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SGA passes budget

The Student Government Association Senate met on the morning of Sept. 28 in the Old Doc's to discuss and approve the fall budget.

The SGA Finance Committee brought forth to the Senate its final recommendations on the budget for the fall semester. Having spent almost two weeks putting it together, the Finance Committee was relieved to watch the Senate not take long to pass it.

The total amount budgeted wound up at \$60,590. That was a far cry from the amount of the original budget requests of more than \$96,000.

SGA Treasurer Rick Fontana said that it was a lot of hard work for the committee. Rick added that the committee had to look at what each group really needed, espe-

cially since they had to cut so much. He said "he wished he could give everybody everything they needed, but it wasn't possible."

Rick also pointed out that the budget called for only \$3,400 going into contingency whereas last fall there was \$10,000 placed in contingency.

SGA President Justin Renville applauded the work the Finance Committee did. He said, "(the committee) did a real good job with what they had."

Justin also expressed concern over monies committed, particularly by CAB, prior to the budget being done. He explained that tied up a big portion of the budget right from the outset. However, he did add that he was working with Kevin Hughes, director of

the Hartness Student Center and CAB adviser, on a solution.

Both men had similar thoughts regarding the next set of budgets. Both hoped, for spring semester budgets, that organizations "sit down and really think about what they need, especially since it will make my job easier," as Rick put it.

In other business, the Senate also opened the floor for nominations to fill the vacant Senator-at-Large seat left by C. E. Hodges recent resignation. So far only one person has been nominated.

The nominations were left open until the next meeting Oct 12.

For a complete listing of the SGA Senate members, see The Decree On-line at www.The-Decree.com.

Fall 1998 Budget

(Approved Sept. 28)

	Requested	Approved
B.A.C.C.H.U.S.	\$1,500	\$425
Black Student Association	1,131	685
Campus Activities Board	26,817	23,497
Campus Life	1,450	895
Club Dramatica	2,534	2,050
Decree	5,881	5,006
Dissenter	4,650	2,000
Fellowship of Christian Athletes	3,400	950
GLE Club	3,470	700
Gospel Choir	3,764	1,797
Greek Council	2,150	1,175
Intramural Sports	20,000	10,700
Phi Beta Lambda	3,817	1,410
Radio Station	6,900	2,800
Student Government Assoc.	8,740	6,500
Totals	\$96,204	\$60,590
Totals Disbursed		\$60,590
Total Allotted		\$64,000
Contingency Fund		\$3,410



TOO NICE TO STAY INDOORS — Dr. Chris LaLonde's English class enjoyed a recent morning outside on the grass, taking advantage of the pleasant fall weather.

Wesleyan forum focuses on impeachment process

By AARON DYSON

A forum was held Monday, Oct. 5, to discuss current events, focusing on the topic of President Clinton and the Constitutional process.

The forum was held in the Leon Russell Chapel with a distinguished panel to help facilitate the discussion. This panel and the 40-50 people in attendance dis-

cussed at length whether President Clinton should or should not be impeached.

The panel for this discussion included several North Carolina Wesleyan faculty: Dr. Jane Christensen, Political Science; Dr. Karen Zipf, History; and Dr. Fred Grissom, Religion. Also on the panel were several students: Pam Burnette, Kelcey Stewart, and John Boggs. The final member of

the panel was Richard Horner, a member of the Nash-Rocky Mount Board of Education.

While the focus of the discussion was on the current impeachment issue, the discussion itself included a number of different subjects. There was discussion of the previous impeachment proceedings, involving Presidents Andrew Johnson and Richard Nixon. There was also discussion about what political motives may be underlying recent activities in the United States Congress.

There was also discussion about a resolution recently passed by the Nash-Rocky Mount Board of Education calling for Congress to proceed with an impeachment inquiry. (For a copy of the resolution, see The Decree On-line at www.TheDecree.com.)

This forum is only the first of several to be held. According to Rev. Kirk Oldham, these forums are intended to get the campus community "to engage in discussion of current issues." No date has yet been set for the next one.

Groups happy with 'Get on Board' results

Get-on-Board Day was held recently on Sept. 30, a warm Wednesday afternoon.

Eight campus organizations set up displays on the patio in front of the Hardee's Student Union. Black Student Association, Bacchus, Club Dramatica, Gospel Choir, Phi Beta Lambda, the Psychology Club, the radio station, and The Decree all had representatives on hand to talk with interested students and to sign up

potential members.

Get-on-Board Day, sponsored by the SGA, allows all SGA-funded groups the opportunity for students to learn more about their organizations. It is also an opportunity for these organizations to sign up new members. However, the organizational turnout was low as well as the student turnout. Only about 40 students came by the displays.

Will Carpenter and Eric Evans

were representing the radio station. Will, when asked about the turnout, said it was a "decent turnout." He also said the radio station "got a few new members" and he "could work with it." According to Will, the radio station got ten sign-ups.

Club Dramatica's Sid Grady said "it was a fair turnout." She also indicated that she got a few sign-ups but said the real benefit is that Club Dramatica will "get

more when friends bring friends."

Saying there were "a whole bunch interested," Thomas Snelling, president of Bacchus, said he was happy with the turnout. Also, Thomas added that he felt this "got people looking in the right direction with what they want to do after this." The Decree, Gospel Choir, and Phi Beta Lambda representatives all indicated that they had gotten a few prospects as well.