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President Collins' Message on Wesleyan's Tenth Anniversary

The first students arrived at North Carolina Wesleyan College on September 19, 1960. Ninety-two students registered in that first freshman class, and the college emerged from the dream world and became a reality.

This did not just happen—five long years of planning went into this simple beginning. In 1955 the people of Rocky Mount proposed to the North Carolina Annual Conference of The Methodist Church that cooperatively a new college should be located in Rocky Mount. The conference approved the establishment of a senior, coeducational, liberal arts college in Rocky Mount in Goldsboro at a special session in May, 1956.

The State of North Carolina granted a charter to the proposed college on October 25, 1956 and under the leadership of twenty-four trustees, a college was officially born.

With Luther W. Hill of Tarboro as Chairman of the Board of Trustees and W. Jasper Smith of Bethel as Business Manager, the planning began. The Trustees selected the firm of Lasmit, James, Pollock and Brown of Winston-Salem, North Carolina to serve as architect and engineers for the new campus. Approval was given to the modified Georgian Colonial architectural pattern and the power plant was started in 1958.

In March 1959 Thomas A. Collins was elected to become first president of the college. A ministerial member of the North Carolina Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, he was serving as Executive Director of the Board of Missions and Church Extension. He began the task of selecting a Dean, Director of Admission, Librarian, and with Dean Jack W. Moore, the first college faculty.

Dean Moore came to Wesleyan in January of 1960 after seven years as Dean of Kendall College of Evanston, Illinois. They enlisted the aid of nine full time faculty members, and three part-time associates for that first faculty. Four members of that first faculty still teach at Wesleyan, Dean Jack Moore, Dr. Raymond Bauer, Dr. William Sasser and Dr. Arch Sharer.

A first goal of any educational institution must be accreditation of its program by educational associates. Accreditation is a magic phrase which is sometimes difficult to understand. Accreditation represents approval by educational associations that a college has established, and will maintain, an academic program recognizable as meeting basic requirements of competence, and preparing students well enough to make them acceptable for transfer or for continuance in graduate schools in competition with other students from similar schools and colleges offering a liberal arts educational program.

From the beginning communication was maintained with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the University Senate of The Methodist Church, the North Carolina College Conference (now the Association of North Carolina Colleges and Universities and with the Office of Education, Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Because of letters of commendation from neighboring North Carolina Colleges, Wesleyan was quickly approved for governmental programs by the U. S. Office of Education. The University Senate of The Methodist Church approved North Carolina Wesleyan for pre-theological training, and for admission to Methodist graduate schools of theology in

the fall of 1963.

In December 1963 the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools granted North Carolina Wesleyan College a status of candidate for membership. This was the first college in North Carolina ever to have been so honored. This candidacy has been renewed each year until this fall when official action will be taken on our application for membership.

Last academic year Wesleyan underwent a thorough self-study. In April a Special Study Committee visited from the Southern Association, and made their report this fall. Official action will be taken on the application at the Annual Meeting in Miami Beach November 27-30, 1966. If approval is given for membership, this will extend accreditation back to the first students who studied and were graduated from North Carolina Wesleyan College.

James Cass, education editor of Saturday Review, said, in the current issue, "Education reporting today is very much like snapping a photo of a moving object—by the time the shutter has clicked, the picture has changed."

This is what it is like to try to take a look into the future for North Carolina Wesleyan College. Not many years ago it was possible to look at the records of the past few years, add a fixed percentage of students, classrooms, and books, the predict needs for the future. This is no longer possible.

To look into the future and plan for Wesleyan's part in that future, the Board of Trustees wisely approved the establishment of a Long Range Planning Committee consisting of trustees, administrative officers, faculty members, students, and alumni of the college. This committee has met four times and will meet many more times before they bring in recommendations for growth and development during the next decade to the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees next spring.

With no attempt to prejudice the careful study and planning by this committee there are some things we can foresee for North Carolina Wesleyan College as it looks forward to a twentieth birthday in October 1977.

The student body will have grown beyond the 1,000 mark with approximately 800 resident students in campus houses. Possibly 575 will be male students and 450 female students.

An Auditorium-Fine Arts complex will be built with an Auditorium seating 1,200 persons for performances and functions on campus. A Physical Science Building will house the expanded Chemistry and physics departments, with Gravelly Science Building serving the biology department.

Student life on campus will be enriched by the Natatorium adjacent to the present Gymnasium and additional tennis courts. The present student union-cafeteria will be the college cafeteria, and a new Student Union will offer recreational and social activities such as bowling, table tennis, billiards, club rooms, and social halls for large and small social gatherings.

The religious life of the students will center around the College Chapel built just in front of the College Library. Additional buildings will be added as new needs are discovered.

A strong faculty will be a primary emphasis, as it has always been. We will retain a 14-1, 15-1 student-faculty ratio so contacts can be numerous and student



Lieut. Governor Robert Scott

FEATURED SPEAKER

The featured speaker at North Carolina Wesleyan's tenth anniversary convocation will be Lt. Governor Robert Scott.

Scott, a native of North Carolina, was born at Haw River on June 13, 1929. From 1947-49 he was a student at Duke and North Carolina State University, where he received his B.S. degree. On October 1, 1951, he married Jessie Rae Osborne.

In 1965 Scott was elected Lt. Governor, beating Clifton Blue in the second primary of that year. Mr. Scott has made an impressive record as a statesman and a citizen of North Carolina. The following are only a few of his accomplishments: Member of North Carolina Board of Conservation and Development, Member of the North Carolina Seashore Commission (1961-1964), Chairman of the U.F. for Education, Democratic Precinct Chairman (1963-64), County Vice-Chairman, State Social District Executive Chairman, and he served in the United States Army from 1953-55.

AVIV THEATER TO PRESENT PROGRAM

The Aviv Theater of Dance and Song will present its musical program at 8:15 in Garber Chapel to culminate activities of Founders' Day.

Aviv has been received with great enthusiasm wherever it has appeared. During the past seven years the company has toured throughout the United States, Canada, and South America, appearing on coast-to-coast television on all major networks, at music festivals, in theaters, colleges, and community centers.

Members of the company are Frances Alenikoff, Viki and Yuri Chatal, and the folksinger "Dushka." Frances Alenikoff, director-choreographer of Aviv and its principal dancer, has had a varied and

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participation in all phases of college life can be expected.

We have looked into the future beyond what any of us can see, but much of what we see through a glass, darkly, will become clear before any of us are conscious that the years have flown so swiftly.