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Budget shortfall hits

By GREG PURCELL

North Carolina Wesleyan College has experienced a budget shortfall of approximately one million dollars that is being felt not only by students but also by faculty and staff as the result of many cutbacks.

"The school is as lean as it could possibly be," said Dr. John White, NCWC president.

One casualty of the shortfall was the SGA budget, which was reduced from \$55,729 during the fall semester last year to only \$32,777 proposed for this year's fall semester. Budgets for almost every student organization receiving funds were reduced, some by significant amounts.

The reasons for the shortfall are due to poor retention rates. Former registrar Cliff Sullivan said the graduating class of 1995 was bigger than expected and the new students did not surpass what was lost.

The reasons that students are lost is an endless list. Many leaves to go to schools that are closer to home and more leave to go to schools that have a larger population or a better major than what is offered here at Wesleyan.

"Over the last five years the students that leave Wesleyan tend to be white males," said Sullivan.

One of the reasons there is such a big difference between the projected amount of income and the actual figure this semester is that

Wesleyan is a "tuition driven school," said Sullivan, and losing 20 to 30 students at a school this size has a much bigger effect than losing 100 to 200 students at a school the size of East Carolina University.

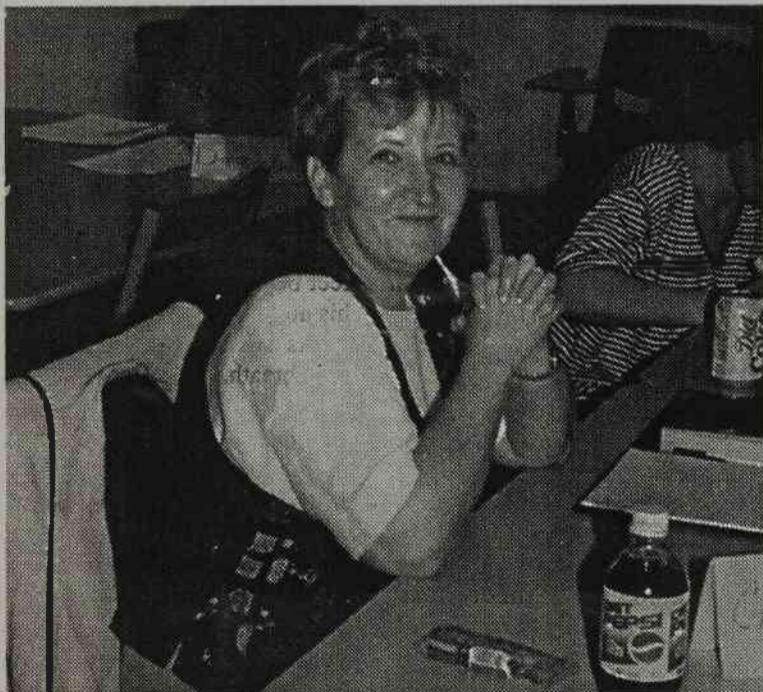
Dr. White said that Wesleyan needs to increase its revenue base, which includes such things as tuition and earning on the endowment and also gifts to the school.

Although Wesleyan has a smaller freshman class than desirable, Dr. White says the new students seem to be "a better quality."

About 62 percent of the class has a grade point average of 2.5 or better, which is the best in years.

SGA Proposed Fall Budget

	Last Year	This Year
CAB	\$26,978	\$19,032
Intramurals	2,700	2,400
Gospel	690	50
BSA	425	240
MAO	0	200
Student Radio	2,205	0
Lacrosse	2,205	1,000
Decree	6,320	3,760
Dramatica	1,233	2,000
PBL	2,000	700
Republicans	410	0
Dissenter	7,796	1,100
Greeks	500	200
SNCAE	115	70
Bacchus	0	25
SGA	2,000	1,800
Psychology	150	200
Totals	\$55,729	\$32,777



COMMITTEE WORK — Housing director Cheryl McKenzie at one of the meetings of several search committees working to fill Wesleyan's upper management vacancies.

Help wanted: College seeks three new VP's

By JESSICA COHOON

North Carolina Wesleyan College has vacancies in three important upper management positions: Vice President of Development, Vice President of Academic Affairs/Dean of the College, and the Vice President of Academic Support/Dean of Adult Programs.

Although the college can function on a temporary basis without these positions being filled, sources say the college will run much better when these vacancies are filled.

Many members of the faculty are working as hard as they can to find just the right person for the job. Each vacant position has a search committee of five or more individuals, including student representatives. The college may seek the help of management consulting firms.

The Vice President of Development is a new position which will be responsible for making sure the college is financially where it needs to be. He or she will be responsible for planning and administrating support

groups, keeping prospective donor and voluntary support records up to date, supervising public information, publications, and working with the Development Association, the Parents' Association, the Board of Distinguished Visitors, and the Alumni Association.

Another important position is the Vice President of Academic Affairs, which is also the Dean of the College. The Dean of the College is directly under the presi-

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Hamrick denies rumors surrounding resignation

By FELICIA DAY

Bentley Hamrick, former Resident Director of Nash Hall men's dormitory, has denied all rumors circulating earlier this year on campus regarding his resignation and contends that he resigned by choice.

Hamrick, who began working

at Wesleyan in August, 1993, served in the capacities of resident director, advisor of the Greek Council, and advisor of the Campus Activity Board. His resignation was effective Sept. 15.

The nature of the rumors alleged that Hamrick was forced to resign, that he dated students, violated dorm rules, and engaged in

misconduct involving verbal and sexual harassment of students.

"I always intended on leaving Wesleyan. It was never going to be a permanent place of employment for me," he said. "I was extremely uncomfortable there, and the time when I had to move forward in my own career."

Hamrick responded to the bulk

of the allegations by noting they were "no longer damaging" to him but "are damaging to students on or off campus because they are still members of the Wesleyan community, and I feel that it is inappropriate to discuss members of the Wesleyan community."

He did note that the resident

director's quarters are considered a private residence.

"It is not under the same housing contract and general housing policy as the dorm rooms for students because resident directors are not students," he said. "Therefore, if I chose to entertain some-

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