

SGA Executive Board members discuss the conference: (1 to r) Wayne Parson, SGA adviser; Rianne Disch, Special Populations chair; Michaelene Horton, President; and Tammy Evans, Secretary. PHOTO: JUSTIN POPE

## SGA reps attend conference

By RIANNE DISCH

Poodle skirts and slicked-back hair, ghouls and goblins and things to scare! It sounds like a bad revival of "Grease", but that is far from the truth.

It was what went on at the 1998 N4CSGA (North Carolina Comprehensive Community College Student Government Association) Conference at New Bern. North Carolina.

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## Athletic program poses questions

By JAY JAMES

The big question around campus besides "What are you doing this weekend?" is "Why are there no athletics at WCC?"

According to Wayne Parson, Coordinator of Student Activities, it all boils down to participation, expense, and equity.

"The participation of patrons and athletes is a necessity to a successful athletic program," said Parson.

He said, "It is not only how many athletes play the sport, but also how many supporters the sport has."

Expense is one of the main reasons WCC has no intercollegiate athletic programs.

Major expenses include paying the coaching staff, insurance for coaches and athletes, uniforms, and travel to and from ball games.

Parson said the college would have to generate higher tuition or increase student enrollment to pay for these expenses.

Besides expense, another detriment is low female interest.

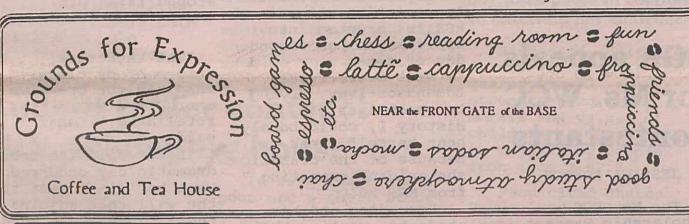
A state law says that for every male sport, a female co-existing sport must be offered.

"This situation has presented a problem for any possibility of an athletic program here at WCC," said Parson.

Three years ago the school had its last full year of athletics.

But if Parson has his way, that will all change in the future. "I have many ideas of starting athletics here at WCC, " said Parson.

Through starting intramural activities I hope to branch off to intercollegiate athletics in the years to come."



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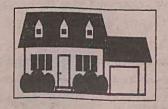
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