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Wesleyan Celebrates Silver Anniversary

By **MARTIE BARBOUR**
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This is a "great day in the young life of North Carolina Wesleyan College," said Wesleyan's president, S. Bruce Petteway as he welcomed college founders,

trustees, faculty and students to the 25th Founders Day Convocation on Friday.

We are here, he continued, to pay homage to the founders of the college who were determined to open

Wesleyan, and to show our gratitude for their continuing interest in North Carolina Wesleyan College.

The Honorable Frederick E. Turnage, Mayor of the City of Rocky Mount presented a proclamation to President S. Bruce Petteway designating Sunday, October 25 as North Carolina Wesleyan Day in Rocky Mount, as the college was founded on that same day in 1956.

"North Carolina Wesleyan College has become and integral part of the educational, spiritual, social, cultural, and financial life of the Rocky Mount community, through its administration, faculty, staff and students," he noted.

Wesleyan's first president, Dr. Thomas A. Collins was in

attendance at the convocation to recognize all of Wesleyan's founders. He expressed a desire to enumerate all of "the distinct contributions so many had made," but that time did not allow such recognition.

He did, however, make known to all in attendance who the founders of the college were.

"I became the president of 205 acres of land," he noted. But the determination of Wesleyan's founders made it possible to open the college in September of 1960. When it did open, construction had not yet been completed.

Makeshift wooden stairs provided the only means of entrance to the three main administrative buildings on campus, and the science classrooms had no elec-

tricity.

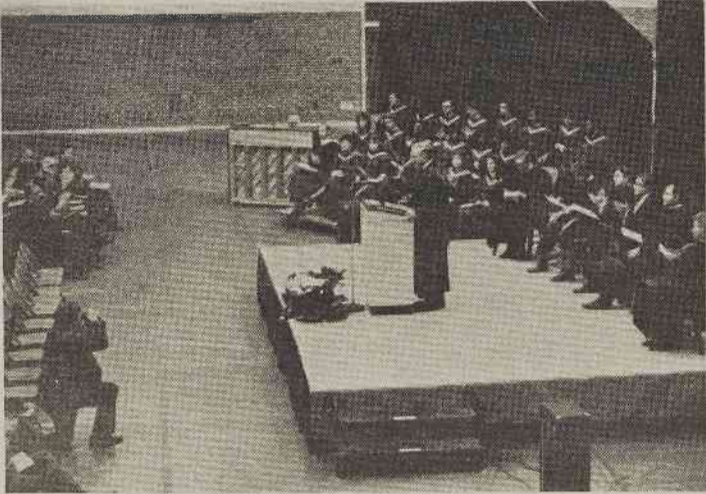
I hope that there will be many more to represent the college in the next 25 years, he said in closing, "and that with the Lord's help we can make Wesleyan strong."

The Honorable J. Phil Carlton, chairman of the NCWC board of trustees and Associate Justice of the N.C. Supreme Court, presented the Honorable Louis B. Meyer, another Associate Justice on the N.C. Supreme Court to give the Convocation Address.

"25 years ago, North Carolina Wesleyan College was just a dream in the minds of its founders," Meyer cited.

A graduate of Wake Forest University, Meyer understands the importance and significance of small

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Wesleyan's first president, Dr. Thomas A. Collins, speaks to students and faculty at the Founder's Day Convocation. (Photo by Reggie Sagadraca)



1981 Homecoming success

By **Tony Stroud**
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Homecoming Weekend at dear ole' North Carolina Wesleyan College was successful again this year. For five days, the students, staff and alumni, were treated to events that have made this yearly tradition loved by all. Good turn-outs and fond memories dominated the Fall classic.

Wednesday and Thursday were the warm-up days for the extended weekend. Greek open house was the Wednesday lead-off event and the Thursday happening was an Alpha Delta Chi golden beverage blast.

Friday was the first day of the heavy stuff—that is, for those who weren't phased by the first two nights. At noon the pie throw proved to be great fun and a profitable fund raiser. Approximately \$75.00 was netted by Edgecombe Hall, the sponsor of the event. Tony Stroud brought the most

cash, \$22.00. Fred Heaviside and Ed Nixon finished a close second.

With nightfall Friday, fun and good times shifted into high gear. Northgreen Country Club, for the second consecutive year, was the sight of the fall pig-pickin'. This southern folk tradition always seems to win over the skeptical freshmen.

The night was filled with a great deal of food, ale and fun. A chugging contest was the only organized extra activity, but there is no doubt various other events were happening. The crowd tapered off as the evening wore on and everyone left "happy" and full.

Saturday was opened by the soccer game and introduction of the Homecoming Court. The game's outcome added to the fun most definitely. Details are on page 4 concerning the 3-1 victory over Newport News Apprentice.

The Saturday night action

shifted to Josh Bullock's Bar-B-Que. The Homecoming dance added to the list of successes for the weekend. An excellent crowd turned out to hear the music of "Lyrics." That night, though filled with socializing and dancing, was highlighted by the crowning of the Homecoming Queen for 1981-82. This year's winner was Miss Debbie Dunbar. Miss Dunbar was escorted by Tom Haverkamp.

Sunday's final event was the annual Mudfest. Susan Heaton and Randy Baber were the victorious couple in this slimy event. Several other couples were featured, but could not overcome the mud king and queen.

This completed still another Homecoming weekend. This yearly event, which follows a traditional format, will always leave those involved with fond memories and hopeful anticipation of the next.

1981 Homecoming Queen

By **Brooks Skinner**
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Amidst the backdrop of the 1981 Homecoming dance held at Josh Bullock's Bar-B-Que on Saturday night, October 10, Debbie Dunbar was crowned North Carolina Wesleyan College's Homecoming Queen. The event was the climax of the exciting and busy Homecoming weekend.

Debbie is a member of, and was sponsored by the



Wesleyan students enjoy the 1981 Homecoming dance at Josh Bullock's. (Photo by Reggie Sagadraca)

Junior class. She was, however, voted on by the entire student body.

"I was thrilled and surprised," said Debbie about the honor. "I really couldn't believe it." Perhaps this striking young lady is being modest.

Debbie is five feet, four inches tall, has shoulder-length strawberry blonde hair and blue eyes. It is not difficult to see how she won the crown.

Debbie is a Criminal Justice major, and she chose North Carolina Wesleyan because of its outstanding Criminal Justice Department.

Upon graduation, Debbie hopes to do para-legal work or work with young people. She also hopes to soon become involved in the Phoenix organization, which will work with youth at the Fountain Youth Center.

Debbie lives in Edgecombe Dorm where she is a member of her Hall council. She enjoys needle point, but has little time for hobbies, because, in addition

to her many activities at Wesleyan, she still finds time to work at J.R.'s Steakhouse.

Debbie is from Raleigh where her father works for the City. She has one younger sister.



Debbie Dunbar



Students and faculty "pig out" at Northgreen County Club on Homecoming weekend. (Photo by Fred Gilbert)