

Helms campaigns during visit to WCC

By ROY W. PATE

On Thursday November 4, 1994, just days before the most highly contested elections in recent history, the auditorium at Wayne Community College was the setting for a visit and speech from North Carolina Senator Jesse Helms.

The speech was in support of Walter B. Jones, Jr., candidate for the Third Congressional District of North Carolina.

Prior to speaking to a capacity crowd, Helms commented on several key issues he believed were of importance to a growing number of disillusioned voters.

Helms said, "This election is so important I cannot really put it into words. I don't know how many more chances we're going to have, if any, to straighten out this country so that it can survive."

The senior NC Senator said that without restoring some spiritual and moral priorities in the United States, "the nation won't have a chance."

In addition, Helms commented that he did not care which party does the job as long as the job gets done.

He said of the upcoming election that he thought the public would base their choice on campaign advertising rather than the candidates' reputations.



Senator Helms and Congressional candidate Walter B. Jones, who won the election days later, field questions at a press conference. PHOTO: ROY W. PATE

Helms said, "The people are far better equipped to judge what is mud slinging and what is honest assessment, but for my part, I wish we would all lower our voices and talk about some fundamental principles."

Helms said, "I think the people would rather hear what this country needs, not how great I am as an incumbent representative or senator or president or whatever."

With control of the Senate in the hands of a Republican majority Helms will likely be a leading candidate for chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Commenting on foreign relations, he said that he would never have given away the Panama Canal, nor would he let U.S. tax dollars go to a country that did not support the United States in the United Nation.

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Cracked skylight glass poses no danger

By AMY NORRIS

The sky is falling, the sky is falling! Could WCC students be finding themselves uttering Chicken Little's famous words?

According to Linwood Anderson, Vice President for Educational Support Services, the skylight poses no danger to passersby despite the cracks.

The cracks first began showing up in July 1991.

As of August 1994, 11 of the approximate 112 windows had cracked.

The cause of the cracks still remains a mystery, but "bad glass" is the possible reason, Anderson said.

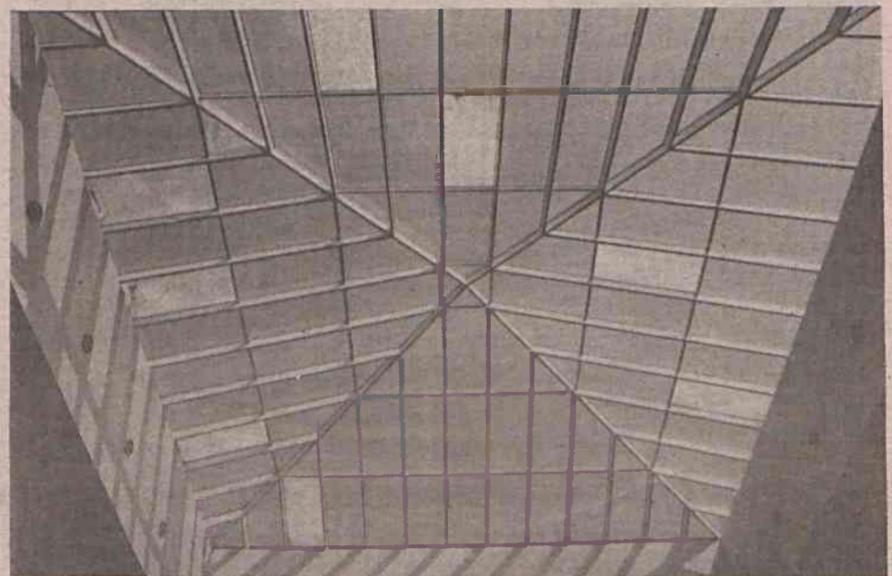
Imperial Glass Structures based in Illinois were the subcontractors J.M. Thompson Construction hired to make the skylight.

Imperial purchased the glass from Falconer Company which Guardian Industries bought out.

WCC just wants the skylight fixed without a courtroom battle, according to Anderson.

All of the parties involved--WCC officials, J.M. Thompson Construction, Imperial Glass Structures, Falconer, and Guardian and their lawyers--met in an informal session.

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Atrium skylight windows show numerous unexplainable cracks. PHOTO: WADE HALLMAN