



Students enjoy unusually balmy weather while sitting at a picnic table, SGA's 1989 gift to WCC. (L to R): Danny Weeks, Mike Aycock, David Jordan, Pam McIntosh, Tammy Pospichel, and Jamie Pate, Student Activity Coordinator.
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SGA funds: where are they going?

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At the beginning of the winter quarter 2,185 students enrolled in Wayne Community College.

When these students paid for their classes, they also paid a \$6 dollar activity fee.

A survey indicates that WCC is in line with all the other community colleges in the area with its activity fee.

At Lenoir Community College with an enrollment of 1,940 students, the activity fee is determined by the number of hours a student takes during that quarter, \$7 for full-time students and \$2 for part-time students.

At Johnston Technical College, with an enrollment of 1,582 students, the fee is \$7 dollars for full-time students and \$5 dollars for part-time.

At Wake Technical College, with an enrollment of 4,802 students, the fee is \$2 dollars per quarter.

The WCC SGA's total budget amounts to \$33,000.

Where does this money go?

According to Jerry Kornegay, Director of Student Activities and Recruiting, the majority

goes into student entertainment.

For 1988-89, funds totaled \$10,800 for SGA-sponsored dances and cookouts held for the entire year.

According to Kornegay every time a cook-out or cook-in is held, the SGA has to pay \$150 for the food, depending on what is being served.

The price continues to increase if drinks are brought in by Pepsi or Mt. Dew.

Usually there are 4-5 cookouts a year, so these account for a small portion of SGA funds. Ice Creame Fests and Donut Socials also fall into this category.

Dances take the largest portion of entertainment funds.

A dance with a DJ starts at around \$800. If a band is hired, the cost starts at \$2000.

These figures do not include any extras such as security, rent (if the building is off campus), or damages caused by a student.

On-campus dances held in the past had a low attendance rate.

Dances held off campus at clubs such as Mother's, The Juke Box, and Bogart's

(when it was still open) have attracted more students.

One Homecoming Dance at Bogarts drew in over 200 students, and the Homecomings at Mother's and The Juke Box attracted 150 or more.

Approximately 200 students and guests attended this year's Homecoming Dance at The Juke Box.

The Homecoming and the dance were successful except for vandalism at the dance.

According to Kornegay the money to repair the damage will come from the Student Activities Fund.

In the area of athletics WCC has a basketball, volleyball, softball, and a golf team. Only \$6500 is allotted from the budget to support these teams.

Kornegay and Jamie Pate, Student Activities Coordinator, decide what portion of funds goes to each team.

With WCC's renewed interest in sports, two new sports were added to the lineup last year: volleyball and basketball.

This past fall quarter was the first time in the history of WCC sports that a volleyball team was formed.

According to Jamie Pate, the Student Activity Coordinator, the cost of one season of volleyball is \$1200. This amount covers

everything needed and used in and for the games such as referees, equipment, and rental of the building.

Basketball, on the other hand, costs WCC \$2700 because of the longer season.

The other sports fall in line with volleyball, with softball at \$1500 a season and golf at \$1000 a season.

With these two additions the athletic account has to be stretched in every direction to allow enough money to go to each sport, Kornegay said.

This means that each sport gets one piece of equipment when the old wears out or breaks.

These amounts are determined by Kornegay and the coaches of each team.

For the last couple of years the SGA has purchased 15 Family Y memberships for the use of students, totaling \$1701.

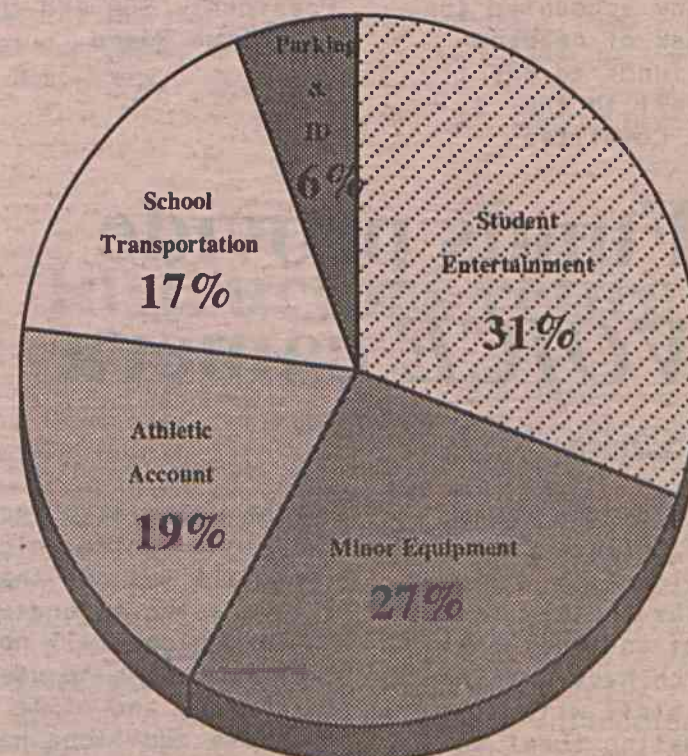
To use these passes, students must go to the Student Activities office, present their I. D., and pick up the pass.

Then they present this pass to the desk clerk at the Family Y.

The line item labeled minor equipment on the pie graph indicates the gift of 11 picnic tables to the new campus at a cost of \$9,525.

These tables, made of concrete and steel, weigh more than 1000 pounds each.

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Pie graph shows major components of the SGA's 1988-89 budget of \$33,000.
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