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## Homecoming dance Oct. 7 at Sheraton

By DIANE JENSEN

The Rocky Mount Sheraton will be the locale for the 1989-90 Homecoming dance, to take place the evening of Oct. 7.

"Athens Under The Stars," the theme of the dance, is appropriate because the Greek organization and SAC are co-sponsoring the occasion. Semi-formal dress is required for admission

into the dance, which is being held in the new conference facility at the Sheraton.

Matt Dyson, President of the Greek Council, is responsible for the overall organization of Homecoming this year. The dance is one of the first steps to show how the Greek organizations are working together in the true spirit and idea of Greek organizations. One representative

from each of the three fraternities and two sororities on campus are working diligently to prepare for Oct. 7.

The representatives are Jack Penafiel, Pi Kappa Phi; Carl Anderson, Sigma Pi; Dennis Manning, Alpha Delta Chi; Dora Los, Sigma Phi Delta; and Cindy Flowers, Pi Epsilon. These representatives have met together and decided upon the important

details of the event, including refreshments, decorations, and music.

Tickets will be on sale for \$5 per person the week before Homecoming, in front of the cafeteria and also at the door on the night of Oct. 7, at the Sheraton. A lavish spread of refreshments will be available and music will be provided by a DJ.

A Homecoming King and

Queen will also be a part of Homecoming this year.

According to Matt Dyson, "The 1989-90 homecoming will be the best that anyone on campus has seen yet."

In speaking with several students in general conversation, the consensus is that they are excited about preparing for and attending Homecoming this year.



AUTHOR ALLAN GURGANUS GREETSS FANS AFTER READING AT WESLEYAN

## Native best-selling author enjoys coming home again

Rocky Mount native Allan Gurganus, who now lives in Manhattan, admits he had to move away from the South in order to be able to write about it, but unlike Thomas Wolfe, he still loves to come home.

Sept. 16 he had the opportunity, as he read from his best-selling novel, *Oldest Living Confederate Widow Tells All*. Due to a power failure during the late afternoon storm, the reading was held by candlelight, evoking a true 19th-century atmosphere in the College's Student Activities Center.

Gurganus, responding to a standing ovation of some 300 people, said, "Tonight I feel like the luckiest man alive — to be in a room where there is so much love and compassion. Very few writers get to make a homecoming like this in their own time. I am grateful to each of you for being here."

Behind a desk with an oil lamp and four ivory candles Gurganus sat, in black bow-tie and tuxedo jacket, conjuring up the spirit of his 99-year-old confederate widow and heroine, Lucy Marsden. For his listeners, it was

a supernatural transport back to Civil War days, and Gurganus set the stage as only a master storyteller could. In the dark still room only the enduring voice of the confederate widow could be heard.

Gurganus, who is just beginning to bald on top, and who grows his slightly-greying hair just a little longer on the sides, has a distinctive mustache which curves downward just enough to meet his smile. His voice is mellifluous and rich, his tone conver-

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## SGA authorizes funds to several student groups

By D.A. LENTZ

On Monday morning, Sept. 18, Wesleyan's Student Government Association (SGA) held an hour and a half long meeting. Much of this time was spent setting up committees and ratifying the new provisional constitution, but SGA voted on a number of issues of more direct interest to the average student.

Student Government was allotted a budget of \$53,400 for the 1989-1990 school year. Reserving five percent for possible emergencies, and keeping 10 percent for their own needs, SGA decided to distribute the remaining \$45,390 among the various organizations on campus.

Some organizations, such as the yearbook and the Greek Council, have a fixed sum, while others, such as the Black Student Movement (BSM) and the Criminal Justice Club, will share a \$5,340 lump sum.

In order to be recognized by SGA, all organizations are required to submit a registration form that includes a proposed budget. The SGA plans to allot funds to these organizations according to the budgets they propose. These registration forms

are due in by October 16.

The SGA has also set aside \$1,060 for Black History Month. Any organization that plans an activity that will support the Black History Month may be entitled to a share of this money.

In addition to its \$53,400 yearly budget, SGA has an undisclosed amount left over from last year, some of which it will spend on new computers for the residence halls. The SGA is also exploring the possibility of renting or buying ice machines for the dormitories. Because it feels the open-and-scoop type of ice machine to be unsafe, SGA is hoping to find machines that hold bags of ice.

After voting on the budget, SGA discussed the possibility of creating a Junior Varsity Baseball team but decided to postpone a decision. Then SGA decided to meet with the Registrar's Office to discuss ways to shorten the registration process next semester and to standardize the grading scale.

Student Government holds open meeting every other Monday at 10:20 a.m. in the multi-purpose room of the Student Activities Center. All interested students are invited to attend.