



# The Decree

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## Freezing cold

Rain, freezing rain, and snow combined to create roads like this one and close NCWC on Monday. Happily, Acting President Stephen Fritz was reported seen on the job on Monday despite the hazardous driving conditions.

## Wesleyan considering Army ROTC

By TOM RIVERS

An Army ROTC program may be started at North Carolina Wesleyan next fall if it receives the approval of the Board of Trustees at their Feb. 20 meeting. According to Acting President Stephen Fritz, the ROTC proposal has passed all of the necessary faculty steps and awaits the decision of the Trustees before final plans for the program can be made.

Upon approval of the Trustees, the ROTC program at NCWC will be initiated as a satellite program of the current ROTC program at St. Augustines College in Raleigh. It will begin as a two-year program and

eventually become a full four-year program as enrollment in the program at NCWC increases.

Army ROTC recruiters will begin campus visits to interview prospective ROTC recruits for the fall. The recruiters will interview students (men and women) on the sophomore level for entry into the two-year program as they enter their junior year, at NCWC next fall. The current plan is to possibly send some of the recruits to camp for ROTC training this summer.

The program will not present any financial obligation for NCWC, as the costs for the program are fully covered by the U.S. Army. The Army pays the scholarships to the students and provides the instructors necessary for the class offerings. The only things NCWC will be responsible for are office and classroom space for the program.

"Personally I think it (the program) will have a very positive influence on the college," said Fritz. He pointed out it is another opportunity for the college to broaden its offerings and is a good financial opportunity for students.

The plans for a ROTC program at NCWC have been outlined but will not begin implementation until it gets the approval of the Board of Trustees. Pending that approval, students, staff, and faculty can expect a ROTC program next fall at NCWC.

## 'Dissenter' being compiled

By DELL LEWIS

North Carolina Wesleyan's yearbook, *The Dissenter*, is currently being compiled by Mrs. Margaret Ledbetter and her diligent yet diminishing staff.

"We started out the year with 24 students on the yearbook staff," says Mrs. Ledbetter, "but we currently have less than ten students who are working. Some of the students thought that the idea of working on a college yearbook would be fun, and it is, but they had no idea of what was involved — footwork, deadlines, and the like — and simply became overwhelmed with whole project.

Ledbetter attributes the rate of the staff to the experiences that they encountered during high school. "In many high schools, the advisor will take charge of all planning, organizing, and editorializing, leaving the students with every little responsibility. I, on the other hand, have always delegated the work out to the students and advised them when needed rather than doing all of the work for them," she said.

"I joined the Wesleyan staff in September," said Ledbetter. "The theme and organization of the

book were already determined when I came in, but we had to put the spread together after I joined (the spread is the general layout of the various subjects in the yearbook)." With the anticipation of a spring publication, the staff was already behind when Ledbetter assumed her position. "We got off to a sluggish start, she stated. "I didn't have anything for them to do for weeks because the spread was undecided. After that, the meetings that were originally planned for every other Thursday from 11 to 12 o'clock, proved to be very impractical. Thursdays are spoken for for a lot of them," said Ledbetter. "We meet before deadlines, usually from four to five hours on a Sunday afternoon, and so far have managed to meet all deadlines."

The only drawback with having a spring publication is that for the first year, several events will not be included in the yearbook. This is due to the completion deadline in February. These events will be covered in the next issue with graduation supplement being made available to everyone this summer.

"Something new that we are working on this year is an index to

the layouts," said Ledbetter. "This will make it easier when trying to locate an individual's pictures(s). There is a lot to be done in order to meet the many deadlines that are present," she adds. Indexing and copying layouts, writing captions, identifying people and typing are just a sample of what has to be done.

The entire *Dissenter* staff was brought to the attention of all of Wesleyan this semester with their proposed name change for the

yearbook. After much discussion on the importance of dissenting in the history of Methodism and a few heated remarks from faculty, the staff opted to drop their proposal. Mrs. Ledbetter was seemingly left holding the bag. "I was not prepared to take the battle on by myself," she states. "It was proposed by the students and I was willing to stand behind them in their decisions, because it is their book, as long as they themselves remained interested."

## Professor resigns position

By MELVIN BARNES

Assistant Professor of Computer Science Edberto "Pebo" Buencamino left his position just prior to the 1986 Christmas holiday vacation because of immigration problems with the U.S. and Phillipine government.

Mr. Leo Bishop, chairman of computer studies, said, "We did not know he was resigning until he said (in late Dec.) he would not be returning to Wesleyan for the 1986-87 spring semester. Despite the

suggested efforts of Wesleyan staff, in particular Mr. Bishop, to go to U.S. Congressman Tim Valentine and others for support, Buencamino felt it would be better to leave. He felt that any actions of Wesleyan's part might further complicate the matter."

Wesleyan is seeking new faculty members to replace Mr. Buen Camino. Until then Academic Dean Marshall Brooks said "one of his courses has been dropped and the other three offered on/off campus are

being handled by Vanvus staff members."

However, with only a six month probationary period given by the Phillipine Government, there is a possibility that Buencamino may return to Wesleyan.

Mr. Bishop said that Buencamino's contribution to Wesleyan was "unquestionable" and that consequently his application and resume should he be able to return to Wesleyan will be "highly noted and gratefully received."