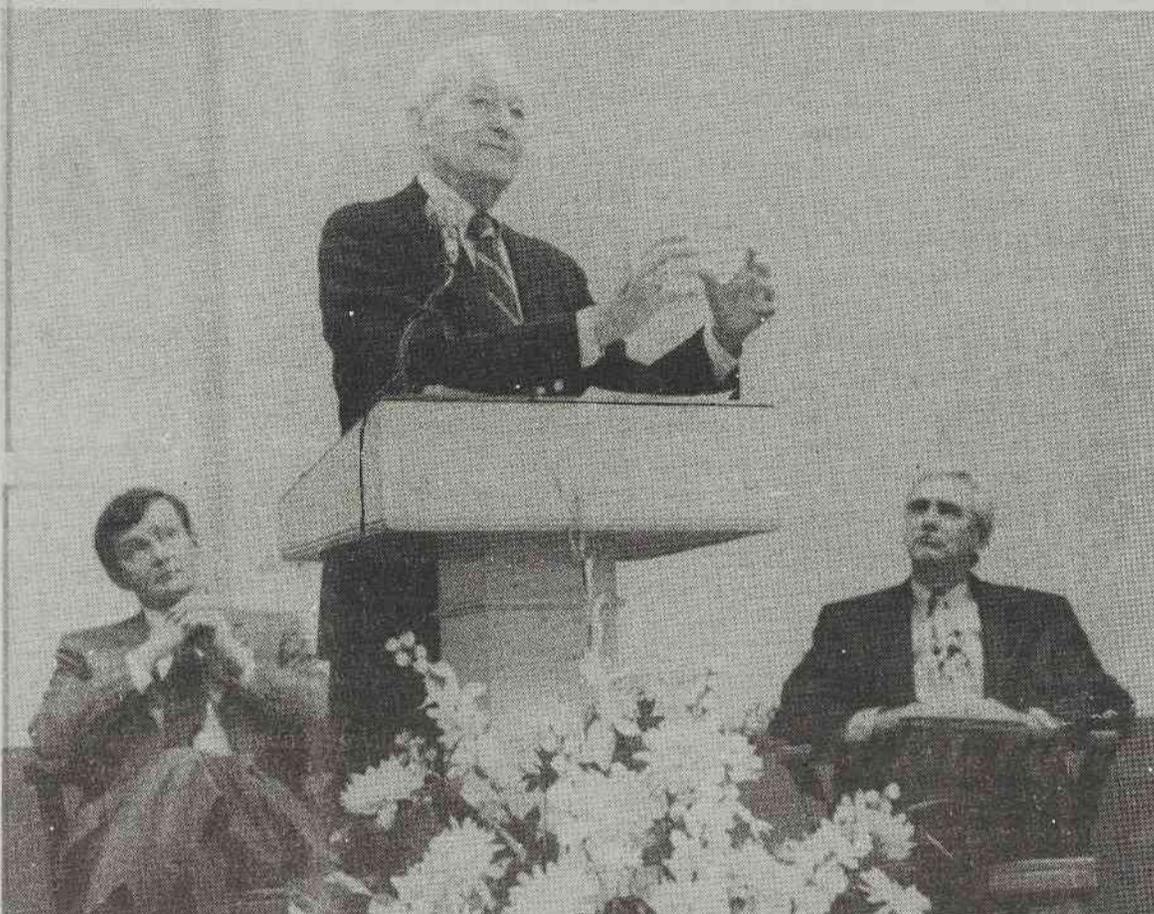


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SETTING THE TONE — L. Richardson Preyer, retired U.S. Congressman, presents keynote address at last week's opening of the Wesleyan Symposium. The two-day event this year focused on the nature of justice. (Photo by Beth Sherrard.)

Symposium puts spotlight on various views of justice

By KIMBERLY CURSEEN

North Carolina Wesleyan's annual Symposium, this year on the nature of justice, was successfully carried out and well received over a full two days of topics last week.

The symposium opened on Tuesday with the keynote address given by retired U.S. Congress-

man Richardson Preyer. He was introduced by NCWC Vice President for Development Tim McDowell, a former member of the N.C. General Assembly.

Preyer, who headed the House investigations on the President Kennedy and Martin Luther King, Jr. assassinations, agreed to speak a little on those experiences as well as on the topic, "Justice in

the Legislature."

Preyer pointed out that "progress is evolutionary, not revolutionary." He said the reason he believes our government is the most stable is because it is "maddingly inefficient." Preyer noted that a government must have credibility and that people

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Trustees grant tenure to Creegan

By NICOLE COX

Although he did not receive a positive recommendation from Dean Charles Bennett, Dr. Charles Creegan did receive tenure with promotion to Associate Professor of Philosophy.

The Board of Trustees made the final decision Feb. 12 upon the advice of President Les Garner and the board's education committee.

Creegan's application for tenure caused controversy when he received the unanimous backing of the Faculty Personnel and Tenure Committee, as well as the support of Divisional Chair Paul deGategno, yet failed to get support from Bennett. Bennett gave a negative recommendation, citing that Creegan's teaching skills are inadequate.

According to Bennett, his decision was reached by examining

"all evidence available, including records of all years (Creegan) has been here as well as interviews." Although student reports from Creegan's classes were considered, Bennett added, "Students have not been any direct part of the process."

The fact that Bennett contradicted the unanimous finding of a faculty committee was seen by some as an attempt to undermine faculty authority. Bennett re-

Vote backs SGA plan for breaks

By NICOLE COX

Students turned out in large numbers to voice their opinions Wednesday as the Student Government Association held a referendum on the 1993-94 Academic Calendar.

The ballot presented to students included three options:

1. Keep the same type of schedule the college now follows: Fall semester with a four-day mid-semester break and a five-day Thanksgiving Break. Spring semester with a one-week Spring Break at mid-semester and a four-day Easter Break.

2. A proposal by Dean Charles Bennett: Fall semester with a one-week Thanksgiving break that occurs after 12 weeks of classes. Spring semester with a one-week break over Easter that occurs after 11 weeks of classes.

3. An SGA proposal: Fall semester with a three-day mid-semester break and a one-week Thanksgiving Break. Spring semester with a one-week Spring Break at mid-semester and a three-day Easter Break, four days if possible.

The results of the referendum were encouraging for the SGA.

Students voted 56 percent in favor of the SGA proposal, 40 percent to keep things the same, and only four percent in favor of Dean Bennett's proposal.

SGA President Judy Boyd said she was "very pleased at the turnout." She felt it was commendable that students took the time to consider the proposals, noting, "It shows an increase in the awareness of students to issues on campus." She also attributed the high turnout to the fact that voting was offered in two locations, the Braswell Lobby and the Hardee's Student Union.

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Briefs

SGA awards grant

The SGA Senate recently voted to grant the Athletic Department \$2,500 towards the purchase of used Nautilus equipment from the YMCA.

Schedule change loses

The faculty has voted down Dean Charles Bennett's proposal to change the class schedule for the 1993-94 academic year to 50-minute class periods. The schedule will remain the same.

Jazz program added

Community volunteer Jerry Savage of Rocky Mount has joined WESQ with a four-hour jazz program on Sundays from 3-7 p.m. Savage has produced a jazz program on WVSP. His program doubles the number of hours of broadcasting for WESQ's Sunday schedule.

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