

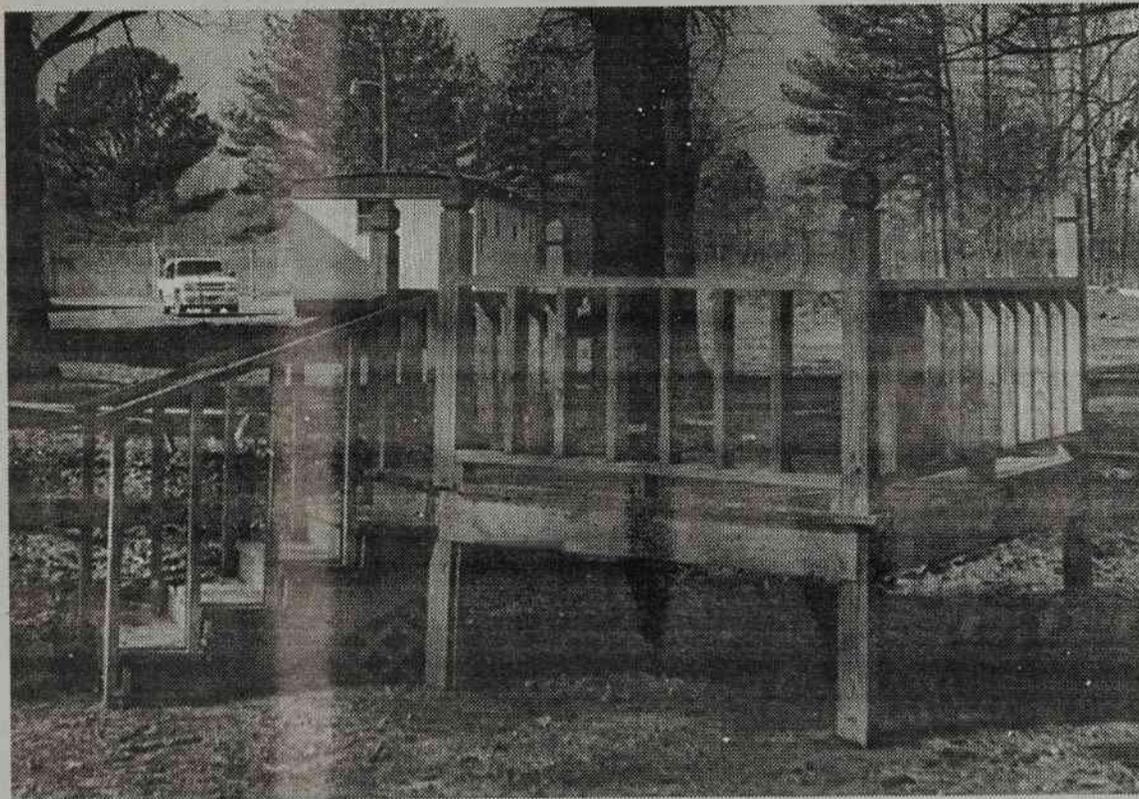
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WESQ SHIFTS LOCATION TO MAKE WAY FOR ROAD TO PERFORMING ARTS CENTER.

Move briefly silences station

WESQ 90.9 FM temporarily went off the air on Jan. 31 as the studio and offices were moved to accommodate work on the new performing arts center.

The station returned to its regular broadcasting schedule later the same day, said Station Manager Jerry Glass.

The station was moved so a new road could be built through the former site to connect the

Dunn Center for the Performing Arts to the existing roads on the college campus.

"Even though our studio and office trailer moved only 100 feet, it was the same as if a new building was being put in place," Glass said. The move required new utility, electricity, and telephone connections.

After the 8 a.m. sign-off, utility and antenna wiring had to be

disconnected and removed from the existing site. A truck pulled the trailer — broadcasting equipment, compact disks on shelves, and all — to its new location.

WESQ-FM, Down East Public Radio, is the public radio station licensed to North Carolina Wesleyan College. It broadcasts 155 hours a week at 90.9 MHz, covering approxing 7,500 square miles of eastern North Carolina.

SGA faces budget cut for groups

By GREG PURCELL

Many student organizations will feel the budget ax as the Student Government Association faces some needed cutbacks in the budget for this semester.

Although the budget has not yet been passed by the SGA, an idea of what it might look like was presented to the Senators of the SGA on Monday.

Treasurer Phil Gray said the reason for the cutbacks was because "the business office overestimated the number of returning students this semester" and the mistake caused an estimated shortfall of \$4,000 from the spring SGA budget.

The budget will be discussed in a special meeting on Monday, Feb. 13, at 10:30 a.m. in the SAC.

In a move that caught no one off guard, SGA President Christian Brandt addressed the members of the SGA and commented on an article in the last issue of *The Decree* criticizing the SGA and its leadership for not accomplishing anything.

Brandt said, "I feel the role of the President is that of a guide and not a pusher."

SGA Senator Tim Louk said he felt the SGA was "productive" in Monday's meeting.

The next general meeting of the SGA will be held Monday, Feb. 20, at 10:30 a.m. in the SAC.

Sheriff outlines department changes

By MICHELLE CRUZ

At the request of the NCWC College Republicans, Nash County's first Republican sheriff Jimmy Grimes came to Wesleyan Feb. 1 and spoke frankly about the changes he and his staff are in the process of making.

The F.B.I. National Academy graduate explained that under his leadership, the sheriff's department is undergoing reorganization that will give it a new image. Grimes has 20 years experience with the Rocky Mount police force and is a police academy instructor.

Earl Langston, Nash County's

jail administrator, told the crowd he liked Grimes' new management style and supports him 120 percent. "I think everything he's doing is in the best interest of Nash County," he concluded.

With no chief deputy, Grimes has made his four lieutenants report directly to him, eliminating a position that saves the county over \$30,000 each year.

His lieutenants are each commanders of their own division: Lt. Donald R. Daniels, patrol division commander; Lt. Leonard M. Brantley, staff service division commander; Lt. Scott J. Parker, narcotics division commander; and Lt. Joseph E.

Brinkley, investigative division commander.

"This way," Grimes explained, "everyone is held accountable for every job."

In addition to saving money, Grimes has also changed the shifts of those under him so they can have more time with their families. Lt. Parker said he knows all the sheriffs in North Carolina and not one of them can compare to Grimes in his first-class leadership and management.

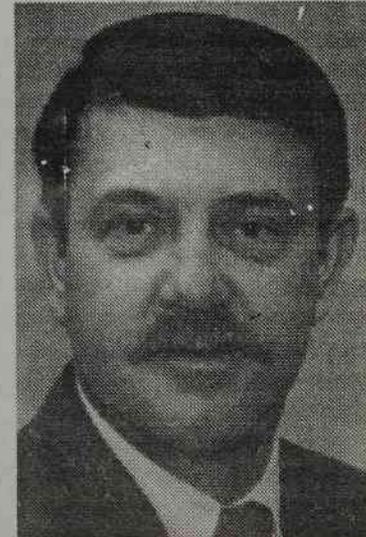
Many in Nash County have already felt the change in leadership, as Grimes has also made it a priority that all victims are visited by investigative officers who

follow each case through to the end.

"This system of case management introduced by Sheriff Grimes has gotten overwhelming response from people," said Lt. Brinkley. "They are glad to see an investigator, even if it's just a bicycle that's been stolen."

Lt. Daniels said that the change of using six deputies instead of only one to two deputies for night shift has helped as well. "It gives us greater response time," he said. Daniels is in charge of 24 patrolmen trained to cover every area of the job, who give Nash

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SHERIFF JIMMY GRIMES