

## WSSU Cancels Teaching Major

At the recommendation of WSSU administration and departmental officials, the teaching degree program in biology will no longer be offered by the university.

At present, only two students are majoring in biology-education. They will be allowed to complete the program, but no new majors will be accepted.

The decision to eliminate that major is a very minor occurrence, says WSSU's academic dean Dr. Lafayette Parker. It will involve no staff changes.

The teacher education review program periodically examines all of the university's education degree programs, and rates them according to: quality, productivity, and need.

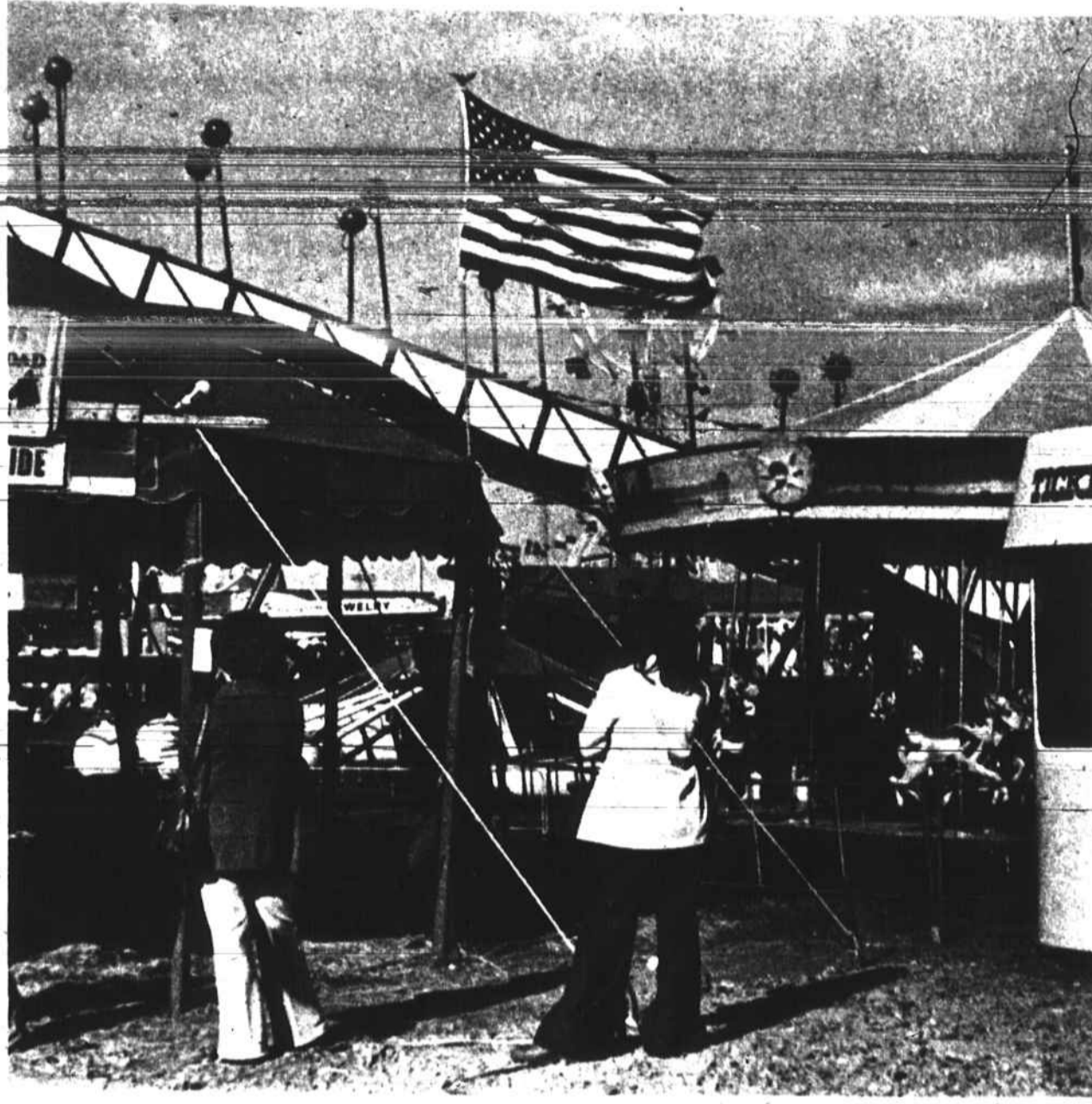
The biology-education major was judged unnecessary on the basis of productivity and need.

Since 1970 only 16

persons have graduated with that major and the number of majors shows a steady decline. Most biology majors do not specialize in the education program, since there is an over-supply of teachers. Student biologists tend to prefer jobs in industry doing research, or in the health care field. Some go on to medical school.

The biology department is alive and well, stressed Dr. Parker. The elimination of the teaching program merely reflects the students' trend toward other uses of the major.

The biology-education major is the only program that WSSU plans to eliminate at this time. A study, headed by Donald J. Stedman, of the state university system also called for more majors in WSSU's political science and sociology departments, and program improvement in art, business, and health & physical education.



...Where Wishes Are Horses

The Dixie Classic Fair offers a variety of transportation to fit every fantasy: from the real-live pony of the would-be cowboy to the carousel steeds for fanciers of Pegasus. There are ferris wheels and parachutes for the dare-devils. None of them gets you anywhere, but you'll have a wonderful time on your way. The fair is a nine-day wonder, ending October 8th.

## Hunt Denies Plot To Close Black Schools

By Sharyn Bratcher  
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Governor James Hunt told an audience at the N.C. Alumni and Friends Coalition Banquet that he was opposed to the closing of any black university.

"I was asked that question by a radio announcer on my way in here tonight," said Hunt. "And I looked him straight in the eye and said: 'That tells me how your mind works, because no one has proposed the closing of any white universities.'"

Speculation about the closing of one of the black state universities, specifically Elizabeth City State, became widespread after the Greater University of North Carolina released the results of a study of the state's teacher education programs, and recommended that a number of them be eliminated. The announcement that schools should de-emphasize teaching programs,

because of a teacher surplus, led many observers to conclude that Elizabeth City State University, primarily a teachers' college, was bound for extinction.

That is not the intention of the study at all, says Dr. Lafayette Parker, academic dean of Winston-Salem State University. WSSU has agreed to cancel its teacher education major in biology, but Dr. Parker pointed out that UNC-Chapel Hill, UNC-Greensboro, and N.C. State have also eliminated one teaching major. "We're in good company," says Parker.

Governor Hunt was the guest speaker at the N.C. Alumni and Friends Coalition Banquet, held Friday night at Benton Convention Center in

Winston-Salem. Hunt took that opportunity to appoint six new members to the State Advisory Committee for Racially Nondiscriminatory Public Postsecondary Education.

The new committee members, representing the six minority schools, will ensure that these schools have their rightful place in the University system, said Hunt. "They will have input in deciding what our decisions in the university system will be," he went on.

The minority representatives are: Lawrence Cooper, of the Office of Employment and Training, representing North Carolina Central University; Mrs. Effie Miller, wife of the president of Bennett College, repre-

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James Garner receives his Employee of the Year Award from Mayor Franklin Shirley at Tuesday's banquet for the Handicapped.

## Garner Is Handicapped Employee Of The Year

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James Garner who overcame the handicap of having lost his left leg while in the service of his country to become a Recreation Director for the city recreation department as well as a leader in

civic affairs in his community was honored by the Mayor's Committee For The Handicapped (MARCH) last Tuesday night as one of two Handicapped Employees of the Year. Garner received his award at the annual awards dinner of MARCH at Benton Convention Center. G. Wayne Mabe, Chairman of MARCH acted as Master of Ceremonies. Bridagier General Norman C. Gaddis was the speaker for the occasion. Gaddis, a prisoner for six years during the Vietnam war commended the handicapped saying, "I can identify with you after being in a concentration camp. It takes a great deal of courage to fight back when handicapped. These people could feel sorry for themselves but they don't."

In receiving the award Garner said, "This is something I have dreamed about ever since I was told I was going to receive an award. I thank God for making it possible. To the handicapped I want to say that only the strong survive. Remember this and never give up and you will make it."

Others receiving a-

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## Five Amendments On Nov. 8 Ballot

The proposed amendment to let the governor seek a second term has captured almost all the attention, but when North Carolina's voters go to the polls November 8 they will also find four other amendments to the State Constitution on the ballot.

Amendments 1 and 2 deal with sex discrimination—one giving a new legal right to men and the other to women. Amendment 3 is the succession proposal, which would permit the governor and lieutenant governor to seek two terms instead of the present one. Amendment 4 would give the state's electric cities more flexibility in owning generating facilities. Amendment 5 would put into the Constitution the present general statute requirement that the state operate with a balanced budget.

The two proposed amendments that deal with sex discrimination offer a new equal right to each sex.

Amendment 1 extends to widowed men an exemption of their homestead from debts of their dead spouse. Now, only widowed women get the exemption.

Amendment 2 extends to a wife the same right now granted a husband to insure his life for the benefit of his spouse and children, free of the claims of his estate's creditors.

Amendment 5 would put into the Constitution the balanced budget principle under which the state already operates by statute.

## Enfield Hosts Two-Day Meet

## Churches Fight Against Stevens

By Carolina Community News Service

Eight-five church leaders from across the eastern United States gathered for a two-day conference outside Enfield at Bricks Community Center last weekend resolving to join the 14 year-old campaign of workers at J.P. Stevens plants around the nation to unionize and negotiate contracts.

The church leaders, representatives of five groups: the United Church of Christ, the Quakers, the United Disciples for Christ, Catholics and Baptists

resolved to engage in various consciousness-raising activities intended to gain support for the Stevens' workers. All endorsed a one year old boycott of more than 100 products manufactured by the Company, the nation's second largest manufacturer of textiles.

The conference included a film "Testimony" which was presented Friday evening. The film documented unsafe work conditions, unfair labor practices and discrimination within the plant. Several workers were interviewed who described how they had lost fingers in unsafe ma-

chines, had contracted "brown lung" disease from cotton dust which fills the air in some plants and the insensitivity of the company to these conditions and their effect on the workers. The film is being shown to groups around the nation, upon request, by the Amalgamated Clothing Textile Union.

Two panel discussions Saturday morning evoked much discussion among the church-people. The

first included former and present workers at the Roanoke Rapids plant. Linwood Ivey, an employee with 17 years seniority, told of whites hired at the plant the same time he was hired who are now in supervisory positions. Ivey said he remains in the same position that he was hired for in 1960.

Last year, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, found that racial

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## Wilmington Ten Receives Award

The George W. Collins Award for Community Service was conveyed to 10 incarcerated civil rights activists by the Congressional Black Caucus at their annual fundraising banquet. In the presence of President Carter who attended the dinner in Washington, Congressman Conyers introduced the award explaining that the Caucus acknowledges, "the historic contribution of the 'Wilmington 10' to the cause of justice and human rights for blacks everywhere."

He continued by drawing parallels between the "10" and the recently killed South African leader Steve Biko. "The only significant difference between Rev. Chavis and Steve Biko... is that Ben Chavis is still alive. Both were marked men from the start." Criticizing the Carter administration he continued, "The irony of it all is that, as the Congressional Black Caucus was informed by Vice President Mondale this morning, this nation's ability to exercise moral authority for human rights in international forums

stems directly from the legacy of the civil rights movement. Any yet, a leader in the struggle for civil and human rights in America languishes in a North Carolina prison apparently beyond the reach of the United States government's legal and, more important, moral authority."

Although several references were made to these innocent victims throughout the evening, most notably by the dinner's M.C. distinguished actor Ossie Davis, President Carter remained silent on the issue.

Ms. Imani Kazana, National Coordinator for the Wilmington 10 Defense Committee, cites the significance of this award by explaining, "For the first time an impressive collection of black leadership has notified President Carter that the Wilmington 10 is of national importance and concern. This high award given in Carter's presence placed the contradictory human rights policy right out front so all could see."



...The Silent Minority

It's a sad world when a beautiful blond gets locked up because nobody wants her. This female poodle is in custody at the Forsyth County Animal Shelter waiting to be adopted. For \$15, you can take her away from all that, and get a bonus of love and companionship. "Farrah" can be seen at the Animal Shelter on Fairchild Road off Liberty Street Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 5:00 and Saturdays until 1:00. She also has friends who need homes.