



Winners of awards at annual Honor's Awards Convocation pose with the trophies. They are (l. to r.) Ted Turner, Allen Ragsdale, Bill Gruver, Ed Smith, Ronnie Arrington, Tommy Farmer, Melvin Gay, Tom Hinte, Mary Catherine Flythe, and Ralph Thomas. Ben Roney, Jr., is absent.

N. C. Wesleyan Honors Outstanding Students

Eleven students received awards for outstanding academic achievement, an award given by the Rocky Mount Kiwanis Club to the senior who has the highest academic average in the college gymnasium Tuesday morning, May 16.

The students were awarded trophies in recognition of their performances in various academic and extra-curricular areas.

Dean of Students Dr. Sim O. Wilde delivered the convocation address. Awards were presented by Dr. Thomas A. Collins, college president.

Melvin Gay, Jr., of Farmville, president of the Student Government Association, received two awards: the President's Cup, given to the senior who exemplifies outstanding competence in academics and in leadership and service, and a special plaque, presented on behalf of the student body by SGA vice president George Ennis, in recognition of his service to the school.

Allen Ragsdale of Waverly, Va., chairman of the student judicial board, received the Leadership and Service Award for women. William Gruver of Springfield, Va., president of this year's graduating class, was recipient of the award for men. The women's award was given by the Pilot Club of Rocky Mount and men's by the Wesleyan College Chaplain.

Mary Catherine Flythe of Spotsylvania, Va., was awarded the plaque for outstanding academic achievement, an award given by the Rocky Mount Kiwanis Club to the senior who has the highest academic average in the college gymnasium Tuesday morning, May 16.

Two Rocky Mount students received awards in their major areas of study. Benjamin Roney, Jr., was recognized for his outstanding achievement in economics and Ronnie Arrington received the John Paul Jones History Award for the best history term paper. The economics award was given by the Wall Street Journal and the history award by the Nash County Committee of Colonial Dames.

Two athletic awards were presented. Tom Farmer of Washington Grove, Md., was honored as Athlete of the Year and received a plaque given by the Rocky Mount Civitan Club. Ralph Thomas of Tillsonburg, Ontario, was selected Most Valuable Soccer Player by his teammates.

Theodore Turner of Oceanside, N.Y., received the Outstanding Achievement in Music Award, a plaque given by the Music Review Club of Rocky Mount to the student who made the most creative contribution to the musical life on the Wesleyan campus.

Tom Hinte, a senior from Greenville, received the Wesleyan Players Award for his contribution to college dramatics and Edward Smith, III, was the recipient of the Freshman Writing Award.

Gardner to Address Alumni At Annual Banquet

Representative James C. Gardner, Jr., of the Fourth Congressional District, will be the featured speaker at the banquet which will conclude the second annual Alumni Day Saturday, June 3.

Gardner, a Rocky Mount native and executive vice president of Hardee's Food Systems, defeated long-time Democratic Congressman Harold D. Cooley in the last election to become the district's first Republican Congressman since Reconstruction days.

The banquet, which will be held in the cafeteria at 6 p.m. will be preceded there by an Alumni Reception at 5:30 p.m. The Anonymous Trio, a folk music group which won first place in the Circle K Talent Show held on campus recently, will furnish entertainment.

The day will begin with a Board of Directors meeting at 10 a.m. in the Alumni Office. At 2 p.m., the annual meeting will open in 105 Gravelly. Com-

mittee reports will be heard, officers elected, and other business transacted at this meeting. Dr. Collins is expected to give a progress report on the college year.

All members of this year's graduating class are invited to participate in the activities of the day, including both the afternoon meeting and the reception and banquet in the evening.

The Baccalaureate sermon will be preached Sunday morning, June 4 at 11 a.m. by Dr. H. L. Finger, Jr., a bishop in the Methodist Church in Tennessee. Commencement exercises for Wesleyan's eighty-three candidates will be held in the gymnasium at 4 p.m. that day. Congressman L. H. Fountain will deliver the fourth commencement address.

Diplomas will be presented by Board of Trustees chairman Luther Hill and president Thomas A. Collins.

The outdoor band concert will be held that afternoon at 3 p.m.

Trustees Hold Annual Meet: Approve Frats, Tuition Raise

The approving of faculty membership, passage of a resolution adopting a social fraternity system for Wesleyan and the announcement of an increase in tuition beginning in 1968 highlighted the May 19 annual meeting of the Board of Trustees.

The board approved faculty membership for the academic year 1967-68 including forty-six persons named, and to include approximately four or five additional instructors. Eleven new faculty members were included among the faculty recommended for next year.

Acting on a resolution of the Education Committee and at the request of administrative, faculty and student committees, the board also approved the

organizations of campus, a pattern of local fraternities and sororities but with no national organizations during a five year trial period. (See related story elsewhere in this paper.)

The board also voted to raise tuition and resident costs for the academic year 1968-69 by \$125 per year. Under the measure approved, tuition will be raised from \$650 per year to \$750 annually, room rent from \$250 to \$275 annually with a total increase from \$1575 to \$1,700 for a resident student, including tuition, all fees, room and board.

The board noted that the raise was necessary to meet increased costs of operation faculty and staff increases, and substantially increased labor costs.

They noted that Wesleyan currently maintains one of the most favorable rates for students, as the student is required to contribute approximately 56% of the cost of educational and general college expenses. They pointed out that the national average for private college will be approximately \$1,840 and \$2,780 at a private college, making N. C. Wesleyan in the very moderate range in terms of student charges.

In his annual report to the board College President Thomas A. Collins noted that this year for the first time gifts to the college during the academic year would probably exceed \$1,000,000 by May 31.

Dr. Collins also reported on the achievement of full accreditation by the Southern Association and the American Association of Colleges in the minimum period of time and noted the successful establishment of an active Alumni Association.

He also reported that the college had adopted a development program to "Enhance Great Teaching" at N. C. Wesleyan College.

In announcing gifts to the college, he noted several outstanding ones including the largest bequest in the history of the college (the Anna P. Bonney estate in excess of \$100,000), the largest federal grant (more than \$178,000 for the library), the largest single grant from a foundation (\$30,000 from the Mary Reynolds

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