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## Student elections called 'semi-successful'

John Radzicki, coordinator of this year's SGA elections, called them "semi-successful."

Out of 40 petitions issued, 36 were taken, and of those 36, only 18 were returned, he said.

"You can see that more people were aware of the elections, but only a few wanted to, or actually, participated," he said. "In the past, at the most, only five or six peti-

tions would be returned and the vacant positions filled by appointment through the SGA president."

In this year's election, Scott CuvIELLO edged out Grant Long to become the new SGA President. Erin Durbin was elected the new vice president and Carl Hoskins became treasurer, but the position of secretary remains vacant.

Melissa Overman is the new CAB President. Marcy Stover was elected as Senior Class President and Stephanie Pelham is next year's Junior Class President, but the Sophomore Class presidency is vacant.

The three new Senators at large are Johanna Dobbs, Mammie Freeman, and Angela Centra. The new Judicial Board consists of

Caroline May, Marcy Stover, and Kevin Corbett. Radzicki was elected to the Board of Trustees to represent Student Life and Alumni.

Radzicki said he tried to increase student awareness by placing petitions in the Administration Building, next to the television, and in the cafeteria. He also left e-mail messages and voice

mail messages to stir interest.

"This seemed to be successful, however I cannot force students to participate, which is a task that next year's SGA must overcome," he said.

"Their challenge will be the same as every SGA in the past at NCWC, to increase student participation and awareness," he added.

## Fellows take part in forum

The Johnston Fellows of North Carolina Wesleyan College attended the Emerging Issues Forum at N.C. State University on April 15-16.

The Forum, this year entitled "The Knowledge Explosion: What's the Payoff for Americans?", was a public service program designed to bring the highest levels of enlightened public policy debate to the people of North Carolina.

The Forum regularly convenes symposia, conferences, and discussion groups which bring North Carolina leaders together in a common arena with top thinkers, analysts, and decision-makers from across the nation and the world.

Among the many presenters this year were Vice President Al Gore, U.S. Sen. Bill Bradley; N.C. Gov. Jim Hunt; John L.

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**THE MUSIC MAN** — Jen Morse and Lars Messerschmidt act out their roles in Wesleyan's spring production of "The Music Man" in the Dunn Center. See review on Page 2. (Photo by Karolyn Braun.)

## Wesleyan restructures to compete

North Carolina Wesleyan College last week announced a series of management moves to strengthen the college and better position the school for future growth.

Foremost among the changes, previously announced, is the \$3 million contract with Honeywell Corporation to air condition the residence halls, improve the campus-wide energy system, provide a fiber optic backbone to all campus buildings, improve campus lighting, and upgrade the fire alarm system.

The Honeywell contract also includes the installation of necessary energy equipment in prepa-

ration for the construction of a recreation facility within the next 24 months.

"This is an essential move to allow us to be competitive with other colleges and to replace an old, inefficient energy system," said President John B. White. "It also prepares the way for more future improvements to the physical plant of the College, such as the planned recreation facility and putting computer Internet access in the residence halls."

Additionally, in an effort to cut operating costs during the upcoming academic year, the college has restructured the way it will deliver some services to students and the public.

Nine staff positions were eliminated, reduced to part-time, or reassigned through internal restructuring throughout the administrative offices. Two vacant faculty positions will not be filled. Wesleyan employs 150 full- and part-time faculty and staff.

For the 1996-97 fiscal year, N.C. Wesleyan College projects a budget deficit of approximately \$300,000, or three percent of its total annual operating budget of

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## Language requirement suspended

By JESSICA BROWN

Until the department can be reviewed next year, the foreign language requirement at North Carolina Wesleyan College has been suspended.

On April 15, the college's faculty voted by a large margin to suspend the requirement to save

the college money, and to save some jobs as well.

"Right now we don't have much of a language requirement anyway," said Wesleyan's President Dr. John White at the student meeting on April 17. The current requirement is that each student take two 100 level courses or six semester hours of one lan-

guage, be it either Spanish or French.

"That doesn't really teach us much language," said White. Students will instead be asked to fill the six credit hours with elective classes. The vote will go into effect next year, affecting all students enrolled at Wesleyan during the 1996-97 school year.

The student meeting, attended by White and about 12 students, also discussed rumors which were floating around campus, and allowed students to address issues which concerned them.

The question as to where many popular teachers were going was

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