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INTEREST GROWING — Erwin "Doc" Berry (right) chats with hotel management student Michael Hilton in the snack bar. Most Wesleyan students are majoring in social sciences like food services and hotel management, criminal justice, and computer information services. See story on Page 4.

Special Committee Begins Search For New President

Wasting no time, the Board of Trustees of N.C. Wesleyan has begun the search for an individual to replace President S. Bruce Petteway, who on Founders Day announced his intention to resign on June 30, 1986.

According to J. Phil Carlton, chairman of the board and chairman of the search committee, the committee had a brief organizational meeting Oct. 25, only hours after Petteway's announcement.

Carlton, in a telephone interview with *The Decree*, said that the committee would be "meeting very soon to discern the kind

of person (the committee) is looking for." Judge Carlton, who has been involved in presidential searches before, has sent literature concerning the task to each member of the search committee, and he expects the committee to meet again in three to four weeks.

According to Carlton, the person would need a strong academic background, preferably would have administrative experience, be capable of dealing in the area of fundraising for the college, be committed to the liberal arts concept of higher education, and be comfortable with

a Methodist-related institution. "I am absolutely determined that we find the person who the trustees feel possesses the necessary business skills, and who the faculty believe possesses the necessary academic background and interest. The person is going to have to be qualified in both areas," Carlton said.

Dr. Allen S. Johnson, chairman of the Faculty Council, said "One of the major concerns is that the person have experience in liberal arts education and a concern for the liberal

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Petteway's Statement

Change Now 'Beneficial'

Editor's Note: The Decree is printing the entire text of President S. Bruce Petteway's resignation announcement because of the importance of the news it contains.

I want to take a moment now for a personal privilege. I have informed our Board of Trustees of my desire to be relieved of my duties as President on June 30, 1986.

This decision is based on my feeling that after almost 11 years, it is time for Wesleyan to seek new leadership. I will have served for 18 years as a President in both the public and pri-

vate sectors. A change will be beneficial for me as well as for Wesleyan. Because my love for this College and our community has increased every year, this decision has not been easy to make.

When I came here in 1975, Wesleyan was facing severe problems. My colleagues in higher education predicted that the College would not last three years. Total enrollment was just over 400 students. Two dormitories were closed. The debts were enormous: \$1.5 million was owed to local banks, \$5 million to the Church, and \$1.8 million to the federal government,

which was considered in default. The campus was run down and the outlook anything but promising.

I told you then that adversity has a way of bringing out the best in institutions and many of you had a part in helping turn that situation around. Earlier this year, Arthur Anderson and Company, our auditors, made a special presentation commending the Board and the administration for a remarkable recovery from those problems. Our net worth has increased by more than \$4 million. All debts

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WESLEYAN PRESIDENT S. BRUCE PETTEWAY

Convocation Program Faces Change Next Fall

By TOM RIVERS

Relief appears to be in sight for all those NCWC students who cannot seem to tolerate the convocations requirement.

According to Dr. Marshall Brooks, chairman of the Curriculum Task Force Committee, a new program is headed for its start next fall.

The Task Force Committee has been reviewing the present convocation requirement and

trying to come up with a new program that would be more convenient for students, faculty, and staff. According to Dr. Brooks, the present program "is a headache and nobody likes it."

In some form, convocation has always been a requirement for graduation at NCWC. Originally; the program began as chapel services at NCWC. Students were required to attend chapel services two times per

week. This program was dropped in the early 1970's. Students were then required to attend one or two events per month. This format was dropped around 1979. The current convocations requirement evolved and remains intact today.

As the program stands now, full-time students must attend ten events per semester with a minimum of one event each in the College Wide, Performing

Arts, Theatre, Lectures and Speakers, Concerts, and Films categories, of which NCWC offers an average of four events per week.

Students may also receive credit from an event attended off-campus, but the event must be approved by the Registrar for credit. Such activities include church services, plays, and other outside events that parallel events offered on campus.

The new program, as it will be

proposed by the Curriculum Task Force Committee, will consist of some sort of merger or union with the Orientation 101 class at Wesleyan. It will be required for two semesters, carrying one hour credit, for all NCWC students, including the evening and extension program students.

If everything goes according to schedule, the new convocations requirement will be in operation at NCWC next fall.