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## Adgers says he'll speak for students

By GREG PURCELL

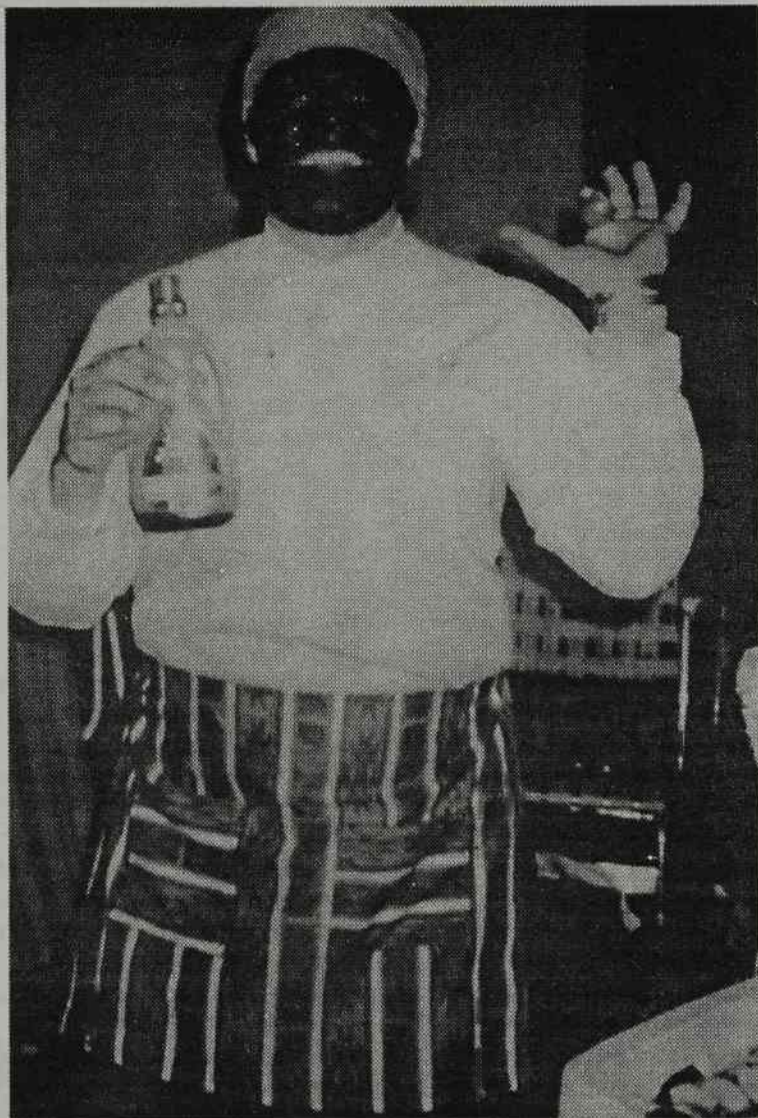
This semester has started off slowly for the SGA. Last year's Executive Board did not leave current board members enough information to make a smooth transition into this school year.

Now, midway into the first semester, things are up and running.

Terrell Adgers, this year's president of SGA, said "I am willing to fight the fight." He is willing to work hard so the students have a voice. "We have a 'good senate with the right leadership, though a good senate is no better than the people that they represent," he said.

Adgers said that his job as president is "to be the go-between to the students and faculty, to make sure the school doesn't overlook the students, and to set a course for the senate."

He added, "I know what segments of the students want, not all but I am damn sure going to do my best to find out."



NCWC STUDENT IN CONTROVERSIAL YEARBOOK PHOTO.

## Yearbook photo stirs controversy

By FELICIA M. DAY

Tension has arisen on the campus of North Carolina Wesleyan College with the distribution of the 1995 *Dissenter* yearbooks.

A section of the yearbook features guests of a campus Halloween costume party. Among the guests pictured was a student dressed as Aunt Jemima on page 26. The photograph alludes to a controversial race issue because the student's face is covered with black make-up and the caption above the photo fails to identify the student. However, all other individuals pictured in the yearbook are named.

Many black students, especially, were offended by the picture as they viewed it indicative of blackface, a comic caricature depicting blacks as frivolous, asinine, fatuous, servants in theatrical performances and films as early as 1769.

Black students at Wesleyan were not as offended by the anonymous students portrayal of the anti-black concept as they were with the level of indiscretion in placing it in the yearbook.

The United States Constitution

secures freedom of expression thus the anonymous student is entitled to his choice of costume, however the location of such an effigy in a yearbook was deemed culturally insensitive by blacks, whites, and the president of NCWC.

Student Government Association President Terrell Adgers said he found the picture offensive.

"The fact that it was printed offended me more than the fact that he (the anonymous student) took it (the picture). It bothers me as a black student and as SGA president," he said. "As the president, I believe that people will look at the yearbook 20 years from now and say, 'Oh, that type of thing went on at Wesleyan,' and as a black man I am offended because it will look like I did nothing about it."

"A yearbook staff is supposed to be a safeguard to oversee materials placed in the yearbook. Apparently this didn't work," he said.

SGA Vice-president, John Radzicki agreed with Adgers:

"It is distasteful and should not  
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## Resident directors appointed

By JESSICA COHOON

"Bachelor's Degree: Masters preferred." This is how the ad appeared for the vacant position of Resident Director that led to 25 resumes being submitted to the committee and two candidates

being selected for: Nash and North Halls.

Marc Gainey has been named RD for North Hall and Bennie St. Romain has been selected for Nash Hall. Depending on their prior commitments, Nancy Van Kuren hopes they will be able to

start in two weeks.

The two were selected after a process that narrowed down applicants to five or six for a closer look. Three interviews were held, and some students from Nash

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## Search committees on track to fill top slots

By JESSICA COHOON

North Carolina Wesleyan may not have vacancies in three upper management positions for too much longer. The committees of these positions have been working hard to fill these positions as quick as possible.

Dr. Kenneth Finney is the chairperson for the Vice President of Academic Affairs/Dean of the College.

"The committee has just put out the ad for the position as of Oct. 16," says Dr. Finney. "The committee has not heard any response yet."

The Dean has the responsibility of taking charge whenever the president is absent. The Dean is the administrator of the Academic Affairs which includes the tasks of recruiting faculty and academic affairs staff, and teaching evaluations.

Dr. C. Dale Therrien is the chair for the Vice President of Academic Support/Dean of Adult Programs. As of right now, he said, "the committee is screening candidates and they are doing 'first cuts.'"

The Vice President of Academic Support/Dean of Adult Programs runs the Adult Degree Program and the Evening College here at Wesleyan. This position requires assisting in adver-

tising, marketing, and representing the college and the Adult Degree Programs. This person also will oversee the Library and the office of the Registrar.

The Vice President of Development search committee is headed by Dean Robert Busson. At the present time the committee is looking at two candidates. When the final decision to be made is not known at this time. This new position will be respon-

sible for making sure the college is financially where it is supposed to be.

The Vice President of Development is also responsible for planning and administrating support groups, keeping prospective donor and voluntary supports records up to date, working with the Development Association, the Parents' Association, the Board of Distinguished Visitors, and the Alumni Association