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ROTC CADETS (from left) Danny Ginn, Kory Webster, Chris Cash, and Craig Benson. (Photo by Dhana Chesson.)

ROTC unit faces closing

By DHANA CHESSON

Unless the enrollment in ROTC increases, the program will be discontinued within two years at North Carolina Wesleyan College.

At present only six people are enrolled in the ROTC program. This number doesn't seem to be great enough for St. Augustine's College in Raleigh, who is the host college for Wesleyan's ROTC program.

NCWC Dean of Academics Marshall Brooks explained that this faculty-approved program is across-enrollment agreement with St. Augustine's and last September the college wanted to eliminate the ROTC curriculum at Wesleyan due to low enrollment.

But because there are students enrolled in Wesleyan's ROTC who have received ROTC scholarships, such as senior Craig Benson, junior Kory Webster, and sophomore Christopher Cash, the program will remain until they finish. Major Blake Adams, head of the ROTC program on campus, explained, "The Army is committed to these students."

The students involved in ROTC believe the program is an excellent opportunity for college

students. One ROTC cadet, Danny Ginn, feels, "This is an opportunity students don't have in other classes. We offer things such as self-discipline, time management, and leadership ability."

The ROTC program stresses academics and holds study halls for any NCWC students interested on Monday and Wednesday nights. The program also is involved in the Ranger Challenge which is a competition between 26 schools like N.C. State, Clemson, and Duke. This year's Challenge is Oct. 26 at Fort Jackson, S.C.

The cadets can also go to a 5-6 week advance camp and this summer Ginn went over to Germany and "was in charge of four tanks and 14 men."

This elective course started at Wesleyan in 1986, and at one time there were as many as 34 people involved in ROTC. The cadets now involved are Ginn, Thomas Bailey, Benson, Webster, Cash, and Frank Roach.

There are four different levels in the program: MS1, MS2, MS3, and MS4. In the MS1 and MS2 years, there is no obligation after college and most of the course work includes an introduction to the Army, time management, self-

discipline, and an understanding of national defense.

The MS3 and MS4 cadets sign a contract and are committed to the Army after graduation. The Army provides the uniforms and \$100 a month. The Army also offers ROTC scholarships which provide paid tuition, room and board, books, fees, and \$100 a month.

The important thing for ROTC this year is enrollment. Major Adams feels their concentration should be on the freshmen and sophomores in "getting them interested."

Even though Dean Brooks feels the administration is "disappointed in enrollment," he also mentions "to Wesleyan's credit, we have good cadets and have been turning out quality." Without a boost in enrollment, however, the ROTC program will inevitably be cancelled from Wesleyan's curriculum.

But cadets like Kory Webster are still trying to recruit members. They feel, Webster says, "this program has so much opportunity. It enhances leadership, confidence, and communication skills. Such a program is at least worth trying."

Wesleyan to construct campus radio station

By STEWART CRANK

North Carolina Wesleyan College has been given the go-ahead to start up the school's first-ever campus radio station.

Headed by Dr. Les Garner, the project is estimated to be finished by September.

The total construction cost, says William Gast, will be just below \$200,000 for brand-new equipment. It also includes renting a trailer for the station while waiting for the new Theater Arts Building to be constructed. The cost could be lessened by using campus facilities not now in use.

Total annual operating cost for

the radio station is projected to be around \$50,000. This would include a manager, a secretary, a contract engineer, three telephones, and various items.

The chairman of the committee said, "The station will be handed over to the students as soon as the construction of the station is complete." The style of music, as mentioned by a few members, is said to be jazz classical music.

With pressure on reducing the cost of the station and with the involvement of some interested students, the station could be completed and on the air by the end of the school year.

Learning Resources Center offers variety of help for NCWC students

By JOHN FENTRESS

The Learning Resources Center has become a helpful tool for Wesleyan students who need extra help with their studies.

The LRC is located in Braswell 236 and has posted hours during which students may come in for help.

Dr. Marge Morrison, director of the LRC, says the main pur-

pose of the LRC is to be a place "to give students in all disciplines extra resources to help them with any problems in any of their studies." Dr. Morrison also stresses that the LRC is not "just a place for students who are doing poorly, but it is also a place where students can talk enthusiastically about what they are doing in their classes."

Along with Dr. Morrison, fac-

ulty and students tutor those in need of extra assistance in their studies. A time is set which is convenient to both the tutor and the student.

About 15 tutors are available to Wesleyan students at no charge. D.A. Lentz, a junior who tutors mathematics, says, "There is a need for tutors here at

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TUTORS — Some of the LCR tutors are (from left) Brian Hendricks, D.A. Lentz, Pat Edmonds, Melissa Joplin, Katie Wright, and Dr. Morrison. (Photo by Kevin Hambrecht.)