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SGA votes to modify constitution

By KIMBERLY CURSEEN

The Student Government Association has been very active since the beginning of the semester. Several decision and new agenda items have been added to its accomplishments.

The SGA voted to modify the Student Government Constitution. President Tommy Allen modified the Constitution according to suggestions of NCWC's President Dr. Leslie Gardener. Before the Constitution can come into effect it must be approved by President Gardener and the college's board of Trustees. In fact one of the modifications is that the Board of Trustees approval will not be necessary for

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PRESIDENT GARNER EXPLAINS COLLEGE'S GOALS.

Garner, dean explain goals for Wesleyan

By ALAN P. FELTON

A community student meeting was held in the Student Activities Center on Thursday, Jan. 27, featuring a presentation by the President of North Carolina Wesleyan College, Dr. Leslie Garner.

Assisting Dr. Garner in his presentation was the Academic Dean of the College, Dr. Robert Bussom, and several members of the college staff. The meeting was an opportunity for the president to present the results of a recent study concerning future priorities and goals for the college and its surrounding community.

The presentation was at best a repeat explanation of the Wesleyan Advantage, an old plan containing such goals as the development of writing, communication, and critical thinking skills, as well as an increased commitment to the needs of individual students and bringing more excitement and innovation into the classroom.

Following the presentation, the floor was opened for questions

from the approximately 30 students in attendance. The questions ranged from departmental budgets to student activities, but most of the student inquiries pertained to the future direction of North Carolina Wesleyan College.

The president announced during the question and answer session that the college expected to increase its revenue next year but that increased costs would result in no net gain for the school despite a tuition increase to reflect a rising cost of living.

Another concern raised by the audience dealt with the focus of class scheduling next year. Dean Bussom said all schedules would be "client" motivated with a focus on instituting writing intensive courses, freshman seminars, and honor classes. Faculty and student interests regarding scheduling would be taken into account as resources permitted, according to Bussom. The dean also said the focus of the college will move away from specific disciplines and into the teaching of critical

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Bank donates to campaign

Southern Bank recently contributed \$12,500 to North Carolina Wesleyan College's "Vision For the Future" capital campaign. The campaign features the addition of arts facilities on campus.

Of the \$8.3 million goal, more than \$7.7 million has been generated in the campaign thus far. Centerpiece for the campaign is the construction of a 45,000

square-foot Performing Arts Complex that will seat 1,200 and the renovation of the former power plant as a Fine Arts Center.

"Southern Bank takes a great deal of pride in supporting the College and the Performing Arts Complex," said R.C. Anderson, Jr., senior vice president.

"The Performing Arts Com-

plex will change the cultural landscape of Rocky Mount and the region," said Dr. Leslie H. Garner, Jr., president of the College. "For the first time, major performances by nationally-known artists will be in a theater designed for large productions, and people in our region won't have to go to Raleigh or Greenville for cultural entertainment."

Committee expands cultural horizons

By KIMBERLY CURSEEN

The Martin Luther King and Black History Month Committee has changed its name to the Cultural Awareness Committee.

The Martin Luther King and Black History Month Committee existed under that name for four years. The reason for the change in name is to fit its new modified purpose not only to provide activities for Martin Luther King's

Birthday and Black History Month, but provide a broad range of cultural activities and raise cultural awareness on North Carolina Wesleyan's campus.

Dr. Hugh Corbin made it a point to say that this committee is not concerned with just the Afro-American and African cultures, but cultures and aspects thereof. The committee hopes to plan a culture activity for Wesleyan each month to fit the needs of the North

Carolina Wesleyan Community.

The Committee is not yet a formal Club recognized by the college although they provide Black History Month activities along with the Gospel Choir (President Chynna Bonner), and Black Student Association (co-Presidents Tonya Rouse and Andre Clanton).

It was discussed by the Cultural Awareness Committee to become a sub-group of the Cam-

pus Activities Board in order to have easier access to funds, facilities, and choices about the programming of activities for Wesleyan. Campus Activities Board

President Lionel Moad thought the idea was good because it would not only help the committee but increase the size and participation in CAB. However, it would mean that the Committee members would have to perform the duties of CAB as well

as the Cultural Awareness Committee. This option is still under discussion by the Cultural Committee Advisory Board members.

Some of the programs under discussion by the Cultural Awareness Committee include going out into the Nash-Rocky Mount school system and perform cultural activities with the students. The school system, according to

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