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## FALL FESTIVAL 1980

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Are you going to the pig pickin'? Have you gotten tickets for the dance? Have you voted for Fall Festival queen yet? Are you going to the mud fest?

All of these questions filled the air on the campus of NC Wesleyan during the first week of October as Fall Festival week was upon us.

And what a week it was! Suitcases were put on reserve as students decided to stay for all of the weekend festivities.

In the past, this week of fun has been designated as Homecoming. Why the change? The Alumni Association decided that there would be a bigger turnout of NCWC graduates in the spring, therefore, the October gathering should not be designated as a "Homecoming."

The festivities began on Tuesday night, Sept. 30, with Wesleyan night at Zolly's. Many students took advantage of the \$1 admission and started celebrating then.

Wednesday was designated as Creek Day. There was open house from 3-5, and an IFC party that night to get people revved up for the weekend ahead.

A pie throw on the patio highlighted Thursday's activities. At 12:00 noon students and faculty members alike, gathered on the patio to join in the fun. Those brave enough to volunteer to have pies thrown at them were Doug Frazier, Jean Edge, Debbie Kilgore, Richard "Tex", James Potts, and Jack Wimer. Terri Gillette was the MC for the event.

Friday's Fall Festival party took students to North Green Country Club for a Pig Pickin'. Most students congregated under a shelter for the first part of the evening as Mother Nature was being



Christyle Jackson is crowned 1980 Fall Festival Queen.

most uncooperative by drizzling upon us--pig and all!

The rain didn't stop people from coming to "pig out", nor did it last very long. By the time the food was served, it had cleared up.

The Battling Bishops played Guilford College at 2:00 on Saturday afternoon. The nominees for Fall Festival took their place on the field at half time to be introduced. Unfortunately the Bishops took a loss, but they still had the dance ahead to revive them!

Josh Bullucks Restaurant came alive at about 9 p.m. as Wesleyan students began to arrive. Chess provided music to dance to and music to party to.

The highlight of the evening came at 10:30 (give or take a few minutes) when the Fall Festival queen was an-

nounced. Christyle Jackson, Black Awareness, was crowned queen. Senior class representative, Abby Barnes was 1st runner up.

Other nominees were Shari Macsuga, Nu Gamma Phi; Laura Weimar, Pi Kappa Omega; Margaret McSpadden, Alpha Delta Chi; Joy Matthews, South dorm; Evelyn Edmonds, North dorm; Sybil Driggers, Pi Epsilon; Susan Smith, Christian Fellowship; Madeline Alston, Sigma Phi Delta; and Beth Hayes representing the sophomore class.

Seven couples competed in the last Fall Festival event which was the Mud Fest. After four grueling, muddy events Earl Roberson and Debbie Libby were named Mud King and Queen.



Earl Roberson and Debbie Libby--the King and Queen of the Mud Fest.

## Founder's Day Convocation

The College celebrated its 24th birthday, Friday, October 24. The annual Founder's Day Convocation, held in Everett Gymnasium, was attended by students, faculty, staff, and trustees.

Dr. William R. Cannon, bishop of the Raleigh area of The United Methodist Church, delivered the keynote address. Emphasizing that we need less pessimism and more realism in today's world, he charged the students to develop into leaders "who will develop new schemes for new times."

Pointing out that, in spite of its tribulations, America is still the world's greatest nation, the Yale University graduate urged the students to "use these days and years of study so that this Institution can be proud of you and the nation can prosper from your contributions."

"You are in a position to create new resources," said Cannon, who was appointed bishop of the Raleigh area in July, 1980. "And how we use resources is the hope of this nation and perhaps the deliverance of the world."

Founder's Day is celebrated each year to commemorate Wesleyan's creation in 1956. When the Presbyterians rejected a bid to build a college in Rocky Mount, civic and church leaders from the area formed a delegation which went to the N.C. Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church.

The delegation sought the support of the church for the establishment of a Methodist-related, senior, liberal arts college. The Southeastern Jurisdiction, under the leadership of Bishop Paul N. Garber (from whom Garber Chapel is named), accepted the proposal. Wesleyan was granted a charter by the state of North Carolina in October of 1956.

Construction was begun in June, 1958, and in September, 1960, Wesleyan's first freshman class of 92 students enrolled for classes. Four years later the first graduating class (numbering 33) received degrees.

Members of the faculty, staff, and board of trustees who have served the college for at least five years were recognized during the convocation. Honored for 20 years of service were: Raymond Bauer, Jack Moore, William Sasser, ARch Sharer, Willis Silver, and Omer Williams. For fifteen years service: Sim Wilde, A.L. Brandon (trustee emeritus). For ten years: Edna Farmer, and trustees Leonard Rawls and Grier Garrick. For five years: Richard Davis, Bruce Petteway, James Williams, John Ferebee, and Leon Dunn (trustees).

The Distinguished Alumnus Award was presented to Helen Steiner Smith, a member of the class of 1972. Alumni President Roger Taylor cited her ac-

complishments as a student as well as those achieved after leaving Wesleyan. Smith graduated magna cum laude and won the college's highest honor, the President's Cup, her senior year. She completed post-graduate studies at Duke Divinity School and now serves as minister of Dorsey Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Baltimore. She and her husband, David (class of 1973), are the parents of three small children, who gleefully congratulated their mother after she received her award.

Following the convocation, the Board of Trustees had its quarterly business meeting in the R. Russell Braswell Trustees Room.



### FALL FESTIVAL POLL

N.C. Wesleyan's Fall Festival was full of fun and surprises for nearly everyone involved. We took a poll recently to see what the overall view of the campus was like. Here's how they responded:

Terry Dean - "I thought it went well. There should have been more participation."

Derby Thorpe - "I liked the Pig Pickin'."

Lea Ann Dove - "I felt the social commission had the events well organized and planned. The participation was good."

Ryan Rowson - "I didn't go."

Marie Hagen - "I thought it was really good. I had a blast."

Wendy Kunz - "I thought it was very entertaining."

Wanda Hunt - "It was o.k."

Mark Washington - "It was alright, but I had to work through most of it."

Rocky Mount businessman John J. Ferebee won the 1980 Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award in recognition of his conspicuous help to this community and this college. President S. Bruce Petteway presented the award during the 24th annual Founders' Day Convocation Oct. 24. Ferebee, who served for two consecutive years as chairman of the college's Our Wesleyan Now campaign, was recognized for his cheerful and optimistic nature, his concern for his fellowman, and his numerous contributions to the life of the community, his church and Wesleyan College.