the money from the endowment fund in order to make up the deficit." The business office reports a steady increase in the endowment from the 1975 amount of \$476,252 to \$1,588,324 in 1986. In the 11 years since 1975, the college had not "dipped" into the endowment fund at all.

"Our endowment is modest when compared to other schools,"

Fritz said. "Having been founded in 1956, we are still a young institution."

In order to safeguard its financial position, the college must become less dependent upon tuition. Fritz said, "The only way to do this is to build up the endowment and increase the amount of unrestricted giving. Over the next few years, we hope to increase the number of proposals to companies to support programs of the college."

The only long term debts the college owes are federal bonds used in the building of the library and dormitories. Wesleyan has no short-term debts. "Financially we are not in a precarious position," Fritz said.

### Election Results Community Council

President, Cindy Bovee  
Vice President, Kin Huskins  
Secretary, Diane Ciasco  
Treasurer, Pam Wooten

### Senior Class

President, Terry Hardison  
Vice President, Neccy Woolfolk  
Secretary, Suzanne Payne

### Junior Class

President, Kori Townsend

### Sophomore Class

President, Andy Wright

### Freshmen Class

President, Joy Patrick  
Vice President, Robert Futrell