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## ELECTIONS TO BE HELD TODAY

### Circle K Talent Show To Be In Gym Tonight

Tonight, March 14, the North Carolina Wesleyan Circle K Club will present its fourth annual Talent Show in the Everett Gymnasium at 8:00 p.m. Approximately fourteen acts will be presented by Wesleyan students. Their performances will be judged by faculty members. Included among the talented will be Brian Flynn; Steve Gordan and Eileen O'Grady; Barbara Epps, Raul Tuttle, and Rick Houck; Leslie Pittman, Earnes-

tine Dancey, Mary Johnson, and Art Falcon; Isau Hoshi; Bruce Wright; Sherry Bageant; Tom Garlow and Chick Ball; Harry Price, Pete Paige, Barry Lambert, Steve Gordon, Jackie Fitz, and Gary Christopher; Richard Monk; and Malcolm Shearin and Richard Saunders. While the judging takes place, the Chamber Singers will entertain the audience. Admission will be adults, \$1.50; students, \$1.00; and children, \$.50.

The names of two rising Seniors, John Roberts and Glenn Cockrell, will appear on the ballot as candidates for the office of SGA president for the 1969-70 academic year. Visiting dorms and appearing at class meetings, both Roberts and Cockrell have made efforts to contact all students, either by personal conversation with a student or by a speech to a group. "Making student government relative to the student" was the motto John Roberts emphasized during his campaign. His creation of this goal was motivated by his observations of SGA activities during the past three

years. Roberts stated that he had noted no great interest in SGA among students. He had found himself asking the question, "What is student government doing for me as an individual?" During his first two years at Wesleyan, Roberts observed SGA from the outside as does the majority of the students and he concentrated his interest mostly on academic and social life. Then as a junior, he was elected class president. His duties as this officer, included representing the junior class in the Senate. For the first time, Roberts was able to examine the legislative branch of SGA from the inside.

erages available in the cafeteria as well as the revitalization of the entire athletic program. To establish a more personal relationship between the president and the student body, he would plan assemblies for the sole purpose of giving students the opportunity to air and discuss their grievances. He stated that the role of the Dean of Students was important as an intermediary between students and administration. Roberts advocates student representatives (serving in an advisory capacity), on the presently all-faculty committees.

## DEAN SIM WILDE COMMENTS ON TODAY'S SGA ELECTIONS

Student governments on most campuses do not begin to use their full potential for influencing the affairs of higher education. Student power movements or needed student pressure groups have rarely channeled their efforts through student governments. Perhaps the bureaucracy of student government organizations has been responsible for this. Perhaps the deliberative nature of student legislative bodies is too unwieldy to handle reforms or crash programs. Many of the problems of student governments stem from the nature of their election procedures.

Elections tend to be popularity contests or offi-



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cers are elected as a sort of reward for having performed well in other jobs. Sometimes a president or vice president is chosen because he was always a good boy who never got into trouble. No student government officer should be considered by students who does not actively seek a position, who does not carry on a lively campaign, who does not present a sound and progressive platform for which he will work to achieve. No student government officer should be considered by students if there is a suspicion that he or she will be a patsy of

He noted that the Senate was so "bogged down with constitutional change," there was little chance for concentrating on the needs of the student. He stated that the present framework of government is good and could be used to solve problems of the students. Then he was asked to name the worthwhile projects of the SGA this year, Roberts was unable to recall any particulars. Instead, he stated that this year the current president had attempted to initiate the programs and improvements which he advocates. Included in specific areas of Roberts' concern are social functions, athletic program, and food services. He would definitely like to see a catering service and a greater variety of bev-

In his closing statement, Roberts stressed that the role of SGA president was not to run the government but rather to direct the government with student opinions as guidelines. The goals Glenn Cockrell stressed during his campaign was to make each student aware of SGA activities, to create student interest in these activities so that each student would want to participate. In this way, Cockrell hoped that it would be possible to continue "molding a strong, unified student body." Cockrell feels that his qualifications for SGA president are based upon his past leadership experience and understanding gained concerning all aspects of campus life

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## SENATE OBSERVED

by Ed Smith  
At the invitation of Senate members, we recently attended one of the regular meetings of the Senate. While the proceedings were very interesting, they were far from satisfying. The meeting got under way about fifteen minutes late when the number of members necessary to make a quorum, thirteen, arrived. The entire meeting was devoted to a discussion of proposed constitutional amendments which had been vetoed by SGA President Jess Blackman, who called them contradictory and unclear. One member called the amendments "Bullshit," saying that he thought that the Senate

had much more important matters to which to attend. The amendments were directed towards establishing a summer school SGA and towards increasing student participation in elections and in over-all student government activities. Glenn Cockrell, who was presiding, seemed unable to deal with the members' impatience. At one point, he commented that all the members were interested in was getting out to "go have a beer." Yet, while trying to push the amendments through, he seemed not to understand them; he was unable to define the word "inculcate" as it was used in the new preamble which he was sup-

porting. Even though the time factor was important in passing the amendments, as the semester is drawing to an end, the senators seemed willing to consign all matters of debate to committee, rather than working them out on the spot. While Cockrell seemed genuinely concerned with the proposed amendments, he seemed unable to handle the meeting. One member, when questioned about the leadership of the Senate during the past year, said, "What leadership?" The members' irritation at what they obviously considered a waste of time came through at many points.

## Wesleyan's Library Is Depository For Gov't. Publications

Effective March 1, 1969, the library is an official depository for U.S. government publications. The first shipment of publications to be sent by the Government Printing Office should be received in the library not later than March 20. Publications will be received from the following departments and agencies: Census Bureau, Civil Rights Commission, Health, Education and Welfare Department, U.S. Information Agency, Justice Dept., Labor Department, Budget Bureau, State Dept., and Congress. These publications, which will be treated separately (not a part

of the regular circulating collection) are expected to be of particular value to the student of the social sciences; e.g., political science, history, and economics. The Wesleyan Library is one of two depository libraries in the Second Congressional District of North Carolina; the other depository is Atlantic Christian College in Wilson. There are 22 depositories in North Carolina. Limitations both of staff and space will necessarily restrict the number of publications the library will receive as a depository.