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Wesleyan announces tuition hikes

By JOHN FENTRESS

Among the many changes at North Carolina Wesleyan College for academic year 1991-92 will be an increase in tuition.

Full-time boarding students with double room occupancy will see a \$720 increase in their tuition. This includes \$400 tuition, \$180 double-room, \$110 board, and \$30 total fees.

Commuting students will

have a \$420 increase in tuition while part-time students will see a \$5 increase for each semester hour.

Belinda Faulkner, director of Administration at Wesleyan, said that "the tuition increase is needed to keep up with the higher costs of running a college and is also needed to make improvements to the campus."

One major improvement will be the additional services and

fees that have been folded into the room rate increase. Such services and fees include air conditioner surcharge, refrigerator surcharge, programming fee, local telephone service, installation and deposit, telephone rental, voice mail, and basic cable television. If a student paid for the services separately, the amount would reach about \$390.

Steve Allen, a full-time student and campus resident, says

that "the increase is relatively fair, but for what students already pay, these services should be implemented at no extra charge."

Ron Rogers Jr., also a full-time student but a commuter, adds, "If the increase is really being used for the school and the students can see progress being made, I think the increase is just."

When asked about improve-

ments for the campus, many students were highly concerned for their departments in which they were majoring.

Rogers, a Computer Information Systems major, believes "money should be spent to increase the computer lab software and hardware." Allen, an Environmental Science major, says that "part of the money

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HAVING A BALL — Wesleyan student Dhana Chesson tries her hand at serving during a volleyball game recently behind Nash Dorm. Afternoon volleyball games have been popular during what has become a warm and pleasant spring. (Photo by Marion Blackburn, courtesy of Nashville Graphic.)

Sophomore wins close election as Student Government president

After a close race for the top seat, sophomore Carl Turner has been elected president of Wesleyan's Student Government Association.

The student body also elected the following officers for the 1991-92 school year: Kari Leshner, SGA vice-president; Lynda

Calhoun, SGA treasurer; and Emonique Wooten, SGA secretary.

Benny St. Romain was elected senior class president and Mike Bavier was elected senior class vice president.

Neal Latta was elected junior class president and Bob Dean

was elected junior class vice president.

Erica Moore is the new sophomore class president, and Tonya Rouse is the sophomore class vice president.

David O'Neill, John Bolen, and Emonique Wooten were elected to the Judicial Board.

Wesleyan draws growing interest around country

By SONU SAINONI

North Carolina Wesleyan College is attracting more students from all over the county than ever before in the school's 30-year history.

The Admissions Office recently witnesses its busiest week with a maximum of 15 applications visiting the campus on a particular day.

"North Carolina Wesleyan College has been very fortunate to be in such a strong admissions position this year because many colleges are experiencing significant decline in their application pools this year," said Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Douglas E. Clark. "We have one of the largest increases in applications of all the private colleges and universities in the state."

According to Clark, 142 students have already sent in their tuition deposits for the following year. This is equivalent to a 12 percent increase in the number of deposits at the same time last year. Moreover, the application pool is 25 percent higher this year than it was last year at the same time.

Last year the school brought in the biggest freshman class since 1970 and this year may probably break all existing records. As up to date, there have been 17 percent more campus visits than at the same time last year.

With the increase in the number of applicants, the Admissions Department has consequently been able to be more selective in whom to admit. This has led to a higher academic standard. The average SAT scores of both deposited and accepted students is higher than it was last year at the same time.

Until a few years ago, the majority of students came from North Carolina and southern Virginia. However, now there is a large population of students from northern Virginia, Washington, D.C., Maryland, and Pennsylvania. This year the new growth areas are New Jersey, New York, and New England.

The percentage of students coming from North Carolina cannot be determined at the moment because most students from the local area do not apply until the end of April.

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