

Jail-a-thon nets dollars, fun

By LELAND WALTERS

On December 17, 1996, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Student Government Association held the first ever Jail-A-Thon in the Atrium of the Learning Center Building.

SGA Vice President John Moses and Secretary Julie Heath suggested the project and arranged with the American Cancer Society to borrow a mock prison cell, which they set up with bailiffs and a cellular phone for soliciting bails.

SGA representatives Ricky Dills and Doug White served as sheriff and deputy, respectively, making all the arrests.

Some faculty members got put into prison by groups of their students and others.

History instructor Tracy Edmundson was relieved to see her husband, Mitch, ready to bail her out early in the day with a check for \$108.

WCC President Dr. Ed Wilson ended up calling his bank to charge his way out of prison.

SGA representatives took mug shots of those arrested and gave them a cellular phone to solicit bail money which had to be double the arresting fee.

The minimum cost to arrest someone was \$5, but some people raised outstanding amounts to keep people in jail.

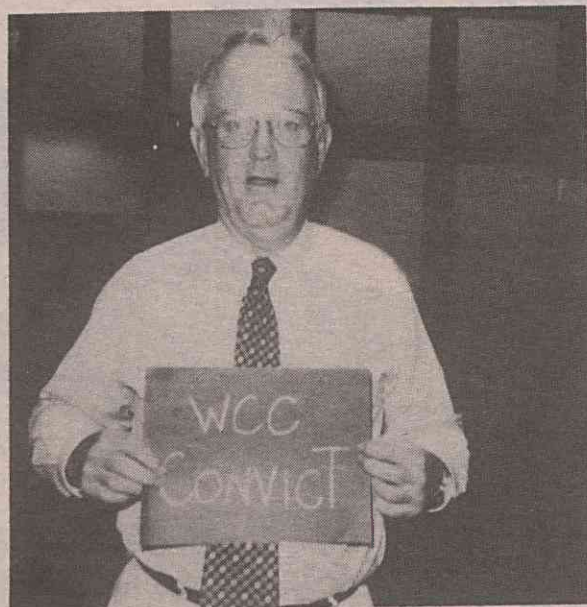
A person could be arrested only once and the maximum time served was 2 hours.

Beth Jones said, "I was very pleased with the outcome. The students and staff seemed to enjoy it."

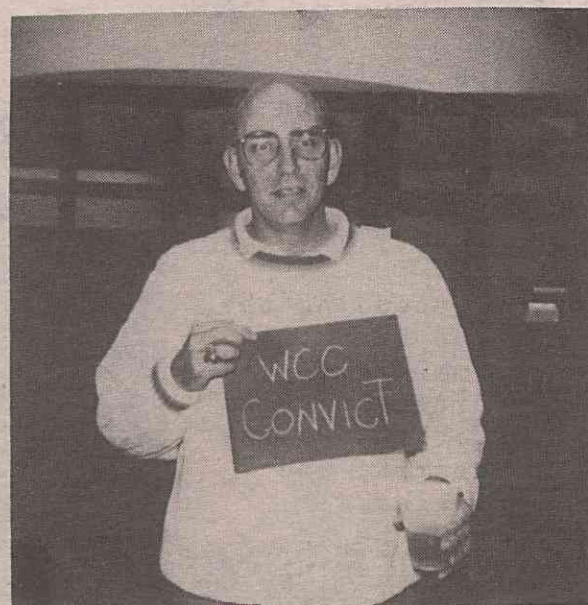
The highest amount raised was for Elboni Bennett at \$292 bail.

Close to 85 arrests were made, earning a total of \$1520.00.

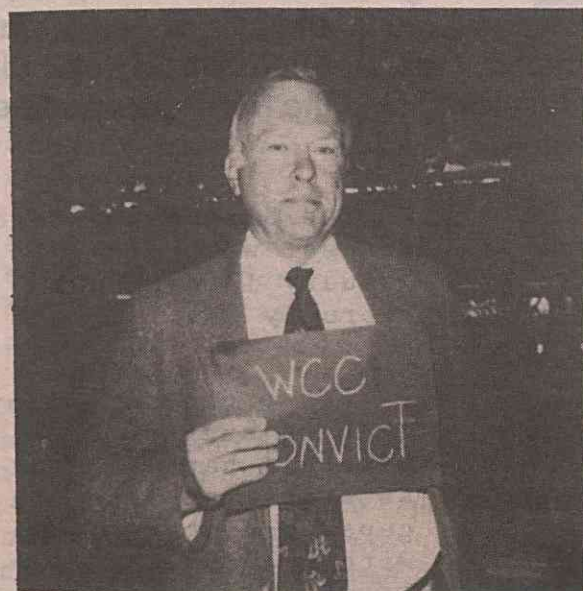
The SGA allocated the proceeds to the Battered Women's Shelter, the Soup Kitchen at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, the WCC Foundation, and the Foundation Emergency Funds.



Instructor Bob Krieger raised a large bail.



Instructor Mike Saylor



Student Monika Henderson was an escapee

PHOTOS:
COURTESY OF SGA

SGA reps attend Winter Conference in New Bern

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The North Carolina Convention of Community College Student Government Associations (N4CSGA) held its Eastern Division Winter Conference in New Bern January 10-11, 1997.

Representing Wayne Community College were: Beth Jones, advisor; Eric O'Neil, SGA President; John Moses, SGA Vice President; Julie Heath, Secretary; and several committee members, including Elboni Bennett, Amanda Faison, Doug White, Wayne Parson, Jennifer Pomrenke, Ricky Dills, and Terry Rumbly.

The agenda consisted of activities such as workshops, luncheons, and seminars on many topics.

A seminar entitled "Who, What, When, Where, and Why Should I Be an N4CSGA Officer" was presented by former WCC SGA President and current N4CSGA President Hiram Grady.

WCC SGA Vice President John Moses said, "It was a really good experience. The first workshop was like knowledge put to action."

Moses also said that Marguerite Stephens, the N4CSGA advisor, showed the group how things flowed better with teamwork.

Other kinds of activities were arranged like Macarena dances, a local version of The Gong Show, and cultural enrichment activities.

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