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## Wesleyan takes part in Habitat

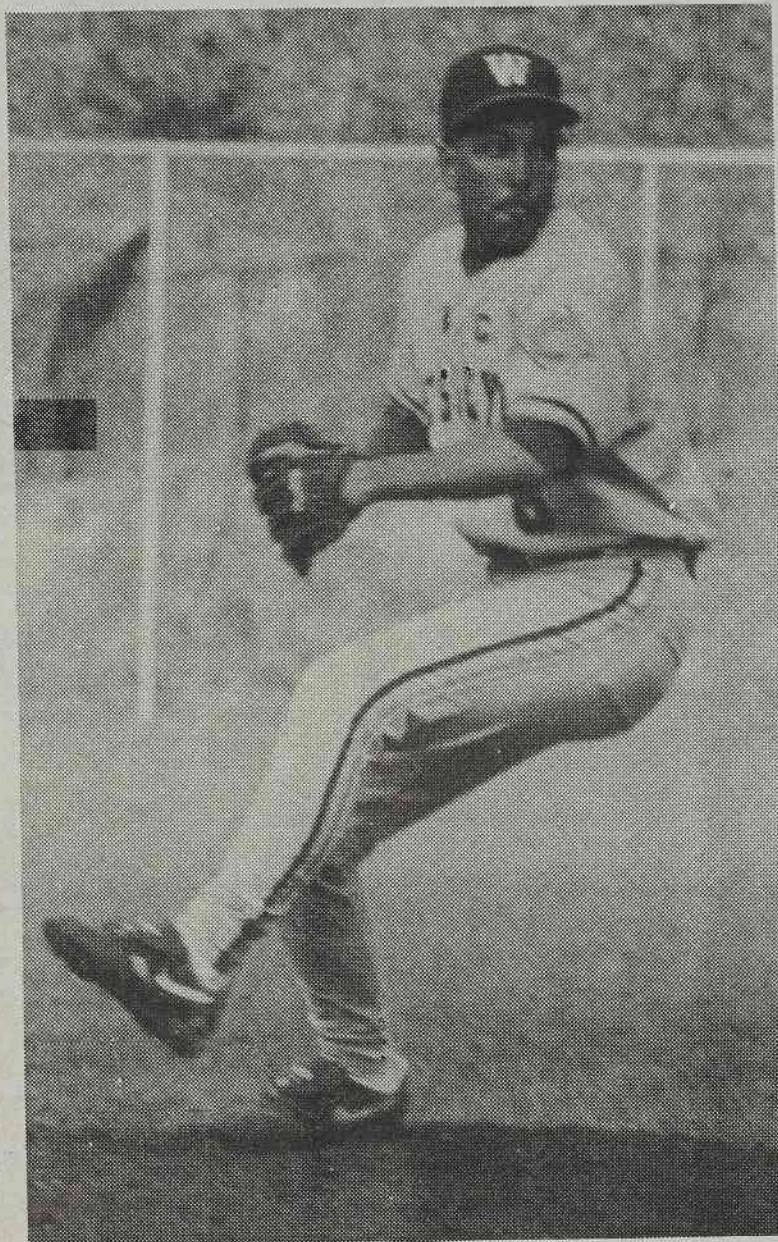
More than 20 members of the North Carolina Wesleyan College community participated in Habitat for Humanity's second groundbreaking in Rocky Mount last month.

The new house will be built in Nash County near Edwards Junior High School.

Participants from Wesleyan included staff members Dean Marshall Brooks, Steve Sparks, Jay Quigley, Rev. Kirk Oldham, and students Marvin Hill, Daniel Griswold, Allen Beasley, Rodney Robertson, Tim Elmore, Matt Snyder, Rich Fleming, Eric Mercurio, Chris Brandt, Chris Sharpe, Tom Livers, Sam Hall, David Brooks, John Fentress, Robert Baker, Steve Corbett, Kelly Best, and Kristi Warren.

Habitat for Humanity is an ecumenical Christian housing ministry whose objective is to eliminate poverty housing from the world and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience. By having affluent and poor work together in equal partnership, Habitat also hopes to build new relationships and a sense of community as well as new houses.

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## Baseball season begins with wins

Battling Bishops' pitcher Steve Robertson picks up his second victory, defeating Oglethorpe College, 7-5, as the North Carolina Wesleyan baseball season started last week. The Bishops had a great start, winning five out of six games.

## Tuition set to increase by \$750

By CECILIA LYNN CASEY

As students make plans for the upcoming academic year, they will have to include ways to get more money to cover the increase in tuition.

The tuition will be increased seven percent, an additional \$750 more per year, making the new fee \$11,450.

Belinda Faulkner explained the tuition increase as being needed simply to meet the cost of managing Wesleyan.

"When the Board of Trustees met in February they looked at what was absolutely needed to cover the cost of running Wesleyan," she said. "In fact, this figure is just shy of the actual cost needed to run Wesleyan."

Compared to overall increases, this has been the lowest increase in the five years, she said.

"We really are trying to keep costs down," she said, adding,

"We will have to have a tight budget this year and be frugal."

Asked if there would be anything that would see a drop in funds, Faulkner explained that everything would remain on an even level with some programs receiving some enhancement.

Even though the rise in tuition is needed, it still has students very upset as they, or their parents, reached further down into their pockets. Sophomore Pam Evans commented, "Well, I would not have a problem with it if I knew we were to get more financial aid. With this tuition increase my parents will have to sacrifice even more for me to come here. If it goes up any more, I may have to go to State the year after next."

Freshman Danielle Nardello is in a similar situation. She explained, "My parents don't get any financial aid, so with almost

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## Drinking big health problem at colleges

### Alcohol vs. Books



The typical college student spends more money for alcohol than for books !!!

Drinking is the number one health problem on college and university campuses. President Bush included alcohol in the 1992 National Drug Control Strategy, citing it as "the most abused substance by students."

The 1992 survey of high school seniors and college students by Michigan's Institute for Survey Research lends proofs to this statement by indicating an increase in the number of "binge drinkers" (five or more drinks in a row) and daily drinkers in the college-age population.

College students spend ap-

proximately \$5.5 billion annually to purchase 430 gallons of alcoholic beverages. This alcohol consumption can lead to dropouts, campus violence, risky sexual encounters, and even death.

For example, charges of rape against a University of Richmond student were dismissed last year when the victim testified that he was so drunk that he did not realize at first she was not consenting.

Last fall, a 22-year-old University of Idaho student died at his home of alcohol poisoning after consuming large quantities

of alcohol at a Halloween party the previous night. It is estimated that among those currently in college, between 240,000 and 360,000 will eventually lose their lives due to drinking.

The "Put On The Brakes" program, initiated last year by the Office for Substance Abuse Prevention, seeks to raise awareness about alcohol problems on college campuses and to call for action among students, college presidents, governing boards, faculty and administrators. Its goal is to

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