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EXTERIOR IS ALMOST COMPLETE FOR FINE ARTS CENTER. (PHOTO BY KEVIN CORBETT.)

Fine Arts Center scheduled to be finished in November

By KIMBERLY CURSEEN

The multi-million-dollar Dunn Fine Arts Center is expected to be finished in the first week of November and the road and parking lot should be finished this month.

The contractor is expected to be finished with construction by Sept. 30. The carpet, and the stage rigging will be completed by late October.

The Board of Trustees will have their first meeting in the Center in October.

"A Day for Wesleyan," an annual fundraiser for the College, was held on the Center's sidewalk Tuesday. Volunteers were given a sneak preview of the center during the day.

Founder's Day will also be held on Oct. 26 in front of the Fine Arts Center.

The Dunn Fine Arts Center will officially open in January.

Wesleyan selling off radio station

By GREG PURCELL

One of the many sounds of the Wesleyan campus has been silenced. Radio station WESQ is in the process of being sold because college officials said it was costing too much money with no real educational kick to it.

It was at the May 5 meeting of the trustees that the closing of WESQ was decided. Former station manager Jerry Glass said that "the trustees decided to stop funding effective Aug. 1."

One of the former DJ's, Joe Oravec, said that he is "mad. I miss it terribly. The more I did it, the more that I liked it."

Oravec added, "I was thinking of going into radio as a career because of all the experience that I gained from WESQ."

If you flip through your radio dial you still hear the sounds of 90.0 FM, but it is because of the Friends for Down East Public

Radio. The Friends and the College have gone through a long process to get the license transferred to the Friends of Down East Public Radio. The license still belongs to North Carolina Wesleyan College.

Dr. John White, president of the College, said, "It is my hope that the Friends for Down East Public Radio will be successful in their desire to receive the transfer of the license and to preserve public radio in Rocky Mount."

"It is unfortunate that the college has had to face the reality that the operation of WESQ had to be closed. And that reality was in part financial and in part related to the overall mission to the college," White said.

"The station and its management tried very hard to be both a student station and a community NPR station and in many ways those two dimensions did not co-exist well," he added.

Wesleyan thrives on teamwork

By DR. JOHN WHITE

As I write this article, my son, Andrew, and I have just returned from the gym where we watched a suspense-filled women's volleyball game against Meredith College.

Something occurred during that game which reminded me of why I chose to come to Wesleyan as your new President.

After winning the first game, the Battling Bishops fell behind in the second, and after a few minutes were behind 0-12. Most

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teams, at this point, might have folded, deciding to write off the game and put energy into the next game to preserve a win in the match. The Wesleyan team, however, did not quit. They kept their composure and seemed to call up resources deep within. Their excellent coaching, hard work at conditioning, and mental toughness began to pay off.

When the score reached 8-12,

the crowd, realizing the women were putting up a tremendous effort, grew louder. We tied the game at 14 and went on to win 17-15. Needless to say, the Meredith team was mentally and physically exhausted. The next game was played with the same intensity and teamwork on the part of the Wesleyan women, and we won the match 3-0.

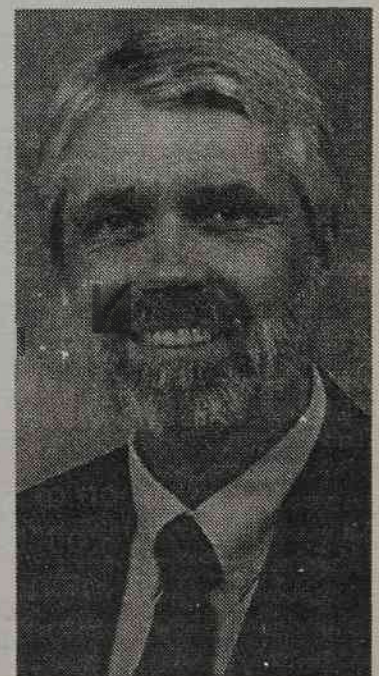
There is a powerful message

in the victory we achieved tonight over Meredith College. The women who played their hearts out showed us that it takes a team, working together, to make a difference.

Oh, there were some great individual efforts, and I wouldn't want to diminish those contributions. Yet, pulling together on the court and neither being intimidated nor demoralized by the other team moving out to an early lead made the difference.

When Dianne and I arrived on

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