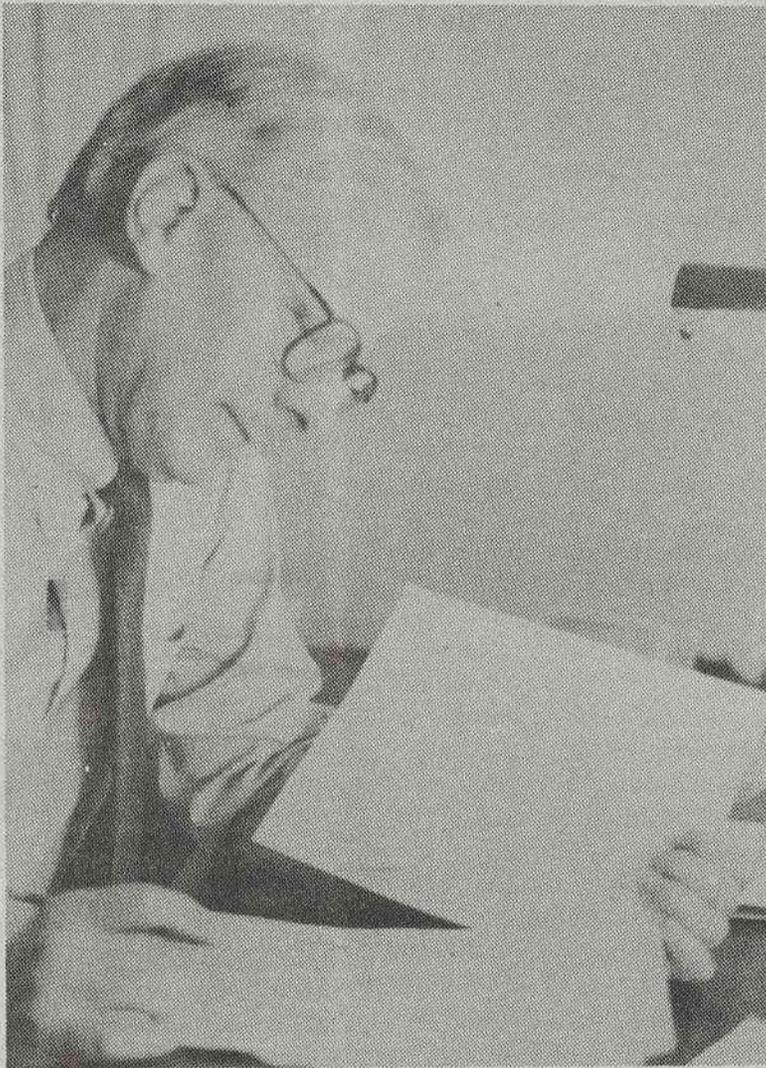


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**AT WORK** — New Dean Charles Bennett has been working on ambitious goals for the college. (Photo by Beth Sherrard.)

## Bennett outlines goals for college

By NICOLE COX

Academic Dean Charles Bennett held an open forum Dec. 7 to discuss changes taking place and being planned at Wesleyan.

About 100 students, faculty, and staff attended the forum, organized by Jason Mathews as a Nash Hall RA Program, to find out the truth behind all the rumors floating around campus.

The purpose for the forum, according to Bennett, was to talk about his plans and students' concerns. He said that the main goal of the college right now is to increase enrollment, as well as retention, which he said is way below the national average.

"How do we move from where we are to where we need to be?"

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### Dean Bennett's Academic Agenda

1. We undertake to improve the quality of instruction by committing ourselves to the principle of active learning.

2. We define and plan for the implementation of a core curriculum.

3. We adopt a strategy for fostering vital skills (i.e., reading, writing, critical thinking, quantitative reasoning, speaking, listening) across the whole of the curriculum.

4. We identify our students' developmental and remedial needs and prescribe more effective correctives.

5. We re-examine and revalidate the existing curricular menu (i.e., the number and appropriateness of existing majors).

6. We re-examine the allocation of the curriculum (i.e., the proportion of a student's curriculum devoted to the major, to general education, to electives, etc.)

7. We nurture a campus climate conducive to learning.

8. We develop a strategy for assessing educational outcomes.

9. We initiate a program of faculty mentoring.

10. We review our faculty development and evaluation criteria to assure that they are consistent with the College's mission and objectives.

11. We negotiate articulation agreements with community colleges assuring community college graduates junior standing at NCWC.

12. We restructure academic governance to better accomplish the agenda enumerated above.

13. We cooperate to develop an interim plan to place the College on a sounder financial footing.

### News briefs

#### AIDS quilt

Nurse Stump is working on bringing the AIDS quilt to Rocky Mount. If you would like to volunteer your time and/or energy with this effort, please contact Connie in the Wellness Center.

#### Gameroom changes

The SGA has a Gameroom Task Force to look into and make some changes. If you would like to serve on this task force, call 5225.

#### Christmas lights

Luminaires were prepared and set out by members of all campus organizations as part of the community Christmas Celebration.

#### Ornaments for homeless

The College Republicans are conducting a Christmas community service fundraiser. Ornaments are being sold in Doc's for \$1.25, with proceeds going to a local homeless shelter.

### Pre-registration increases

By ELLEN STANTON

Early registration for the 1993 spring semester is complete, and a Nov. 22 memo reported better figures for pre-registered students than in the spring semesters of 1991 and 1992.

This spring semester, 642 students have registered, 536 full-time and 106 part-time. The number of residents who pre-registered was 384, and there were 177

day commuters. In all, 561 day students pre-registered. In the adult degree program (ADP), 82 students pre-registered.

Full-time students for the 1993 spring semester are taking 536 semester hours. The day part-time students are taking 278 semester hours. ADP part-time students are taking 387 semester hours, and the only full-time ADP student is taking 12 semester hours.

## Area colleges reach agreement

Officials of North Carolina Wesleyan College and both Nash and Edgecombe Community Colleges reached a formal agreement Dec. 3 allowing graduates of the two community colleges to continue their education at Wesleyan.

Signing the articulation agreement, the first of its kind in the Rocky Mount area, were Wesleyan President Dr. Leslie H. Garner, Jr., Nash Community College President Dr. J. Reid Parrott,

Jr., and Edgecombe Community College President Charles B. McIntyre.

The renewable agreement will go into effect in the next academic year and run until May 31, 1996.

Under the agreement, students who receive associate degrees from the two community colleges will be granted junior standing at Wesleyan with 64 semester hour credits towards the college's bac-

calaureate degree program.

Wesleyan College also agreed to provide those students a \$2,000 tuition grant if they elect to continue full-time study at Wesleyan. The college's regular annual tuition is \$7,250.

The grant will be renewable in a student's second year at Wesleyan if the student completes 24 credit hours during the junior year with a grade point average of not less than 2.0.

Nash and Edgecombe students admitted under the agreement will be required to satisfy all program and degree requirements at Wesleyan effective at the time of enrollment.

Wesleyan, in consultation with the two community colleges, will establish and make public a table of Wesleyan course equivalents to each credit-bearing course at the community colleges. Admis-

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