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BLUES CONCERT — The Blues duo of Sidney James Wingfield and Katherine Davis performed Feb. 8 before a small crowd. Review would have been on page 6, had there been a page 6.

SGA passes bare budget for spring

By GREG PURCELL

In a special meeting on Feb. 13, the North Carolina Wesleyan College Student Government Association approved the Spring 1995 budget.

SGA Secretary Allan Beasley said 17 members voted to approve the budget, while four members voted against it with one abstention. A total of 22 votes were cast, although the SGA agenda showed only 21 members eligible to vote.

The special meeting was held after the budget was tabled for further discussion and review during a regular SGA meeting on Feb. 6. Several members of the SGA Senate had expressed a need to examine the budget in greater detail during that earlier meeting.

The spring 1995 SGA budget reflected a \$4,000 shortfall caused by overspending by Student Government during the fall 1994 semester and the failure of the North Carolina Wesleyan business office to inform the SGA of the number of students withdrawing their enrollment between the two semesters, which caused a decrease in the amount of student activity fees collected.

Spring SGA Budget

| | '93-'94 | FALL '94 | SPRING '95 |
|-------------------|---------|----------|------------|
| BSA | \$1,150 | \$425 | \$165 |
| CAB | 50,000 | 26,978 | 25,500 |
| CLUB DRAMATICA | 750 | 1,235 | 800 |
| COLL. REPUBLICANS | 845 | 410 | 100 |
| DECREE | 9,615 | 6,320 | 3,600 |
| DISSENTER | 14,000 | 7,796 | 9,845 |
| GOSPEL CHOIR | 2,060 | 690 | 600 |
| GREEK COUNCIL | 1,000 | 500 | 235 |
| INTRAMURALS | 4,283 | 2,700 | 2,250 |
| LACROSSE CLUB | 3,425 | 2,205 | 600 |
| PBL | 3,275 | 2,000 | 0 |
| SGA | 4,970 | 2,000 | 0 |
| CONTINGENCY | 5,219 | 2,965 | 485 |
| SNCAE | 250 | 115 | 150 |
| STUDENT RADIO | 2,000 | 100 | 25 |
| BACCHUS | 0 | 0 | 75 |
| PSCYHOLGY CLUB | 0 | 150 | 70 |

SGA President Chris Brandt said that the budget-making process had been tough and "some organizations are, of course, disappointed with their allotments, but without the necessary funds there is little that can be done. We tried to be as fair as possible in forming this budget."

The Campus Activities Board (CAB) received the largest allotment in the current budget with \$25,500. CAB was allowed approximately a 10 percent increase in their budget compared to last year. The Dissenter was given

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Registrar terminated

By ALAN P. FELTON

Acting Registrar Lynn Jenkins left the service of North Carolina Wesleyan College on Feb. 7 after seven years of employment at the institution.

Assistant Dean of Academics and former registrar Cliff Sullivan has been selected as a temporary replacement until a permanent registrar is named.

According to a college announcement issued by Sullivan, Jenkins left her position at North Carolina Wesleyan College in order to "explore other career opportunities." However, according to several other sources, Jenkins was terminated from her position as Acting Registrar after an unsuccessful probationary term on the job.

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Poll identifies issues important to students

By PATRICK BRANNAN

(First of a series.)

Residence hall policies, alternatives to the current meal plan, and the scheduling of classes are key issues resident students identified in a recent survey conducted by *The Decree*.

Sixty-two percent of students responded that they wanted longer visitation hours in the residence hall. Twenty-two percent cited the policies in the dorms as the greatest weakness in residence life. Yet at the same time, 17 percent said they wanted more noise control

and 13 percent said the halls were too noisy.

When asked about alternatives to the current meal plan, 64 percent responded that they did want alternatives compared to 12 percent that said no alternatives were needed. Of those wanting alternatives, 37 percent listed the number of meals on the current plan as a suggestion for alternatives. Twenty-three percent wanted more variety in the food, nine percent wanted more transferability with Docs, and eight percent wanted longer hours for the cafeteria.

When asked about the scheduling of classes in variety each semester, 62 percent of the students responded that scheduling was good. Twenty-seven percent said scheduling was poor while only eight listed scheduling as great. Yet under weakness of academics at Wesleyan the lack of courses offered was cited as the biggest weakness with 26 percent. When asked if they thought it was possible to take the classes to graduate in four years 56 percent said no while 40 percent said yes.

When asked to list the general strengths of the college 17 per-

cent of the students listed the small size of the school as its biggest strength. The lack of activities, lack of respect for students, size, and food were listed as the greatest weakness each with six percent.

The survey of resident students was completed by 42 percent of the residents. The survey asked the students to list specific strengths and weaknesses of various areas of campus life including residence life, student life, and academics.

Seventy-four percent of the students listed the residence halls

as good while 20 percent said they were poor. The bathrooms and housecleaning were among the top weaknesses in residence life while the staff and the friendly atmosphere in the dorms were listed as strengths.

Activities were both a strength and weakness in the student life area. Yet many students also listed the fact that the school does not listen to them as a weakness.

In academics, the faculty was the largest strength while the lack of courses and favoritism were listed as weaknesses.