



December 19, 1966--A Day To Remember

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Accreditation...

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"This early recognition fulfills our fondest hopes and rewards our determined drive for recognition of the quality we have sought to build into our young college," Dr. Collins said in announcing the decision.

"We are filled with appreciation for all our friends in Nash and Edgecombe counties, in the Methodist Church, and for the many friends everywhere who have worked, contributed, and prayed for this achievement," said Luther W. Hill of Tarboro, Chairman of the Board of Trustees. "This recognition will impel us toward new goals."

College officials explained that from registration of the first student, their clearly recognized primary goal has been accreditation. They have worked in cooperation with representatives of the Southern Association from that first year. Dr. Gordon Sweet, executive secretary of the College Section of the association, has visited the campus several times.

The first review committee visited the campus in October 1963 under the chairmanship of Dr. Donald Dearborn, president of Catawba College. Two months after this visit, N. C. Wesleyan was elected as a Candidate of membership.

A self-study was undertaken during 1964-65 with Dr. Peter Gerschefski, assistant professor of music, serving as chairman. This was completed during the summer of 1965.

Another visiting committee spent several days on campus during April 1966 to examine the college in light of the self-study and the association's Guidelines for Accreditation. This committee, headed by Dr. Francis Bonner, academic dean and vice president of Furman University, made its recommendations to the committee on credentials.

Dean Moore, in commenting on the final vote of the assembly, said, "Already the trustees, administrative officers, faculty and students have accepted as their goal the enhancement of great teaching and learning at North Carolina Wesleyan College. Strengthened by this approval, we shall move forward in all areas of the college life."

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"Whereas the faculty voted to eliminate academic sanctions from chapel attendance and recommended that alternate attendance proposals be made, we recommend for faculty approval:

1. That the Dean of Students be authorized to determine those students who should be excused from chapel attendance.

a. That two absences be permitted each semester without excuses.

b. That for a third

unexcused absence, the student be placed on room restriction from 7:00 P. M. to 7:00 A. M. for a period of four days.

c. That for a fourth and each subsequent unexcused absence, the student be on room restriction from 7:00 P. M. to 7:00 A. M. for a period of eight days.

2. That enforcement of the restriction

a. for the resident student, be the responsibility of the Residence Hall Council.

b. for the day student, be the responsibility of the Student Life Association, who would take action in case the student should violate the restriction."

According to Dr. Wilde, Dean of Students, the present conditions allow for "disciplinary action which can be determined on the basis of each individual case." Dr. Wilde sees this as far superior to having a set punishment due to the fact that it will give him the

freedom to take the offenders reason for the unexcused absence into account.

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ing week.

Plans for a basketball sports day with other colleges is in the making for the latter part

of February, and hopefully, in the Spring, Wesleyan will be involved in many field days and Wesleyan will be traveling to other schools.

The W. R. A. has plans for a well organized basketball season but the end result will depend upon the women on campus. The W. R. A. invites and urges everyone to participate.

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