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DR. LINDA FLOWERS ENJOYS GRADUATION MOMENT.

Wesleyan mourns professor's death

A campus memorial service for Dr. Linda Flowers was held in the Leon Russell Chapel on Feb. 4, and classes scheduled then were canceled so everyone could attend.

Flowers died on Jan. 21 after a continuing illness. Her funeral was held in Faison on Jan. 23.

She was an active member of the campus community for many years, continuing through the Fall of 1999. She was Professor of English, and had been Jefferson-Pilot Professor, Director of the Visiting Writers Series, Department Chair, Director of the 1990 Self Study, and filled many other roles. Her last significant contribution to the college was the writing and editing of the college's new Faculty Handbook, distributed recently.

Flowers was the author of an acclaimed book, *Thrown away: failures of progress in Eastern North Carolina*. More recently she wrote an essay, "I have come home," based on diaries of her illness, which was published in

the N.C. Crossroads (the newsletter of the N.C. Humanities Council).

"Linda loved the College and her profession," said Robert Trullinger, vice president for academic affairs. "She also greatly valued her colleagues and her interactions with them. She contributed greatly to the life of the College community through her various roles."

A Templeton Science and Religion mini-conference will be held at NCWC on Saturday, Feb. 26, in the Powers Recital Hall of the Dunn Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The theme of the conference, which is free and open to the public, is "Evolution, Ecology and Religion." Different aspects of environmentalism, ecology, and evolution and their religious significance will be addressed.

Snow blankets campus

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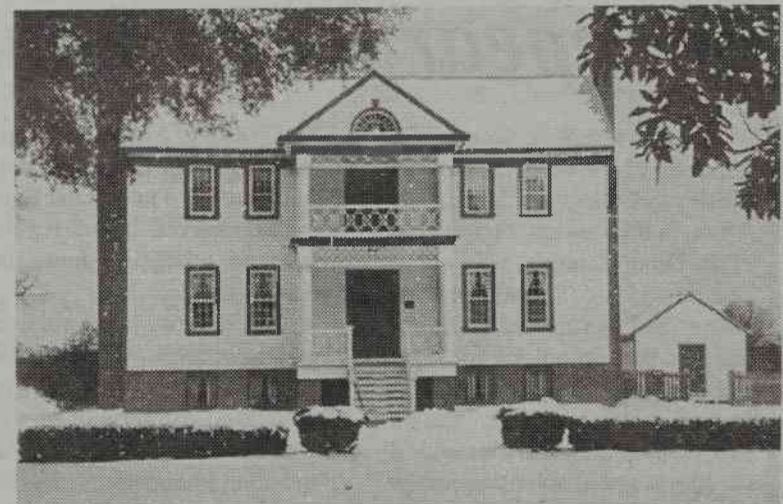
This year, Rocky Mount has had its share of horrific storms. First and foremost, we experienced Floyd. This hurricane brought havoc and destruction to all in its path. Needless to say, the storm will affect all of the people who witnessed it first hand. This winter, though, the North Carolina Wesleyan College faculty and students got a surprise. We had a snowfall accumulation of about 6-9 inches.

This weather system took everybody by surprise, including the meteorologist who had not predicted that we would even have a storm. The snow was magical. It brought out the child in all of us. Snow fights took place almost instantly and sledding became a favorite pastime. The last week of J-Term was canceled and the first day of spring classes were delayed until the next day. Students were able to relax and thoroughly enjoyed doing so. I had a great time trying to build a snowman. It is too bad that "Frosty" turned out to be a giant turtle.

As usual, the positives of any situation are almost always accompanied by many negatives. The snow was horrible to drive in. If a person was not experienced in this new driving situation, it could become dangerous for that person to get out in the snow. Some power lines were affected and electricity was scarce in some areas. Throughout North



JUNIOR AARON PALEN WALKS ACROSS SNOWY CAMPUS.



BELLEMONT HOUSE WAS THOROUGHLY WHITE.

Carolina, the snow had left communities helpless. Hospitals needed volunteers with four-wheel-drive trucks and it seemed as though the snow plows were not plowing fast enough. It was especially tricky driving at night. The road conditions around Wesleyan went from ice to snow and back to ice. Many even found

it hard to drive in the slush when the snow did finally melt.

The snow finally did go away, and life is back to normal. Now that the snow is basically gone, classes and businesses have resumed on a normal schedule. The snow was considered to be a headache for some and blessing for others.

Templeton mini-conference scheduled

and their religious and ecological repercussions.

Dr. Jerome Creach will give a lecture entitled "The Image of God and the Ecological Crisis." Creech teaches New Testament at Barton College, and with his wife Page, received a grant from the Louisville Institute for a project entitled "God's Creation and Humanity's Response."

Dr. Tony Martin, assistant professor of Geosciences at Emory

University will give a slide/lecture on "Life Traces of the Past and Present and Their Connections to Spiritual Traditions." Martin is an ichnologist with an interest in the spiritual dimensions of paleontology.

Further information and contact details can be obtained from Dr. Nicola Creegan at 985-5158 or at the following web page: <http://www.ncwc.edu/information/events/templeton.htm>.